

# BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6650 March 18, 2025 Consent Agenda

#### AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6650: Certification for Claims Paid February 1, 2025 through February 15, 2025	<ul> <li>Discussion Only</li> <li>Action Needed:</li> <li>Motion</li> <li>Ordinance</li> <li>Resolution</li> </ul>
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve the Accounts Payable Certification for Claims Paid February 1, 2025 through February 15, 2025 in the Amount of \$3,839,792.50.	

DEPARTMENT:	Finance
STAFF:	Matt Mornick, Finance Director
	LaJuan Tuttle, Deputy Finance Director
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Certification for Claims Paid February 1–15, 2025
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 approve the February 1, 2025 through February 15, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$3,839,792.50. (see Exhibit 1)

#### BACKGROUND

On January 21, 2025 the City officially transitioned to new financial management software. This change resulted in new Accounts Payable claims reports that detail accounts payable checks and direct disbursements including wire and electronic fund transfers (EFT/ACH) over the prior period (see <u>AB 6640</u>).

*Claims* refer to all external payments that are made to satisfy the obligations of the City, regardless of how payments are processed (e.g., through warrants, checks, EFTs, etc.). <u>RCW 42.24.080</u> requires that all claims presented against the City must be certified by the appropriate official to ensure that the claims are just, true, and unpaid obligations against the City, before payment can be made.

<u>RCW 42.24.180</u> allows the payment of claims to occur prior to City Council approval to expedite processing of the payment of claims, provided, however, that review and approval of the claims' documentation occurs at the next regularly scheduled public meeting.

To fulfill the obligation of RCW 42.24.080 for accounts payable claims, the City has historically presented separate reports for Accounts Payable Checks and Accounts Payable EFT payments.

## **ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

The Enterprise ERP claims reports (see Exhibit 1) have a new look and additional information.

- The Accounts Payable Report by Check Number report presents a simple check register listing of payments by type and check number.
- The Accounts Payable Report by Organization report presents accounts payable claims by department as represented by the "ORG" code.

These reports combine printed checks and electronic payments. The disbursement method is identified by the Type code on the claim reports:

- Type **M** are Enterprise ERP direct disbursements. These are wire transfers and ACH payments that were previously reported on the Accounts Payable EFT Report. Note that "check" numbers are single digits to easily identify them as distinct from printed checks.
- Type **P** are printed accounts payable checks.
- Type **V** are voided accounts payable checks. The report will show the original check amount in the corresponding detail, but the check total is listed as \$0.00.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve the February 1, 2025 through February 15, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$3,839,792.50 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.