



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 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 Daniel Becker, and Wendy Weiker (Arrived at 5:17 pm) attended in person. Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Craig Reynolds, and Ted Weinberg attended via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Becker; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

SPECIAL BUSINESS

AB 6759: Recognition for the MIYFS Foundation

YFS Administrator Derek Franklin spoke about the contributions of the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation (MIFYS Foundation) dating back to 1989 to provide funding for emergency services for community members who need critical services including food assistance, rent assistance, school counselors, services for seniors, and more. He spoke about how in recent years the MIFYS Foundation has increased the donations to ensure that these critical services continued to be provided.

City Council thanked MIYFS Foundation for their continued contributions to YFS.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve Resolution No. 1681 recognizing the MIYFS Foundation's contributions to the Youth and Family Services Department and the City of Mercer Island.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

City Council was in recess from 5:15 pm – 5:20 pm.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:**
 - City Council Meeting on September 16 at 5:00 pm.
 - Utility Board Meeting on September 9 at 5:00 pm.

- Planning Commission on September 10 at 6:00 pm.
- **City Services Updates:**
 - Roanoke Park – The playground is open and ready for play! Finishing touches will be put on the play area throughout the fall.
 - 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. The closure is anticipated to last 16 days, with access to all on-ramps slated to be open by October 5.
 - Island Crest Way Crosswalk Improvements – Contractors completed work on the crosswalk on Island Crest Way at SE 62nd Street and the Island Park Elementary driveway. All sidewalks and the new crosswalk were fully open prior to the start of school.
 - East Mercer Way Water Main Repair – City crews completed the replacement of 220 feet of water main last week, including pressure testing, flushing, and water quality testing. East Mercer Way was reopened last Tuesday to a one lane road controlled by portable traffic signals, allowing bus routes, trash pickup, mail, and all other traffic to resume through the area. Engineering staff are assessing the roadway and expect to have permanent pavement repairs completed by the end of October.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Community Photography Show at MICEC through October 17.
 - Art Uncorked – September 6 from 3-7pm.
- **News:**
 - Summer Camp Success – Recreation staff experienced a strong summer camp season. This year's summer camps saw more than 1,300 kids participating in different camps at the MICEC and parks across the island.
 - Achievements in Municipal Leadership – Congratulations to Councilmember Weinberg on earning the Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities.

APPEARANCES

Debi Gerstel (Mercer Island) spoke about e-bikes.

Addie Smith spoke about being a hate crime survivor.

Norma Bergquist (Mercer Island) spoke about e-bikes.

Jeff Bender (Mercer Island) spoke about shared streets.

Ashley Kline (Mercer Island) spoke about e-bikes.

Jim Stanton (Mercer Island) spoke about e-bikes.

Cara King (Mercer Island) spoke in support of Proclamation No. 370.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025.

City Council Special Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Special Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2025.

AB 6741: July 10, 2025 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the July 10, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$987,806.70 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6742: July 25, 2025 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the July 25, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,210,721.21 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6743: August 8, 2025 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the August 8, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,048,370.99 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6744: August 25, 2025 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the August 25, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,018,552.74 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6745: Certification of Claims June 16-30, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the June 16, 2025 through June 30, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$3,801,759.98 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6746: Certification of Claims July 1-15, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the July 1, 2025 through July 15, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$1,470,007.69 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6747: Certification of Claims July 16-31, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the July 16, 2025 through July 31, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$2,701,564.31 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6748: Certification of Claims August 1-15, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the August 1, 2025 through August 15, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$3,813,089.66 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6749: National Recovery Month, Proclamation No. 369

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 369 proclaiming September 2025 as National Recovery Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6750: Hunger Action Month, Proclamation No. 366

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 366 proclaiming September 2025 as Hunger Action Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6751: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Proclamation No. 367

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 367 proclaiming September 2025 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6752: National Preparedness Month Proclamation, No. 368

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 368 proclaiming September 2025 National Preparedness Month in Mercer Island.

AB 6765: Reaffirming Our Commitment to Safe and Respectful Communities, Proclamation No. 370

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 370 reaffirming our commitment to safe and respectful communities.

AB 6753: Ratification of Mercer Island's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Resolution No. 1680

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 1680 ratifying the Mercer Island Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

AB 6754: Interim Regulations in MICC 19.16.010 Related to Emergency Shelters and Housing, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing (Second Reading, Ordinance No. 25-15)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 25-15 establishing interim development regulations in MICC 19.16.010 related to Emergency Shelters and Housing, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing, with an effective date of October 2, 2025.

AB 6755: Luther Burbank Park South Shoreline Restoration Project Closeout

Recommended Action: Accept the completed Luther Burbank South Shoreline Restoration Project and authorize staff to close out the project.

AB 6756: Acquisition of Real Property by Eminent Domain (Second Reading of Ordinance No. 25-21)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 25-21 related to financing for the acquisition of real property by Eminent Domain.

AB 6760: Authorization to Join Opioid Settlements

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute and submit the necessary participation forms and allocation agreement, substantially in the form attached as Exhibits 1 and 2 to this AB, for the City of Mercer Island to join opioid related settlements with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, Zydus, Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family.

AB 6761: Ratification of Local Emergency Order Issued by the City Manager – Water Main Breaks (Proclamation No. 365)

Recommended Action: Ratify and confirm the Local Emergency Order issued by the City Manager on August 7, 2025 in Proclamation No. 365 and allow the emergency declaration to remain in effect until the East Mercer Way water main repair is completed.

AB 6762: Interagency Connection Agreement with King County for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Program

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to sign the interagency connection agreement with King County for the Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Program.

AB 6764: MIYFS Foundation Funding Acceptance Agreement

Recommended Action: Accept the increased annual donation of \$580,000 from the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation for 2025 through 2028 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Funding Acceptance Agreement (2025-01) memorializing the donation, substantially as set forth in Exhibit 1 to AB 6764.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Becker to:

Approve the Consent Agenda.

PASSED: 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6740: Emergency Management Program

Emergency Manager Amanda Keverkamp spoke about the history of the Emergency Management Program, the updates to the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the Hazard Mitigation Plan, and how Emergency Management provides support during emergencies. She discussed the purpose of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the training that staff receive and spoke about the emergencies in 2024 and 2025 that Emergency Management has supported response to. Emergency Manager Keverkamp provided an update on the WSDOT Joint Replacement Project and I-90 On-Ramp Closures that is scheduled for 16 days starting on September 18, on the 2026 FIFA World Cup planning that is taking place and highlighted the work of the Emergency Management volunteers in 2024 and 2025. She also discussed the public education and outreach that was completed in 2024 and 2025.

AB 6757: Marine Patrol Vessel Replacement Contract

Police Commander Jeff Magnan spoke about the history of the Mercer Island Marine Patrol noting that officers patrol Lake Washington covering 34 miles of shoreline, and spoke about the interlocal agreements with

Bellevue, Renton, Medina, and the Towns of Yarrow Point and Hunts Point. He presented the three vessels that are currently in the fleet and spoke about the need to replace Patrol 11 that has been in service since 1997. Commander Magnan discussed the request for proposals for procurement of a replacement vessel that was issued in October 2024, the selection of a Life Proof Boats for the new Patrol 11, and how the new vessel will be funded.

City Council asked questions and provided feedback.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Appropriate an additional \$60,000 from the Equipment Rental Fund reserve, and authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Inventech Marine Solutions (LLC), DBA Life Proof Boats, substantially in the form as shown in Exhibit 2, and other related documents and agreements required for the transaction, to construct and deliver a new Marine Patrol vessel for the City of Mercer Island.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6763: Code Amendments Regarding E-motorcycle Regulations (Ordinance No. 25C-24, First Reading).

City Manager Jessi Bon introduced Management Analyst Amelia Tjaden who presented the proposed code amendments regarding E-motorcycle regulations. Management Analyst Tjaden explained the differences between e-bikes, e-motorcycles/e-dirt bikes, and traditional motorcycles, and noted that the proposed regulations only apply to e-motorcycles and that staff will return in the future with regulations related to e-bikes. She discussed how the code amendments would close the enforcement gap due to the age of many youth riding e-motorcycles, how enforcement is difficult due to the state definition of motorcycles in RCW 46.04.330, and that many jurisdictions in surrounding areas are having these same difficulties.

Management Analyst Tjaden spoke about the public education and outreach that has been conducted this year in collaboration with the Mercer Island School District, the community reporting on issues with e-bikes, e-motorcycles, and e-dirt bikes, and noted that the best way for the community to report issues is to call 911 when an incident occurs.

Senior Management Analyst Robbie Cunningham Adams spoke about the engagement strategy for the state legislature related to e-bikes and e-motorcycles including engaging the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). He noted that that staff is recommending an updated /modern definition of e-motorcycles/ e-dirt bikes as a key priority in the 2026 Legislative session.

City Council asked questions of staff and provided feedback.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Schedule Ordinance No. 25C-24 for second reading and adoption at an upcoming meeting.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6758: Business License Code Amendment (Ordinance. No. 25C-22, First Reading)

Finance Director Matthew Mornick presented the proposed amendments to the Business License code. He spoke about the requirements of all businesses conducting business on Mercer Island need to obtain a business license through the State Department of Revenue Business License Service, how updates were made in 2024 to the business license model ordinance that require an update to the Mercer Island City Code related to the minimum threshold for out-of-city business. He noted that the proposed changes also include cleanup of Chapter 5.01 MICC.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Weiker to:

Set Ordinance No. 25C-22 for second reading and adoption at the September 16, 2025 City Council meeting.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences and Reports

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

City Council was in recess from 7:15 pm to 7:20 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20 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 discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor Dave Rosenbaum, and Councilmembers Daniel Becker and Wendy Weiker participated in person. Councilmember Lisa Anderl, Craig Reynolds, and Ted Weinberg attended via Microsoft Teams.

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 7:50 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk