



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6089
June 7, 2022
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6089: Amendment to the Housing and Economic Development Work Group Charters and Appointment of Councilmembers to the Economic Development and Housing Work Groups	<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
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve Resolution No. 1627 amending the Housing and Economic Development Work Group Charters and appointing members to the Economic Development and Housing Work Groups.	

DEPARTMENT:	Community Planning and Development
STAFF:	Jeff Thomas, Interim CPD Director Adam Zack, Senior Planner
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Resolution No. 1627
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On May 3, 2022, the City Council directed staff to prepare amendments to the Economic Development and Housing work group charters to increase the number of City Council seats on each work group to three. City Council direction included recommended Councilmember appointments to the work groups. Resolution No. 1627 (Exhibit 1) will:

- Approve the City Council proposed amendments to the Economic Development and Housing work group charters. The amendments increase the Councilmember positions on each work group to three and also includes minor corrections;
- Appoint Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl and Ted Weinberg to the Economic Development Work Group; and
- Appoint Mayor Salim Nice and Councilmembers Wendy Weiker and Craig Reynolds to the Housing Work Group.

BACKGROUND

The Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan sets forth a vision and establishes goals, policies, and implementation actions for managing and growing into the future. The vision is a statement of how the Comprehensive Plan will guide the City. Comprehensive Plan goals describe what objectives the City will pursue to further the vision. The policies and implementation actions established in the Comprehensive Plan describe what the City will do to achieve its goals and provide crucial guidance for the City in capital improvements, development regulations, and other supporting programs and services.

The Comprehensive Plan considers projected growth during a twenty-year period called a “planning horizon”. Currently, the GMA requires cities and counties to update each respective plan every ten years to extend the planning horizon. The last periodic update of the Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan occurred in 2015 and was adopted in 2016, with a planning horizon extending to 2035. The 2024 Comprehensive Plan update will extend the planning horizon to the year 2044.

On March 15, the City Council approved the scope of work, master schedule, public participation plan and work group charters with [Resolution No. 1621](#). The scope of work anticipates adoption of the periodic update to the Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan by May 2024. Work on the Comprehensive Plan update is now underway. In early April, City staff began interviewing business owners, non-profit organizations, and community members to inform initial work on the Economic Development Element.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

On May 3, the City Council directed staff to amend the work group charters approved by [Resolution No. 1621](#) to add a third Council seat to both the Economic Development and Housing work groups. This amendment will increase the total number of seats for each work group to five: three Councilmembers and two Planning Commissioners.

At the May 3 meeting the Council also recommended appointments for both work groups. The City Council recommended appointing Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl and Ted Weinberg to the Economic Development Work Group. For the Housing Work Group, the Council recommended appointing Mayor Salim Nice and Councilmembers Wendy Weiker and Craig Reynolds. Resolution No. 1627 will formalize the Council recommended appointments for the Economic Development and Housing work groups.

Several additional minor corrections were made, including clarifying that the work groups will not take public comments during their meetings. The Comprehensive Plan Update includes a public engagement process where public comment and input will be solicited on the draft charters. Information obtained through the public engagement process will be provided to the work groups as part of their continuing efforts to develop the draft Housing and Economic Development Elements.

NEXT STEPS

Once the work group charters and appointments are finalized, staff will coordinate with appointees to schedule the first work group meetings. The first work group meetings are expected to take place in mid-June.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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