



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING JULY 7, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Dave Rosenbaum called the Regular Hybrid Meeting to order at 5:22 pm in Room 104 at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Dave Rosenbaum, Deputy Mayor Daniel Becker, and Councilmembers Julie Hsieh, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg attended in person. Councilmember Craig Reynolds attended via Zoom. Councilmember Lisa Ander was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rosenbaum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Becker to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Anderl)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:**
 - City Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 21 at 5:00 pm
 - Arts Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 15 at 5:30 pm
 - Open Space Conservancy Trust Meeting on Thursday, July 16 at 5:00 pm
- **City Updates:**
 - Summer Celebration – Saturday July 11, parade begins at 10:00 am followed by a full day of summer fun, community spirit, and so much more at Mercerdale Park. The celebration continues at Luther Burbank Park at 6:00 pm for more live entertainment, food trucks, and the spectacular fireworks show at 10:00 pm.
 - FIFA World Cup Updates – City staff activated the Emergency Operations Center for all six FIFA World Cup matches in Seattle and coordinated with multiple partner agencies. Operations ran smoothly through all six matches.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Mostly Music in the Park – Thursdays at Mercerdale Park, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, July 16 – August 20
 - Community Coffee Celebrates Teal Thursdays – Thursdays at MICEC, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **News:**
 - Exceeding Expectations – The Mercer Island Community & Event Center (MICEC) continues to exceed rental revenue expectations, having already achieved 95% of its annual goal for the year.

APPEARANCES

Adam Ragheb (Mercer Island) spoke against proposed amendments to the development standards for emergency and permanent supportive housing in the Mercer Island City Code.

Isabel Peres (Mercer Island) spoke against proposed amendments to the development standards for emergency and permanent supportive housing in the Mercer Island City Code

Addie Smith spoke about being a hate crime survivor.

Barbara Sturnoff (Mercer Island) spoke against proposed amendments to the development standards for emergency and permanent supportive housing in the Mercer Island City Code

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6955: June 25, 2026 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the June 25, 2026 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,017,893.95 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6956: Certification for Claims Paid May 31, 2026 through June 15, 2026

Recommended Actions: Approve the May 31, 2026 through June 15, 2026 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$2,597,854.59 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026.

AB 6957: Parks and Recreation Month, Proclamation No. 392

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 392 proclaiming July 2026 as Parks and Recreation Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6958: Resolution authorizing a grant application to be submitted for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program for the Deane's Children's Park Phase I Improvements (Resolution No. 1697)

Recommended Action:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 1697 authorizing the application for grant funds in the amount of \$500,000 from the Washington State Wildlife and Recreation Program, subject to conditions described in Resolution No. 1697 for the Deane's Children's Park Phase I Improvements project.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to apply for the grant and accept the grant and conditions of the grant, if awarded.

AB 6959: Sound Cities Association 2027 Solid Waste Rate Response Letter

Recommended Action: Direct the City Council liaison to the Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee, Councilmember Weiker, to support the SCA Solid Waste Rates Response Letter (Exhibit 1) and take action on behalf of the City Council on any proposed amendments.

AB 6962: Fee Schedule Amendment – Establishing an Affordable Housing Fee in Lieu Rate

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution No. 1698 amending the Fee Schedule to add an Affordable Housing Fee in Lieu rate.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Becker to:

Approve the Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Anderl)

The City Council was in recess from 5:45 pm to 5:49 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:49 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum convened an Executive Session in Room 102 at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA and via Microsoft Teams for approximately 60 minutes until 6:20 pm.

Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

Mayor David Rosenbaum, Deputy Mayor Daniel Becker, and Councilmembers Julie Hsieh, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated in person. Councilmember Craig Reynolds participated via MS Teams. Councilmember Lisa Anderl was absent.

At 6:20 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 30 minutes to 6:50 pm.

Mayor Rosenbaum adjourned the Executive Session at 6:48 pm.

The City Council was in recess from 6:48 pm to 6:50 pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6960: GMA Compliance – Comprehensive Plan Amendments (First Reading, Ord. No. 26-09)

CPD Director Jeff Thomas introduced the staff team of CPD Deputy Director Alison Van Gorp, and Principal Planner Adam Zack who presented background information on the Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB) appeal of the updated Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 2024. He spoke about the four issues addressed in the GMHB Order including land capacity, adequate provisions, the station subarea plan, and anti-displacement measures and the compliance deadline of July 31, 2026. Principal Planner Zack spoke about the Planning Commission process and recommendation and updates to the Comprehensive Plan and zoning and development code amendments for compliance with the GMHB Order. He also discussed the Comprehensive Plan GMA Compliance Let's Talk page that has all relevant documents posted.

Principal Planner Zack provided a summary of the updates to the Comprehensive Plan and the Station Subarea Plan contained in Ordinance No. 26-09. He noted that the City will work on Phase 2 of the Station Subarea Plan through 2029 to allow for more public input.

City Council asked questions.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Weinberg to:

Schedule Ordinance No. 26-09 for second reading on July 21, 2026.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Anderl)

AB 6961: GMA Compliance – Title 19 MICC Amendments (First Reading, Ord. No. 26C-10)

Principal Planner Adam Zack provided an overview of the zoning and development code amendments in Ordinance NO. 26C-10. He spoke about comments received from the WA Department of Commerce that recommend one change to the definition of transitional housing so that it is grouped with permanent supportive housing and spoke about next steps.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Direct staff to amend the development code to group transitional and permanent supportive housing together to address the comments provided by the Department of Commerce in the June 23, 2026 letter to the City of Mercer Island.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)
ABSENT: 1 (Anderl)

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:
Schedule Ordinance No. 26C-10 for second reading on July 21, 2026.
PASSED: 6-0
FOR: 6 (Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)
ABSENT: 1 (Anderl)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences and Reports

It was moved by Becker; seconded by Weiker to:
Excuse Councilmember Andrel's absence from the July 7 City Council Meeting.
PASSED: 6-0
FOR: 6 (Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)
ABSENT: 1 (Anderl)

Councilmember Weiker noted she is excited for Summer Celebration and thanked staff for their work on this event.

Councilmember Hsieh noted her next coffee chat is on July 17 at Asa, that the next first Friday Art walk is on Friday, August 7, and thanked Caldwell Banker for supplying the flags around the island for 4th of July for many years.

Councilmember Weinberg thanked staff for the teamwork to work through the technical difficulties before the meeting and noted his next monthly lunch is on July 19 at Homegrown.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Attest:

Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk