



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6928  
May 19, 2026  
Regular Business**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6928: 2026 Board and Commission Appointments (Resolution Nos 1694 & 1695)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Approve Resolutions Nos. 1694 and 1695 appointing members to vacant positions on the Arts Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, Utility Board, and Open Space Conservancy Trust.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council
<b>STAFF:</b>	Mayor Dave Rosenbaum Andrea Larson, City Clerk
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. 2026-2027 Board and Commission Vacant and Expiring Positions 2. Applicant List 3. Resolution No. 1694 4. Resolution No. 1695
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this agenda item is to appoint members to vacant and expiring positions on the Arts Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Utility Board, and to confirm the Mayor’s appointment of members to the Open Space Conservancy Trust.

- Exhibit 1 shows the 2026-2027 vacant and expiring positions on the City’s advisory boards and commissions.
- 31 applications were received during the recruitment period of March 25 to May 8, 2026 (Exhibit 2).
- The appointment process for the Arts Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Utility Board is outlined in [Section 8.12 of the City Council Rules of Procedure](#).
- The appointment process for the Open Space Conservancy Trust is outlined in [Ordinance No. B-93](#), which establishes the OSCT and [Ordinance No. 96-002](#), which amends the OSCT.
- The names of the applicants selected for the Arts Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Utility Board will be added to Resolution No. 1694 (see Exhibit 3), with final approval required by a vote of the City Council.

- The names of the applicants selected by the Mayor for the Open Space Conservancy Trust will be added to Resolution No. 1695 (Exhibit 4), with final approval required by a vote of the City Council.

## BACKGROUND

Each spring, the City conducts the annual recruitment process to fill expiring or vacant positions on the City's advisory boards and commissions. The following board and commission positions were advertised from March 25 to May 8, 2026:

- [Arts Council](#) (3 positions; 1 position term expires May 31, 2027, 2 positions terms expire May 31, 2030)
- [Open Space Conservancy Trust](#) (2 positions; terms expire May 31, 2030)
- [Parks and Recreation Commission](#) (2 positions; terms expire May 31, 2030)
- [Utility Board](#) (2 positions; terms expire May 31, 2030)

## ISSUE/DISCUSSION

### RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Position vacancies (see Exhibit 1) were advertised across several platforms, including website news releases, City Manager Reports, the MI Weekly newsletter, social media, and City Council and boards and commission meetings. Emails were also sent to board and commission members with expiring terms, encouraging them to reapply if interested and all members were urged to reach out to community members who may be willing to volunteer.

In response to outreach efforts, 31 applications (see Exhibit 2) were received by the May 8, 2026 deadline:

- Arts Council – 8
- Parks and Recreation Commission – 10
- Utility Board – 5
- Open Space Conservancy Trust – 8

Six applicants applied for more than one position.

A total of four applications for reappointment were received:

- Arts Council – 2
- One for the Utility Board – 1
- One for the Open Space Conservancy Trust – 1

The application materials were sent to the City Council for review on May 11, 2026.

### APPOINTMENT PROCESS

#### Arts Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Utility Board

The Arts Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Utility Board appointment process as detailed in [Section 8.12 of the City Council Rules of Procedure](#) provides that all appointments are made by a vote of the City Council during a regularly scheduled meeting. Each Councilmember will complete a written ballot, casting a vote for the identified open seat on a board or commission. If there is more than one open seat on a board or commission, then each position will be voted on separately (the position with the longest term will be voted on first). Ballots will be submitted to the City Clerk via email for Councilmembers attending the meeting

virtually to comply with the Rules of Procedure and [RCW 42.30.060\(2\)](#). The City Clerk will read aloud each Councilmember's vote.

The applicant(s) that receive the most votes, provided they have received a minimum of four votes, will be appointed to the open seats on the Arts Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Utility Board. The names of the applicants selected will be added to a resolution (see Exhibit 3), with final approval required by a vote of the City Council.

#### Open Space Conservancy Trust

Appointments to the Open Space Conservancy Trust (OSCT) are outlined in [Ordinance No. B-93](#), which establishes the OSCT and [Ordinance No. 96-002](#), which amends the OSCT. The Mayor shall appoint members to the OSCT and the appointments will be confirmed by a majority vote of the City Council.

The name of the applicants the Mayor recommends appointing to the Open Space Conservancy Trust will be added to a resolution (see Exhibit 4) and the City Council will vote to approve the resolution.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Vote on applicants to fill vacant positions on the Arts Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Utility Board.
2. Approve Resolution No. 1694, appointing those voted on to fill the vacancies on the Arts Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Utility Board.
3. Approve Resolution No. 1695, appointing a member to the vacancies on the Open Space Conservancy Trust.