



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

City Clerk Deborah Estrada called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Councilmembers David Rosenbaum, Salim Nice, Wendy Weiker, Lisa Anderl, Craig Reynolds, Benson Wong, and Jake Jacobson were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:03 pm, City Clerk Deborah Estrada convened the Executive Session to discuss pending or potential litigation with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for 90 minutes.

At 7:02 pm, City Clerk Estrada adjourned the Executive Session.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

AB 5647: Councilmember Oaths of Office and Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elections

City Clerk Deborah Estrada welcomed the audience and explained that the official oaths were administered to newly elected councilmembers on December 23, 2019, but that there would be a ceremonial oath taken by Councilmembers Jacobson, Reynolds, and Rosenbaum along with re-elected Councilmembers Anderl and Weiker with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elections to follow.

City Clerk Estrada administered the Oaths of Office to newly elected Councilmembers David Rosenbaum, Craig Reynolds, and Jake Jacobson and to re-elected Councilmembers Wendy Weiker and Lisa Anderl.

City Clerk Estrada explained how the nomination and voting process would work for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elections. She noted that to be successful a nominee must receive at least 4 votes from the full Council to be declared the successful candidate. She then called for nominations from the floor for the office of Mayor for 2020-2021.

Councilmember Anderl nominated Councilmember Nice. Councilmember Nice accepted the nomination. Councilmember Reynolds nominated Councilmember Wong. Councilmember Wong accepted the nomination.

A roll call vote was conducted, and the votes were tallied as follows:

Roll Call Votes:

Nice: (3) Anderl, Nice, Jacobson

Wong: (4) Rosenbaum, Weiker, Reynolds, and Wong

Councilmember Wong received the majority vote and City Clerk Deborah Estrada administered the Mayoral Oath of Office to Mayor Wong.

City Clerk Estrada then called for nominations from the floor for the office of Deputy Mayor for 2020-2021.

Councilmember Anderl nominated Councilmember Nice. Councilmember Nice accepted the nomination. Councilmember Rosenbaum nominated Councilmember Weiker. Councilmember Weiker accepted the nomination.

A roll call vote was conducted, and the results were as follows:

Roll Call Votes:

Nice: (3) Anderl, Nice, Jacobson

Weiker: (4) Rosenbaum, Weiker, Reynolds, and Wong

Councilmember Weiker received the majority vote and City Clerk Estrada administered the Deputy Mayoral Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Weiker.

City Clerk Estrada reported that Council would recess to allow time for photos and then turned the meeting over to Mayor Wong.

AB 5648: 2019 Flash Family Inspiration Award

Each year the Youth and Family Services Department awards an Island senior the Flash Family Inspirational Award (FFIA). The FFIA was founded in 2009 by Phil Flash, an Island artist and community activist, to honor a Mercer Island senior adult who exemplifies the spirit of good sportsmanship or community leadership and who possesses an optimistic attitude and friendly demeanor while serving as a role model to others.

Mr. Elliot Newman was recognized by Mayor Wong as the 2019 FFIA recipient for exemplifying the spirit of the Flash Family Inspiration Award through his many commitments, over several years, to Mercer Island.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Nice to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

Passed: 7-0

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following:

- Connect with City Council - Visit letstalk.mercergov.org/councilconnects
- Tree Recycling is taken care of by Recology at the resident's curb.
- YFS Food Pantry – MI Athletic Club donated 40 bags of food.
- 77th Avenue Sidewalk is open; next month expect a similar closure of the 80th avenue sidewalk.
- King Property Mixed Use Building Update
- Inclement Weather
- Winter Storm Information Page
- 2020 Council Planning Session is scheduled for January 24 & 25

APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Reynolds requested that the minutes of the October 24, 2019 Joint Special Meeting with the Mercer Island School Board be removed from the consent agenda as he was not in attendance and wished to abstain. Mayor Wong moved it to the first item of Regular Business.

Payables: \$93,563.94 (12/12/2019), \$1,016,289.97 (12/20/2019), \$29,477.09 (12/24/2019), and \$297,795.28 (12/26/2019)

Recommendation: Certify that the materials or services hereinbefore specified have been received and that

all warrant numbers listed are approved for payment.

Payroll: \$871,865.80 (12/20/2019), \$24,487.48 (12/31/2019), and \$820,452.59 (1/3/2020)

Recommendation: Certify that the materials or services specified have been received and that all fund warrants are approved for payment.

AB 5649: Roadside Shoulder Improvements, West Mercer Way Phase 2

Recommendation: Award Schedules 'A' and "B" of the Roadside Shoulder Improvements, West Mercer Way Phase 2 project to Kamins Construction in the amount of \$293,915.46. Set the total project budget to \$429,441 and direct the City Manager to execute the construction contract.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, and the recommendations contained therein.

Passed 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

Approve Minutes of the October 24, 2019 Special Joint Meeting with the Mercer Island School Board (MISD).

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Nice to:

Approve the Minutes of the October 24, 2019 Special joint Meeting

Passed: 4-0

FOR: 4 (Anderl, Nice, Weiker, and Wong)

ABSTAINED: 3 (Jacobson, Reynolds, and Rosenbaum)

AB 5640: Capital Improvement Program Overview and 2019 Year-End Progress Report

Special Projects Consultant Matt Mornick provided a brief overview of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), explaining that it is a strategic financial plan to acquire, expand, or rehabilitate public infrastructure. He then explained the CIP's supporting funds and revenue sources and outlined the impacts of I-976.

Consultant Mornick also provided a 2019 CIP Progress Report that addressed the following:

- 2019-2020 CIP Approved Budget of \$36.6 million
- \$7.2 million spent to date
- 110 active projects, and
- Project Categories with the number of active projects, approved budgets, and funds expended for:
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Streets, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Facilities
 - General Government
 - Sewer, Storm Water, and Water Utilities

Council asked clarifying questions. Mornick responded and explained that staff would commence work on the TIP and 2021-2022 Biennial Budget later this spring and return to Council this summer for feedback on the 2021-2026 capital program, policy updates, and funding strategy.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

No absences reported for January and February.

Planning Schedule

Interim City Manager Bon noted the following:

- January 21 Regular Meeting will start at 5:30 with a 90 minutes Study Session

- Community Facilities Zone discussion was pushed out
- Long-term Financial Forecast will be moved to the January Planning Session
- Executive Session on January 21 may be up to two hours in length
- Planning Session is scheduled for January 24 and will start at noon.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Anderl:

- The Utility Board meeting was canceled for December 2019

Councilmember Weiker:

- Mercer Island Boys and Girls Breakfast - January 24
- YFS Breakfast in February
- Mercer Island Rotary Half - March 22
- SCA New Council orientation - January 30

Mayor Wong:

- AWC Action Days is January 28 & 29; contact the City Clerk if you wish to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:14 pm, Mayor Wong convened an Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee; and to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation to which the City is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the City pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and (i). No action was expected.

At 10:00 pm, Mayor Wong extended the Executive Session for 20 minutes to 10:20 pm.

At 10:21 pm, Mayor Wong adjourned the Executive Session; no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before City Council, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:21 pm.

Attest:

Benson Wong, Mayor

Deborah A. Estrada, City Clerk