



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING APRIL 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 pm from a remote location.

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum and Councilmember Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds (joined 2:01 pm), Wendy Weiker (joined at 1:53pm), 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 Anderl to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 5-0

FOR: 5 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 2 (Reynolds and Weiker)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the April water emergency that resulted after Seattle Public Utilities tried to restore water to the Island after a scheduled shutdown. Chief of Operations Kintner spoke about broken valve #1 that was broken when SPU was attempting to restore service to Mercer Island on April 18, discussed the actions the City took to activate the Emergency Management system. He explained that early in the morning on April 20, City staff received word that SPU repaired the failed valve #1 and was beginning to restore water flow to the Island when a second upstream valve failed allowing only partial flow of water. He noted that a few hours later valve #2 was repaired and the City's reservoirs were beginning to refill.

City Manager Bon thanked the community for the conservation efforts, and thanked local business, the Chamber of Commerce, and Mercer Island School District for their partnership. She also thanked Emergency Management Volunteers who activated the City's emergency well.

Councilmembers thanked the community, staff, and volunteers for their work during the emergency.

APPEARANCES

Alex Tsimerman, Mercer Island, spoke to the Council about public comment opportunities and fascism.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6252: April 7, 2023 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the April 7, 2023 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$967,210.05 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

A. Check Register | 215389-215469 | 3/31/2023 | \$1,495,590.95

B. Check Register | 215470-215548 | 4/7/2023 | \$1,000,745.45
C. EFT Payments | March 2023 | \$3,323,920.78

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.

City Council Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6253: Earth Day Proclamation (No. 305)

Recommended Action: Proclaim April 22, 2023, as Earth Day in the City of Mercer Island, encourage local action in the protection of the environment, and celebrate the return of the City's Leap for Green Earth Day Fair.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Jacobson to:

Approve the Consent Agenda and the recommended actions contained therein.

PASSED: 5-0

FOR: 5 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 2 (Reynolds and Weiker)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6251: Financial Status Update: FY 2022 Year-End and Budget Amending Ordinance

Finance Director Matt Mornick presented the 2022 year-end analysis including an overview of budget versus actuals for the 2022 amended budget. He presented a fund balance overview for General Fund, Utility Fund Contingency Fund and spoke about the remaining ARPA funding balance. He discussed the basis for fiscal year 2022 General Fund Surplus, general sales tax revenue and license, permitting and zoning revenues,

Financial Analyst Ben Schumacher discussed REET revenues and trends. Director Mornick presented Thrift Store revenues, spoke about carryforward requests.

The City Council discussed the report and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Reynolds to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 23-05, amending the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6250: Construction Code Adoption (Ordinance No. 23C-04 First Reading)

CPD Director Jeff Thomas presented an overview of the 2021 Construction Code updates, which are mandated by the State of Washington. He spoke about the proposed changes that are consistent with mandated changes and presented the optional changes that are being proposed to align with regional code models to provide permit applicants consistent administration and enforcement. He also spoke about the public outreach plan that includes handouts, website updates, and informational and training sessions for building professionals and staff.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weiker to:

Set Ordinance No. 23C-04 for second reading on May 2, 2023.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the May 2 City Council Meeting and rescheduling the Mid-Year Planning Session.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Anderl spoke about the Open Space Conservancy Trust meeting last week.

Councilmember Jacobson spoke about the March and April Utility Board meetings when the Board received updates on the planned water shut off. He stated that he attended the Mercer Island Schools Foundation fundraising breakfast this morning and thanked the community for supporting the Mercer Island Schools Foundation.

Mayor Nice spoke about the Mercer Island Schools Foundation fundraising breakfast.

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum noted that he also attended Mercer Island Schools Foundation breakfast and the community turnout was great.

Councilmember Weiker thanked staff for management of the water emergency. He noted that the AWC conference is coming up in June.

Councilmember Weinberg noted that he attended the Sound Cities Association PIC meeting and the Arts Council meeting on April 19.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk