



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6064
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Regular Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6064: Review and Approve the Draft 2023-2024 City Council Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve the 2023-2024 City Council Priorities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
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COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	n/a
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This agenda bill to set the 2023-2024 City Council Priorities which will guide budget planning and decision-making for the next biennium.

BACKGROUND

On Saturday, March 26, 2022, the City Council held its annual Planning Session and discussed the priorities for the 2023-2024 biennium ([AB 6043](#)). Councilmembers were encouraged to submit suggestions for 2023-2024 priorities in advance of the Planning Session and the suggestions were compiled as an Exhibit to AB 6043.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

At the Planning Session, Mayor Nice presented a draft set of priorities based on common themes submitted by Councilmembers. This served as a starting point for Council discussion. During the discussion, Councilmembers expanded on their suggestions, proposed edits and additional priorities and edits, and combined similar priorities. The initial priorities were also restructured to include a preamble describing the overarching goals of the City.

The draft priorities for the City Council's review are as follows:

2023-2024 City Council Priorities

The City of Mercer Island provides outstanding municipal services that enhance and protect the environment, the quality of life, and our community's health, safety, and welfare. We engage with the community on issues of importance to listen, instill trust, and promote sound decision-making. We strive to create and maintain an environmentally sustainable and inclusive community that is safe and supportive for current and future generations.

In the 2023-2024 biennium, we will continue to restore city services with fiscal sustainability while focusing on the government's effectiveness and efficiency, and the following priorities:

- 1. Develop data-driven economic development and retail plans and strategies to activate Town Center and other business areas.*
- 2. Sustain and enhance our natural environment, especially parks and open spaces, to benefit this generation and others that follow.*
- 3. Make once-in-a-generation investments to update and modernize aging infrastructure, capital facilities, and parks.*
- 4. Focus efforts and actions to be an environmentally and fiscally sustainable, connected, and diverse community.*

There was consensus from the Council to bring the draft priorities back to the Council at a future meeting for review and approval. At Tuesday's meeting, staff are seeking the Council's approval of or proposed edits to the draft 2023-2024 City Council Priorities.

NEXT STEPS

Once the 2023-2024 City Council Priorities have been adopted, they will be incorporated into the 2023-2024 budget as the guiding principles for planning and decision-making for the next biennium.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt the 2023-2024 City Council Priorities.