



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6206
January 3, 2023
Regular Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6206: City Council Meeting Start Time Amendment (Ord. No. 23C-01)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Adopt Ordinance No. 23C-01 amending MICC 2.06.010 to establish the start time of Regular Meetings of the City Council at 5:00 pm.	

DEPARTMENT:	Administrative Services
STAFF:	Ali Spietz, Chief of Administration Andrea Larson, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Ordinance No. 23C-01
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to adjust the City Council meeting start time to 5:00 pm.

- [Ordinance No. 20C-10](#) amended MICC 2.06.010 to temporarily change the start time of Regular Meetings from 6:30 pm to 5:00 pm, through December 31, 2020.
- [Ordinance No. 20C-27](#) extended the temporary change of the start time of Regular Meetings to 5:00 pm, through December 31, 2021.
- [Ordinance No. 22C-01](#) extended the temporary change of the start time of Regular Meetings to 5:00 pm, through December 31, 2022.

BACKGROUND

City Council began holding remote meetings during the COVID-19 Pandemic. To make remote meetings more efficient, the City adopted [Ordinance No. 20C-10](#) amending MICC 2.06.010 to temporarily change the start time of Regular Meetings from 6:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Subsequent ordinances extended the temporary change to the start time of Regular meetings.

In March of 2022 City Council transition from full remote meetings to hybrid meetings which include both remote and in person participation and continued to begin meetings at 5:00 pm.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

City Council meetings have been temporarily changed to begin at 5:00 pm since June 2020. Ordinance No. 23C-01 (Exhibit 1) permanently changes the start time of Regular Meeting to 5:00 pm.

In addition, Ordinance No. 23C-01 can be considered a housekeeping ordinance, and the City Manager recommends that it be adopted by the City Council at first reading.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Ordinance No. 23C-01 amending MICC 2.06.010 to establish the start time of Regular Meetings of the City Council at 5:00 pm.