



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING MAY 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 pm from a remote location.

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum and Councilmember Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker (joined at 5:07pm), and Ted Weinberg participated remotely using Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

STUDY SESSION

AB 6244: Police Department Annual Report

Police Chief Ed Holmes introduced the 2022 Police Department Annual Report.

Commander Mike Seifert presented information from the Operations Section covering calls for service, arrests, citations issued, and discussed resource options for those experiencing homelessness. He also spoke about the Department's use of force, and involvement in the Independent Force Investigation Team. Commander Seifert spoke about 2022 State legislation and how the Department responded to the legislation.

Commander Jeff Magnan spoke about the Services Section discussing records and evidence management including public records requests and storage and destruction of evidence according to retention schedules. He spoke about the community outreach programs that the Department facilitates, discussed Emergency Management, the completion of a CERT course in 2022, and projects that were completed in 2022.

Sergeant Scott Schroder spoke about employee departures and hires in 2022, discussed the focus on hiring and retaining outstanding officers, and presented on the ongoing training that the department receives.

Detective Sergeant Dominic Amici presented an overview of detective casework in 2022, spoke about the new School Resource Officer and his collaboration on an educational bike safety video, and discussed the special operations team.

Marine Patrol Sergeant Chad Schumacher presented an overview of the Marine Patrol work in 2022. He spoke about the area that the Marine Patrol covers, discussed the Marine Patrol responses and hours on the water, Seafair, and the emphasis on water safety education. Marine Patrol Sergeant Schumacher also spoke about the grant funding that the department receives.

Chief Holmes spoke about the community's response to the department in 2022 and thanked the community for their support of the Department.

The City Council asked questions and discussed the presentation.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings** Update on City Hall Closure - City Hall will be closed through the month of May. Upcoming City Council Meeting on May 16, Mid-Year Planning Session on May 23, still looking for space to hold these meetings in person. Upcoming Parks & Recreation Hybrid meeting on May 4. Annual board & commission recruitment is being extended through May 12. Candidate Filing Week in King County is May 15-19, Council Candidate Orientation on June 8.
- **City Services Updates:** Upcoming I-90 Closure tentatively scheduled for May 19-23, staff are working with WSDOT on the closure. New online rental request form for MICEC, MIPD Visiting Elementary Schools, MI Farmers Market kicks off on Sunday, June 4 through September, Leap for Green was a great success!
- **Upcoming Events:** Mini recycling event on June 9 in the City Hall parking lot. Summer Celebration planning is well underway, save the date for Saturday July 15, thank you sponsors!
- **News:** Funding for police training MIDP received funds to conduct training for our staff, Lifesaving Medal presented to Firefighter Givens. Thank you, Jane Brahm, for the donated art piece that has been installed at Fire Station 92.

APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6260: April 21, 2023 Payroll Certification.

Recommended Action: Approve the April 21, 2023 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$973,786.50 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

A. Check Register | 215549-215598 | 4/14/2023 | \$576,920.88

Recommended Action: Certify that the City Council has reviewed the documentation supporting claims paid and approved all checks or warrants issued in payment of claims.

AB 6261: Affordable Housing Week (Proclamation No. 306).

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 306 proclaiming May 7 to 13, 2023, as Affordable Housing Week in Mercer Island.

AB 6262: Construction Code Adoption (2nd Reading).

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 23C-04 amending MICC Chapter 17 with the updated editions of the Construction Codes to be effective on July 1, 2023, as mandated by the State of Washington.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the Consent Agenda and the recommended actions contained therein.

PASSED: 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6264: Formation of a City Council Ad Hoc Committee to Assist City Manager in Review and Evaluation of Regional Fire Service Proposals.

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about her recommendation of the formation of a City Council Ad Hoc Committee to assist with the review and evaluation of Regional Fire Services proposals.

Mayor Nice stated he had consulted with Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum and the Ad Hoc Committee will be Mayor Nice, and Councilmembers Anderl and Reynolds.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Reynolds to:

Create the City Council Regional Fire Service Proposal Review Ad Hoc Committee to assist the City Manager with review and evaluation of regional fire service proposals in May and June of 2023.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AB 6258: 2024-2029 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program Review and Public Hearing.

Mayor Nice opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 pm. There being no public comments, Mayor Nice closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 pm.

Deputy Public Works Director Patrick Yamashita introduced the staff team working on the development of the 2024-2029 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Transportation Engineer Lia Klein presented background and purpose of the TIP, discussed the public engagement that has occurred since March through adoption on June 6, and spoke about program elements and priorities.

Finance Director Matt Mornick discussed TIP funding over the six years covered in the 2024-2029 TIP.

Street Engineer Ian Powell presented an overview of the Mercer Island street network, discussed pedestrian and bicycle projects, and spoke about projects related to the East Link.

Transportation Engineer Klein discussed the Island Crest Way Corridor safety improvements, reviewed new projects that were added to 2027 through 2029, and spoke about the next steps in the process.

The City Council asked questions of staff and provided feedback.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Add the Mercer Way shoulder study for demarcation as a shared bike/ped facility.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the May 16 City Council meeting and the Mid-year Planning Session on May 23. She also spoke about holding the July 5 City Council meeting due to items that need to be addressed this summer.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmembers Anderl, Reynolds, Weinberg, and Mayor Nice thanked staff for their work on the upcoming I-90 closure.

Councilmember Weiker thanked staff for their response to the water emergency and spoke about her tour of the Mercer Island light rail station.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:52 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session via Microsoft Teams. The Executive Session was to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(l) and for planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the City Council during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b).

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg via Microsoft Teams.

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 7:58 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk