



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING JULY 5, 2022

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:03 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session in the Farside Room at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA and via Microsoft Teams. The Executive Session was to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 6:15 pm.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the regular meeting to order at 6:15 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, Wendy Weiker (arrived 6:19 pm) and Ted Weinberg participated in person in Council Chambers. Councilmembers Lisa Anderl and Craig Reynolds joined by Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Jacobson to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings Update:** July 19 Hybrid City Council Meeting, Parks & Recreation Commission Hybrid meeting, July 7, Utility Board Hybrid meeting, July 12.
- **City Services Updates:** Independence Day Weekend Recap, Town Center Parking Study Update, Comp Plan Update: Economic Development, Pedestrian Safety Project Update, Count Down to Summer Celebration: Mercerdale Playground Ribbon-cutting ceremony, Summer Celebration, Mercerdale parking – two locations Riot Games parking lot & ADA parking at Thrift Store Parking lot, Luther Burbank Parking & Luther Burbank Shuttles, Thank you to our Summer Celebration Sponsors.
- **Community Updates:** Shakespeare in the Park, Mostly Music in the Park, Kirk Robinson Skate Park Dedication, Thursday, July 28 at 5 pm.
- **News:** Aubrey Davis Park Picnic Shelter, Thank you Volunteers, Emergency Management “Well Training”, Paws on Patrol, Island Pride.

APPEARANCES

Ira Appleman (Mercer Island) spoke in opposition of the proposed parks levy.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6108: June 17, 2022 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the June 17, 2022 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$954,163.60 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

- A. Check Register 212143-212235 | 6/17/2022 | \$808,561.23
- B. Check Register 212236-212318 | 6/24/2022 | \$607,551.63

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 June 21, 2022 Regular Hybrid Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of June 21, Regular Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6106: MIYFS Foundation Donation and Middle School Counselor Hire Ahead Request

Recommended Action:

1. Accept the additional donation of \$215,000 from the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation and authorize the City Manager to sign the Funding Agreement memorializing the donation.
2. Authorize the hire-ahead of a middle school counselor for the 2022-2023 school year.

AB 6110: Parks and Recreation Month, Proclamation No. 290

Recommended Action: Proclaim July 2022 as Parks and Recreation Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6095: South Mercer Playfields Construction Appropriation Request

Recommended Action: Appropriate a total of \$739,788 to the Mercer Island School District for the South Mercer Playfield Construction Project, which includes \$484,920 from the Synthetic Turf Sinking Fund and \$254,868 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

AB 6113: Water Main Break - Authorization to File Suit

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Attorney to file suit for damages and indemnity from a water main break caused by MidMountain.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Rosenbaum 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 6111: Parks Levy Renewal Ordinance (First Reading of Ord. No. 22-13)

City Manager Bon presented the proposed parks levy renewal, including follow-up items from the June 21 City Council meeting. She spoke about the Let's Talk page to centralize information regarding the levy and the video presentations for playground replacements and Pioneer Park have been posted to the page

City Manager Bon discussed the development of the ordinance and the parks levy renewal ballot title, which consists of three elements: a ballot caption, a concise description of the ballot measure, and a question to the voters. She discussed how the ordinance is based on Alternative B which includes the base levy plus fully funding the cost of playground replacements (Option 1D) and funding all of the Pioneer Park Forrest Management Plan projects, except for the second phase of tree planting (Option 2C).

City Manager Bon explained the ballot title and the word count limit and how the maximum levy rate is set per state law and how the property tax rate is calculated. She discussed the estimated monthly impact and increase for homeowners. City Manager Bon spoke about the purpose of the explanatory statement and how recruitment has begun for to appoint residents to the Pro and Con Committees .

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

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg to:

Set Ordinance No. 22-13 for a second reading and adoption on July 19, 2022 with the changes as discussed by the City Council.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Jacobson)

City Council discussed the wording of the ballot measure to be included in the final reading of Ordinance No. 22-13.

City Council took a recess from 7:33 – 8:17 pm for staff to rewrite the ballot title.

City Council reviewed the revised ballot measure wording and set Ordinance No. 22-13 for a seconding reading and adoption on July 19, 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Bon spoke about the July 19 City Council meeting and August recess.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Reynolds thanked the City Manager and staff for their work and recently visited Helen's Place with Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum and was very impressed by their operation.

Councilmember Weiker thanked staff for the work on Summer Celebration.

Councilmember Weinberg thanked staff for summer celebration. Recognized and send thoughts and condolences to the people in Highland Park, Illinois.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk