



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR VIDEO MEETING October 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Wong called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm from a remote location.

Mayor Benson Wong, Deputy Mayor Wendy Weiker, and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Salim Nice, Craig Reynolds, and David Rosenbaum participated remotely using a video teleconferencing platform by Zoom.

Jessi Bon, City Manager, participated remotely from City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington. The City Attorney and Mercer Island City Leadership Team participated from remote locations.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Jacobson delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the agenda.

Passed 7-0

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Bon reported on the following items:

- Vaccine verification starts Monday October 25 and applies to operations at the MICEC.
- Board and Commission meeting updates
- Med take back event Saturday October 23
- Fall Recycling Event Saturday October 30, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Luther Burbank Swim beach Environmental improvements
- Bike Skills area temporarily closed
- Keeping MI streets clean and safe
- Arbor Day event
- Hallo-Weekend Fun on MI

APPEARANCES

Addie Smith, Mercer Island. She spoke of being a hate crime survivor on Mercer Island.

Randy Bannecker, Seattle/ King County Realtors. He spoke to the sign code amendment and how it may affect real estate open houses and regarding implementing a permit system for temporary signs.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Certification of Claims for the period ending:

September 30, 2021, in the amount of \$747,929.60

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.

Claims Reporting for Electronic Funds Transfer for the months ending:

A) August 31, 2021 in the amount of \$3,313,630.81

B) September 20, 2021 in the amount of \$2,132,627.13

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.

Approval of the Payroll Certification for the following period ending:

AB 5963: October 8, 2021 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$790,851.09

Recommended Action: Approve the October 8, 2021 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$790,851.09 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Approve Minutes of the following meetings:

A) September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

B) October 5, 2021 Special Meeting

AB 5958: Ordinance Amending MICC 2.08.020 to include Juneteenth as a Legal Holiday of the City (Ord. No. 21C-24 Second Reading)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 21C-24 Amending MICC 2.08.020 to add Juneteenth as a Legal Holiday of the City.

AB 5946: 2022-2025 Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) Interlocal Agreement

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the 2022-2025 Eastside Transportation Partnership Interlocal Agreement.

AB 5959: US Climate Mayors initiative

Recommended Action: Authorize Mayor Wong to Sign-on to the US Climate Mayors initiative.

AB 5955: One-Year Extension of the 2019-2021 Fire Collective Bargaining Agreement

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to sign the 2021 Extension of the 2019-2021 Fire Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Professional Firefighters Association of Mercer Island (IAFF Local 1762) for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

PASSED: 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5952: Development Code Amendment ZTR19-003 Signage (Ord. No. 21C-21 Second Reading)

Jeff Thomas, Interim CPD Director, Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director, and Daniel Kenney, Special Counsel, gave a brief overview of the proposed code amendment and answered questions from Council.

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director, gave an overview to the Council on how the proposed code amendment was dialed back to only address bringing the sign code into compliance with Reed.

Council discussed the proposed amendment.

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Jacobson to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 21C-21 amending the temporary non-commercial sign regulations in MICC 19.06.020 as amended

PASSED: 7-0

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

Moved by Reynolds; second by Wong to;

Amend 19.06.020.A.6.e to read - A temporary sign may only be erected for a maximum of 120 days during a 365-day period.

PASSED 4-3

FOR: 4 (Jacobson, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Wong) AGAINST: 3 (Anderl, Nice, Weiker)

Moved by Weiker; seconded by Wong to:

Amend 19.06.020.A.6.a to include - Except for real estate open house signs placed during open houses.

FAILED: 1-6

FOR: 1 (Weiker) AGAINST (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Wong)

Main motion passed as amended.

AB 5957: Youth & Family Services Emergency Assistance Update

Tambi Cork, YFS Administrator, gave a presentation to Council on the YFS Emergency Assistance update regarding:

- Emergency Assistance Program
- Emergency Assistance Fund
- Community Support
- Number of Households served by these programs
- Food Pantry updates and usage

Council received the report and held discussion on this topic.

AB 5961: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Discussion, including sewer and water projects overview.

Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations, Matt Mornick, Finance Director, and Merrill Thomas-Schadt, Recreation Coordinator, gave a presentation to Council on ARPA funding, and presented to Council projects that are being proposed to be funded with the use of ARPA funding.

Council took a break from 7:33 PM to 7:40 PM

Council discussed the proposals and provided feedback to staff.

Council gave a thumbs up to the move the proposed operational projects forward and to bring them back in Q1 2022 for Council approval.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Nice to:

Appropriate \$1,171,500 of ARPA funds to address immediate operational needs within the organization as described in this Agenda Bill

PASSED: 6-0

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

AB 5962: 2021 Board and Commission Appointments

Arts Council – One (1) open position; two (2) applications received

Deputy Mayor Weiker rejoined the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Round 1, Position 3 - Term 2023 - City Clerk Larson emailed the ballots to each Councilmember with a list of the following applicants:

- Rachel Blum
- Jonathan Harrington

The ballots were tallied, and Rachel Blum received seven (7) votes to be appointed to the Arts Council, Position 3, expiring May 31, 2023.

Ballots: 7 – Blum (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Wong)

Design Commission – One (1) open specialist position; two (2) application received.

Round 1, Position 6 – Term 2025 - City Clerk Larson emailed the ballots to each Councilmember with a list of the following applicants:

- Catherine Lategan
- Ray Akers

The ballots were tallied, and Catherine Lategan received four (4) votes to be appointed to the Design Commission, Position 6, expiring May 31, 2025.

Ballots: 4 – Lategan (Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Wong)
3 – Akers (Anderl, Jacobson, and Nice)

Council took a break from 8:06 PM to 8:11 PM

Mayor Wong read the appointments listed in Resolution No. 1603 into the record.

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Reynolds to:

Adopt Resolution No. 1603 appointing members to the Mercer Island Boards and Commissions.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Bon reported that there will be a Special City Council meeting on November 1, 2021. City Manager Bon also updated on some movement of items on the Planning Schedule, about the potential of adding a Special Meeting on November 9, 2021, and regular meetings on November 16 & December 7, 2021.

Councilmember Absences

There were no absences reported.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Rosenbaum:

- King County possibly repealing the helmet law will share the info he has received.

Councilmember Jacobson:

- Parks and Recreation Commission has met twice since last City Council meeting including work on the PROS plan and on the restart plan.

Mayor Wong:

- On October 7, there was an event held to honor Thrift Store volunteers on the MICEC Terrace. On October 14, there was a K4C workshop that was a very informative workshop and lots of data is going to be coming from the county. Mercer Island Schools Foundation phone-a-thon is going on now.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Benson Wong, Mayor

Attest:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk