



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6972
July 21, 2026
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6972: Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee Staff Voting Delegate	☐ Discussion Only ☒ Action Needed: ☒ Motion ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Delegate the City Council authority to appoint the representative to the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) to the City Manager.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
STAFF:	Robbie Cunningham Adams, Senior Management Analyst Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	n/a
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	3. Make once-in-a-generation investments to update and modernize aging infrastructure, capital facilities, and parks.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is for the City Council to delegate the authority to appoint the voting representative to the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) to the City Manager.

- The Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee, or MWPAAC, advises the Metropolitan King County Council and the King County Executive on matters related to the wastewater collection and treatment system.
- The MWPAAC consists of representatives from cities and local sewer utilities that operate sewer systems within King County's service area. Representatives are primarily staff from Public Works or the City Manager's Office.
- The King County Wastewater Treatment Division is in the process of conducting a review of MWPAAC member appointments and requires updated appointment information from Mercer Island.
- Staff recommends that the City Council delegate the authority to appoint the MWPAAC voting representative to the City Manager. Future annual appointments to MWPAAC will be appointed directly by the City Manager and further Council action will not be necessary.

BACKGROUND

The [Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee](#), or MWPAAC, advises the Metropolitan King County Council and the King County Executive on matters related to the wastewater collection and treatment system.

It was created by state law ([RCW 35.58.210](#)) and consists of [representatives from cities and local sewer utilities](#) that operate sewer systems within King County's service area. Representatives are primarily staff from Public Works or the City Manager's Office. The current Mercer Island voting representative is the Senior Management Analyst from the City Manager's Office, with Chief of Operations listed as the designated alternate.

Per the MWPAAC Bylaws, and as referenced below in Article III-Membership, each city and water-sewer district may appoint one person to serve on the committee and may also appoint an alternate. It also requires that each city and water-sewer district provide a resolution of the legislative body or a signed copy of minutes of a public meeting of the legislative body authorizing such appointment.

Article III-Membership

Each city which operates a sewer system, any portion of which lies within the metropolitan area or within King County's wastewater service area, may appoint one person to serve on the Committee.

Each water-sewer district which operates a sewer system, any portion of which lies within King County or within King County's wastewater service area, may appoint one person to serve on the Committee.

Those appointed as indicated above shall be the voting members. Each city or water/sewer district which appoints a voting member shall provide a resolution of the legislative body, or signed copy of minutes of a public meeting of the legislative body, authorizing such appointment. Each city or water/sewer district may also appoint an alternate who shall be empowered to vote in the absence of a city or district's voting member. Alternates shall be appointed in the same manner and conform to the same eligibility requirements as voting members.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The King County Wastewater Treatment Division is in the process of conducting a review of MWPAAC member appointments and requested updated appointment information from Mercer Island. While a formal action by the Mercer Island City Council confirming the City's MWPAAC membership has not been requested in some time, King County staff have confirmed they require formal legislative body action this year.

The City Council has the option to formally delegate nominating authority to this body to a staff position title or department. Meaning once City Council delegates this nominating authority, that position title or department can perform the annual appointment process without staff having to return to Council annually for appointing MWPAAC representatives.

Staff recommends the City Council delegate the authority to appoint the MWPAAC voting representative to the City Manager.

NEXT STEPS

The City Manager intends to designate the Senior Management Analyst, with the Chief of Operations as alternate, as the voting representative for Mercer Island to the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC). City delegates will continue to attend MWPAAC meetings, keep the City Council aware of emerging issues with MWPAAC, vote on behalf of the City Council when necessary, in alignment with Council goals and objectives, or return to City Council for further direction when taking formal positions on legislative items within MWPAAC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Delegate the City Council authority to appoint the representative to the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) to the City Manager.