



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum and Councilmembers Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated in person in Council Chambers. Councilmember Lisa Anderl joined by Zoom.

Planning Commissioners, Carolyn Boatsman Adam Ragheb and Victor Raisys participated in person in Council Chambers. Commissioner Kate Akyuz joined by Zoom. Chair Daniel Hubbell, Vice Chair Michael Murphy and Commissioner Michael Curry were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 7-0

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

STUDY SESSION

AB 6107: A joint study session with the Planning Commission to receive presentations on the Economic Analysis Report and Housing Needs Assessment in preparation for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update

Interim CPD Director Jeff Thomas and Senior Planner Adam Zack introduced the Joint Study Session and objectives for the Study Session.

Elliot Weiss, Community Attributes Inc, presented an overview of the key findings of the economic analysis and the potential implications. He also presented the key findings of the housing needs assessment that was conducted.

City Council and Planning Commission received the report and asked questions.

Interim CPD Director Thomas reminded City Council and the Planning Commission to email their questions to Senior Planner Zack by September 20.

City Council took a recess from 6:06 - 6:16 pm.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

AB 6125: 2021 Community Member of the Year

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Weiker to:

Proclaim Avi Schiffman as the 2021 Community Member of the Year.

PASSED: 7-0

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

Mayor Nice read Proclamation No. 291 proclaiming Avi Schiffmann the 2021 Community Member of the Year.

Mayor Nice presented Avi Schiffmann with the 2021 Community Member of the Year award and Proclamation No. 291.

Avi Schiffman thanked the City Council and expressed his appreciation for Mercer Island and excitement for upcoming projects.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings Update:** Welcome back Deb Estrada. City Council Hybrid meeting September 20. Upcoming Boards & Commission meetings - Civil Service Commission September 13, Utility Board September 13, Arts Council September 14. Arts Council recruitment open through September 9.
- **City Services Updates:** I-90 Closures September 16-19 & 22-26, 76th Ave SE mid-block crosswalk delayed, Lincoln Landing shoreline and stormwater enhancement, asphalt repairs scheduled for several parks, Emergency Management updates – National Night Out, Active Shooter Exercise, Volunteer exercise, September is Emergency Preparedness Month.
- **Upcoming Events:** Art Uncorked September 9.
- **News:** Summer fun for everyone – return of Summer Celebration, Mercedale Playground Ribbon Cutting, Kirk Robinson Skate Park Dedication, Mostly Music in the Park, Shakespeare in the Park, rentals, MICEC events and celebrations, drop-in sports and summer camps. Thank you summer event sponsors.

APPEARANCES

Callie Ridolfi (Mercer Island) spoke about the climate action plan.

Kian Bradley (Mercer Island) spoke about the housing needs assessment.

Jonathan Shakes (Mercer Island) spoke the climate action plan.

Carolyn Boatsman (Mercer Island) spoke about the climate action plan.

Patrick McKee (Mercer Island) spoke about the climate action plan.

Roberta Lewandowski (Mercer Island) spoke about the climate action plan.

Larry Sarchin (Mercer Island) spoke about the housing needs assessment report.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6128: July 15, 2022 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the July 15, 2022 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$890,294.85 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6129: July 29, 2022 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the July 29, 2022 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$887,254.40 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council

AB 6130: August 12, 2022 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the August 12, 2022 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$909,312.79 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

- A. Check Register 212454-212598 | 7/22/2022 | \$534,804.94**
- B. Check Register 212599-212694 | 7/29/2022 | \$735,110.59**
- C. Check Register 212695-212749 | 8/05/2022 | \$966,454.25**
- D. Check Register 212750-212812 | 8/12/2022 | \$618,771.05**
- E. Check Register 212813-212872 | 8/18/2022 | \$668,597.11**
- F. Check Register 212873-212986 | 8/26/2022 | \$984,434.80**
- G. EFT Payments | May 2022 | \$2,346,921.84**
- H. EFT Payments | June 2022 | \$3,296,532.94**
- I. EFT Payments | July 2022 | \$2,361,567.14**

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 July 19, 2022 Regular Hybrid Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of July 19, Regular Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6132: National Preparedness Month Proclamation No. 292

Recommended Action: Proclaim September 2022 National Recovery Month in Mercer Island.

AB 6135: Proclamation No. 295 Recognizing Bill Russell

Recommended Action: Proclaim September 6, 2022, as a day to honor the memory of Bill Russell.

AB 6137: Public Water Main Extinguishment (2825 West Mercer Way)

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to terminate water main easements (recording numbers 5361487 and 5081481) in exchange for a new 8" water main constructed as generally depicted in Exhibit 1 by executing an easement extinguishment to be approved by the City Attorney substantially in the form of Exhibit 2, provided that the easements shall not be terminated until after the new water main is accepted by the City Engineer and put into operation as described in AB 6137.

AB 6139: Municipal Court Audio-Visual Reimbursement Grant

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager (or designee) to sign the Interagency Reimbursement Agreement substantially in form attached as Exhibit 1 between the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts and the Mercer Island Municipal Court for Audio Visual Reimbursement in the amount of \$60,633.77, and to accept all grant renewals.

AB 6141: Second reading of Ordinance No. 22C-14 (renews Ordinance No. 21C-23) on interim regulations in MICC 19.16.010 related to emergency shelters and housing, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing in response to E2SHB 1220

Recommended Action: Complete a second reading of and adopt Ordinance No. 22C-14.

AB 6142: Certification of Public Works Board Low-Interest Loan Applications

Recommended Action:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 1630 authorizing two applications for low-interest loans for the total amount of \$8.3M from the State Public Works Board for the Booster Chlorination Station and Water Reservoir Improvements capital projects.

2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to apply for the loan, and accept the loan, if awarded.

AB 6143: Accept Department of Commerce CAP Grant

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to accept and sign the Department of Commerce Early Implementation Climate Planning Grant contract (see Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$80,000 to cover eligible expenses between July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

AB 6144: Interlocal Agreement with Yarrow Point for Marine Patrol Services and Authorization to Extend the Marine Patrol Pilot Program with Medina and Hunts Point.

Recommended Action:

1. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Yarrow Point for Marine Patrol Services substantially in the form attached as Exhibits 1.

2. Authorize the extension of the Marine Patrol services pilot program with Medina and Hunts Point through December 2023.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Reynolds 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 6148: YFS Programs Update

YFS Administrator Tambi Cork and MISD Superintendent Fred Rundle presented the YFS programs update. They presented a status update on the COVID-19 and National Mental health crisis, the Mercer Island specific data on youth mental health, the YFS school based mental health program, and the YFS Healthy Youth Initiative programing.

City Council asked questions and thanked staff for their work.

AB 6145: Second Quarter 2022 Financial Status Update, Preliminary 2023-2024 General Fund Revenue Forecast, and 2021-2022 Budget Amendments (Ord. No. 22-16)

Finance Director Matt Mornick presented the 2022 Financial Status Update, addressing the following:

- Revenues and Expenditures through June 2022
- 2023-2024 General Fund Revenue Forecast, including the economic outlook and key assumptions
- General Sales Tax Assumptions
- Utility Tax Assumptions
- Licenses, permits, and zoning fees
- Non-General Fund Revenues
- Real Estate Excise Tax
- Mercer Island Thrift Shop
- Contingency funds

Mornick also discussed the budget calendar for the remainder of 2022.

City Council asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Jacobson to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 22-16 amending the 2021-2022 biennial budget.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6127- An Ordinance Amending MICC 9.50.040 (Ord. No. 22C-15)

City Attorney Bio Park presented the proposed amendment to MICC 9.50.040.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Reynolds to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 22C-15 amending MICC 9.50.040 upon first reading.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6146: Code Amendments Related to Allowed Occupancy of Homes, Dwelling Units, and Adult Family Homes (Second Reading of Ordinance 22C-11 and 22C-12)

Interim CPD Director Jeff Thomas and Senior Planner Adam Zack presented the proposed code amendments. CPD Director Thomas provided an overview of the process these code amendments have gone through to date. Senior Planner Zack presented an overview of the proposed changes in both ordinances.

City Council discussed the proposed code amendments and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Reynolds to:

Adopt Ordinance 22C-11 with staff proposed alternative for amending 19.02.030(B)(1).

PASSED: 5-0

FOR: 5 (Anderl, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AGAINST: 2 (Jacobson, Nice)

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Reynolds to:

Adopt Ordinance 22C-12 as presented.

PASSED: 7-0

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

City Council took Recess from 8:17 - 8:27pm.

AB 6147: Climate Action Plan: Finalize Survey Language and Contents

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner and Sustainability Program Analyst Ross Freeman provided an update on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and its current status. Sustainability Program Analyst Freeman outlined the context of the survey in the CAP and how it gathers data for the next steps in the process. Sustainability Program Analyst Freeman discussed the wedge analysis for each survey scenario and presented an overview of Greenhouse Gas reductions needed for meeting the 2030 target. He then reviewed the proposed survey, its next steps, and the CAP schedule.

City Council discussed the proposed survey and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Jacobson to:

Accept the proposed survey and ask for minor revisions prior to printing and mailing

PASSED: 6-0

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

AGAINST: 1 (Weinberg)

City Council discussed revisions to the survey and gave a thumbs up to make the following revision to the survey prior to printing and mailing:

Use the 4 columns as shown in Other Climate Action Strategies Under Consideration throughout the survey to be simplified to state, in this order, Strongly Support, Somewhat Support, Do Not Support, and Unsure

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Bon noted that there was a conflict with the October 4 meeting.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Weinberg to:

Cancel the October 4, 2022 City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting and schedule a Special Hybrid Meeting on October 3, 2022 beginning at 5pm

PASSED: 7-0

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

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Reynolds:

- Thanked Sustainability Analysis Ross Freeman and Chief of Operations Jason Kintner for their work in August on the CAP.
- Thanked the MICEC staff for a recent event at the MICEC.
- The Parks & Recreation Commission met last week and discussed the proposed art donation at Aubrey Davis Park.

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum:

- SCA PIC meeting next week,
- PTA Advocacy board meetings start next week
- Shout out to the class of 2035.

Councilmember Weiker:

- Art Uncorked is on Friday
- Congratulations to all of the families that started school.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular Council Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk