



## BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

**AB 6737**  
**July 15, 2025**  
**Regular Business**

### AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6737: Public Safety and Maintenance Facility Bond Measure Pro and Con Committee Appointments (Res. No. 1671)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Approve Resolution No. 1671 appointing members to the Public Safety and Maintenance Facility bond measure pro and con committees.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Manager
<b>STAFF:</b>	Jessi Bon, City Manager Robbie Cunningham Adams, Senior Management Analyst
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Resolution No. 1671 Appointing Members to the Public Safety and Maintenance Facility Bond Measure Pro and Con Committees
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to appoint the members of the Pro and Con Committees for the upcoming Public Safety and Maintenance Facility Bond measure appearing on the November 4, 2025, General Election Ballot.

- For each ballot measure that will appear in the voters' pamphlet, RCW 29A.32.280 requires the City Council to formally appoint a Pro and a Con Committee no later than the resolution filing deadline.
- The Pro and Con Committees agree to submit statements in favor of and in opposition to the Public Safety and Maintenance Facility bond measure for the local voters' pamphlet.
- The City Manager and staff began soliciting applicants from the community to serve on the Pro and Con Committees in June. The solicitation included an article on the [PSM Let's Talk Page](#), an article in the MI Weekly e-newsletter, and advertisements in the MI Reporter.
- All applications will be forwarded to City Council for review by the close of business on Friday, July 11, 2025.
- The City Council will select up to three individuals for each committee and approve Resolution No. 1671 (Exhibit 1).

## BACKGROUND

### Public Safety and Maintenance Facility Bond Measure

At the July 1, 2025 City Council meeting, Ordinance No. 25-13 related to the bond measure for the Public Safety and Maintenance Facility was presented to the City Council for first reading. Staff provided an overview of the elements of City bond ordinances and the current status of City debt. Staff received City Council feedback on draft Ordinance No. 25-13, which includes the ballot title, ballot description, and the length of the repayments scheduled for the bonds ([AB 6715](#)).

With the passage of the 1% for Art in Public Places Fund Code Amendments ([AB 6725](#)) earlier in the meeting, the City Council directed staff to fully exempt the PSM Facility from the 1% for Art contribution requirement. This reduces the estimated project budget by an estimated \$740,000 from \$103,900,000 to a total project budget of \$103,160,000.

Staff is presenting Ordinance No. 22-13 for a second reading and adoption at an earlier agenda item at the July 15, 2025 City Council meeting (AB 6736).

### Voters' Pamphlet

Prior to each election, King County Elections must produce and distribute a local voters' pamphlet (RCW 29A.32.210). For any ballot measure, the voters' pamphlet must include, at a minimum:

- The text of each measure (ballot title),
- An explanatory statement, and
- Arguments for and against the measure prepared by pro and con committees.

For each ballot measure that will appear in the voters' pamphlet, RCW 29A.32.280 requires the City Council to formally appoint two committees no later than the resolution filing deadline:

- A "pro" committee of no more than three people to prepare arguments advocating for the measure's approval. This committee must consist of people who live on Mercer Island and are known to favor the measure.
- A "con" committee of no more than three people to prepare arguments against the measure. This committee must consist of people who live on Mercer Island and are known to oppose the measure.

These committees may seek the advice of others. The committees may include City elected officials or staff members, but the staff/officials must keep their campaign activities completely separate from their public duties and may not use public facilities to support or oppose the ballot measure.

The statements submitted by the committees will appear in the local voters' pamphlet. Each committee will have the opportunity to read the opposing committee's submitted statement and provide a short rebuttal statement that will also appear in the voters' pamphlet. The word limits, deadlines, use of rebuttal statements, and any other requirements are determined by King County Elections.

In the event that the City is unable to appoint committee members by the deadline, King County Elections may appoint committee members. If a committee has not been formed, King County Elections will place a call out to the public on their website. If no eligible person comes forward during the allotted timeframe, King County Elections will notify the City. If a committee is formed, King County Elections will notify both the City and committee members of the existing committee in favor or in opposition.

If no pro/con statement is produced, the King County Elections will include a statement in the voters' pamphlet stating that no person in the City of Mercer Island contacted King County Elections to provide a statement and that there are no statements for that measure.

## ISSUE/DISCUSSION

### Pro and Con Committee Recruitment

After receiving direction from the City Council on June 17, 2025, to prepare a bond measure to fund the design and construction of the Public Safety and Maintenance Facility ([AB 6712](#)), staff solicited applicants from the community to serve on the Pro and Con Committees. The solicitation is similar to what is typically done for board and commission recruitments, with recruitment announcements provided across multiple communication channels. The applications received will be sent to the City Council for review by the close of business on Friday, July 11, 2025.

## NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of Resolution No. 1671, the City Clerk will submit to King County Elections the Pro and Con Committee appointment form by the 4:30 pm August 5, 2025 deadline.

Additionally, the City Clerk will inform the appointed Pro and Con Committees of the rules, procedures, and deadlines for submitting statements for the local voters' pamphlet. The City will share with the appointed committee members the King County Local Voters' Pamphlet packet.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Resolution No., 1671 and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Pro Committee and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Con Committee.