



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR HYBRID MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the Regular Hybrid Meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Slater Room Council Chambers at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor Dave Rosenbaum, and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl (arrived 5:05 pm), Daniel Becker, and Ted Weinberg attended in person. Councilmembers Craig Reynolds and Wendy Weiker attended via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Becker, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:**
 - City Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 7 at 5 PM
 - Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, September 24 at 6 PM
 - Parks & Recreation Commission on Thursday, October 2 at 5 PM
- **City Updates:**
 - **WSDOT I-90 Expansion Joint Replacement:** WSDOT crews will close the I-90 Eastbound on-ramp at East Mercer Way and the HOV on-ramp at 80th Ave SE beginning Thursday, Sept. 18, to complete essential roadway repairs and replace failing expansion joints on the East Channel Bridge. Expect major delays, as this closure by WSDOT is expected to be highly disruptive!
 - **EMW Emergency Water Main Repair:** Last week, the water operations crew completed all flushing, testing, and returned homes in the area back to normal service. Construction will begin shortly to replace approximately 250 feet of damaged pavement near Clarke Beach.
 - **Water Reservoir Improvements:** Last month marked the completion of nearly four years of continuous construction and reinvestment at the City's water reservoir.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Community Mobile Blood Drive:** In partnership with Bloodworks Northwest and the MI Chamber of Commerce, another 2-day mobile blood drive will take place at the MICEC on: Monday, September 29 and Tuesday, September 30 from 10:30am to 4:30pm. on September 29 or September 30
 - **Town Center Trick or Treat:** Join us for a frightfully fun Halloween Trick or Treat event Friday, October 31 from 3:30pm–5:30pm at Town Center!
- **News:**
 - **Sustainability Wins!** At the end of August, the City successfully completed the PSE Green Power Challenge and surpassed its goal with 108 new signups. Because the City achieved our goal, PSE will provide the City with a \$10,000 grant toward a new community solar panel project on the Island.

APPEARANCES

There were no appearances.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6766: September 10, 2025 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the September 10, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$942,897.99 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6767: Certification for Claims Paid August 16, 2025 through August 31, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the August 16, 2025 through August 31, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$756,720.30 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the City Council.

City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025.

AB 6768: Peace Day on Mercer Island, Proclamation No. 371

Recommended Actions: Approve Proclamation No. 371 proclaiming September 21, 2025 as Peace Day on Mercer Island.

AB 6770: Six-Year Work Plan for Art in Public Places

Recommended Action: Approve the 6-Year Work Plan for Art in Public Places.

AB 6773: Luther Burbank Boiler Building Phase 1 Project Closeout

Recommended Action: Accept the completed project and authorize staff to close it out.

AB 6774: Acceptance of 2025-2027 Commute Trip Reduction Grant

Recommended Action: Accept the 2025-2027 Commute Trip Reduction Grant and appropriate the \$31,300 of grant funds in the 2025-2026 biennial budget to the Public Works Department to support the administration of the Commute Trip Reduction program and the Climate Action Plan.

AB 6780: Letter Regarding Renton Airport Night Flights

Recommended Action: Authorize the Mayor to sign letters to the Renton Municipal Airport and the Renton ATC Facility regarding significant increases in low-altitude, noisy jet and turboprop overflights occurring at night.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6776: Financial Status Update for the Second Quarter 2025 and Budget Amending Ordinance

Finance Director Matt Mornick presented information regarding the new format of accounts payable claims reports and provided a reminder that City tracks varied revenues across 19 separate funds, each a distinct accounting entity, ensuring that resources for a specific purpose are held to account.

Financial Analyst Ben Schumacher presented the second quarter 2025 financial status update. He spoke about the impact of the City's transition to cash basis reporting and reviewed the City's revenue and expenditure actuals from January 1 through June 30, 2025. He also presented a budget amending ordinance which include the budget adjustments resulting from prior City Council actions since May 20.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Reynolds to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 25-25 amending the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AB 6772: Code Amendments Regarding E-motorcycle Regulations (Ordinance No. 25C-24, Second Reading)

Police Commander Mike Seifert reported that Mercer Island had seen an increase in usage of e-motorcycles and dirt bikes wherein riders demonstrated unsafe riding behaviors, creating a danger to themselves and others. He also reviewed current enforcement practices and barriers to enforcement.

Management Analyst Amelia Tjaden reviewed Ordinance No. 25C-24, explaining the proposed violations and penalties. Management Analyst Tjaden further explained the changes made to Ordinance No. 25C-24 since its first reading, noting that the proposed ordinance does not fully address the enforcement issues but does provide MIPD with a tool to assist with reducing the number of unlawful incidents on Mercer Island and assigns a monetary penalty.

Commander Seifert and Management Analyst Tjaden also explained enforcement and impoundment, anticipated additional regulatory actions, communication outreach around the passage of the ordinance, and the City's legislative strategy that will include working with AWC and regional partners.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Becker to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 25C-24, amending Title 10 of the Mercer Island City Code, as presented in Exhibit 1.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AB 6779: Public Safety and Maintenance Facility Site Zoning

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner outlined efforts to prepare and submit a rezone application to rezone City Hall parcels 9655500185 and 2655500075 from Residential (R-8.4) and Commercial Office (CO) to Public Institution (PI) and to appropriate \$22,064 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance for associated permit review fees. He provided a brief background that outlined the City Council's input, the site's current zoning and rezone application, and the boundary line strategy. Chief of Operations Kintner outlined the next steps, which elaborated on the rezone application prior to submitting permits in mid-2026, the boundary line adjustment and its future placement, and the City Manager's efforts to work with staff and legal counsel to continue the PSM review in late 2025 or early 2026.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Becker to:

Direct the City Manager or designee to prepare and submit a rezone application to rezone City Hall parcels 9655500185 and 2655500075 to Public Institution (PI) and to appropriate \$22,064 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance for associated permit review fees.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

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OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

There were no updates.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum thanked the Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce for the Art Uncorked event, noting that it was well attended.

Councilmember Weiker reported that the Utility Board met and discussed rates and the factors that contribute to the rate structure.

Councilmember Weinberg noted that his next monthly open lunch is scheduled for September 21 at Anise Thai restaurant.

Councilmember Reynolds reported on the Parks & Recreation Meeting and its field trip to Deane's Park to

discuss its redesign.

City Council was in recess from 6:04 to 6:10 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:10 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session in Room 104 at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA and via Microsoft Teams.

The Executive Session was to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 6:18 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk