



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the Regular Hybrid Meeting to order at 5:01 pm from a remote location.

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated remotely using Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

STUDY SESSION

AB 6361: Water System Reliability Action Plan Check-In with Confluence Engineering

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner introduced the staff and consultants working on the Water Systems Reliability Action Plan.

Chris McMeen from Confluence Engineering presented background information regarding the April water emergency, including the data that was gathered during the event and action items that are under consideration. He presented the evaluation criteria categories, discussed potential early action items of enhanced secondary groundwater supply, enhanced water storage, and enhanced planning for future projects, and looked at the next steps in the development of an action plan.

City Council asked questions of staff and the consultants.

APPEARANCES

Kian Bradley, Mercer Island, spoke about the draft 2024 Legislative Priorities.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

AB 6364: Condemning Attacks Against State of Israel, Proclamation No. 320

Mayor Nice read Proclamation No. 320 condemning attacks against the State of Israel.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Anderl to:

Approve Proclamation No. 320 to condemn the attacks against the State of Israel and pledge unwavering support to the Jewish population on Mercer Island, ensuring that Mercer Island remains a place of safety, unity, and support.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum read the statement that he and Mayor Nice issued on October 10, 2023 related to the terrorist attacks in Israel.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Reynolds to:

Adopt the statement issued by Mayor Salim Nice and Deputy Mayor Dave Rosenbaum on October 10, 2023 related to the terrorist attacks in Israel and approve its use in Citywide communications.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Accessing City Services:** Reminder on how to access City Services through the Customer Service Team.
- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** Upcoming City Council meeting on November 7. Upcoming board and commission meetings Arts Council on October 18, Open Space Conservancy Trust on October 25, Design Commission on November 1, and Parks & Recreation Commission on November 2.
- **City Services Updates:** Update on City Hall Closure plans have been made to support staff in retrieving personal items and sorting work materials related to decommissioning City Hall, Work continues transitioning the Slater room into the new Council Chambers, however, there has been a delay, but are still hopeful that the first meeting will occur before the end of the year. Utility & ROW Teams responded to a watermain break in the 4600 block of West Mercer Way, Stormwater Staff repaired a damaged manhole structure along West Mercer Way, ROW Team improved access necessary for tree contractors to conduction work, Bike Skills Area construction continues, Water System Improvement in East Seattle neighborhood beginning this week, work continues on the Reservoir Improvement project, and the Fentanyl Awareness Forum had a great turnout.
- **Upcoming Events:** Arbor Day Event on October 21, Sister City Reception on October 26, Hallo-Weekend events Town Center Trick-or-Treating October 27, Pumpkin Walk on October 29.
- **News:** Thank you to Quinn Shavey and eight volunteers who installed a section of split rail fence at the Bike Skills Area for his eagle scout project, MIPD, YFS, and Recreation staff participated in MISD's New Family Welcome Event.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6343: October 6, 2023 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the October 6, 2023 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,009,134.92 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

- A. Check Register | 217331-217420 | 9/29/2023 | \$526,543.77
- B. Check Register | 217421-217464 | 10/6/2023 | \$1,601,675.27
- C. EFT Payments | August 2023 | \$3,043,579.89
- D. EFT Payments | September 2023 | \$2,767,754.92

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 October 3, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Meeting minutes of the October 3, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6352: Luther Burbank Park Aquatic Lands Lease

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to take the necessary actions to (1) terminate the

Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency (EPSCA) Interlocal Agreement; (2) dissolve EPSCA; and (3) effectuate the termination and dissolution in best interest of the City.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, and the recommended actions contained therein.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

PUBLIC HEARING

AB 6350: Stormwater Management Program Amendments (Ord. No. 23C-14 First Reading)

Mayor Nice opened the Public Hearing at 6:29 PM. There being no public comment, Mayor Nice closed the Public Hearing at 6:29 PM.

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner introduced ROW & Stormwater Manager Brian Hartvigson who spoke about the proposed amendments to the stormwater management program. Rebecca Dugopolski with Hererra Environmental Consulting presented information about the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit (NPDES Permit) and the 2019 Department of Ecology updated Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington. She reviewed the proposed amendments and discussed the process and next steps for Ordinance No. 23C-14.

City Council asked questions of staff and the consultant.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:

Move to set Ordinance No. 123C-14 for second reading and adoption at the November 7, 2023, City Council meeting.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6355: Ratification of King County Ordinance No. 19660 – an Amendment to the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)

CPD Director Jeff Thomas provided background on the ratification of the King County Countywide Planning Policies and introduced CPD Deputy Director Alison Van Gorp who presented the purpose of an amendment to the King County Countywide Planning Policies to be ratified with Resolution No. 1651 and discussed the ratification process.

City Clerk Andrea Larson read Resolution No. 1651 into the record.

City Council asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve Resolution No. 1651 ratifying amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies.

PASSED: 6-0-1

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

ABSTAIN: 1 (Jacobson)

AB 6357: 2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Revenue Forecast

Finance Director Matt Mornick presented the 2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget revenue forecast. He discussed the economic outlook, presented an overview of the General Fund revenue forecast, Real Estate Excise Tax, YFS Fund revenue forecast, and discussed next steps that will be discussed at the November 21 City Council Meeting.

City Council discussed and asked questions of staff.

AB 6360: Review 2024 Draft Legislative Strategy

Senior Management Analyst Merrill Thomas-Schadt presented an overview of the 2023 Legislative Priorities, discussed the 2024 Legislative Session logistics, and spoke about the other organizations that the City collaborates with when making legislative asks. Management Analyst Robbie Cunningham-Adams discussed a potential transit orientated development bill that may be introduced during the legislative session and presented Climate Commitment Act funding that may be available in 2024 for projects and initiatives that align with the City's Climate Action Plan for electric vehicle infrastructure and for a compact electric sweeper. He presented an overview of how the draft 2024 Legislative Priorities are categorized.

City Council discussed the draft 2024 Legislative Priorities and provided feedback.

The City Council was in recess from 8:06 PM – 8:11PM.

AB 6359: Town Center Parking Study – Review Draft Document

CIP Project Manager Sarah Bluvas presented an overview of the Town Center Parking Study. She reviewed the goals of the study, discussed the structure of the draft plan, and spoke about the public comment process. She presented an overview of the comments received and major themes that emerged from the comments, provided an update on the early action items including parking counts, wayfinding tools, and working with the City Attorney's Office to look at parking citation fees.

City Manager Jessi Bon reviewed the potential amendments to the Town Center Parking Plan to receive initial feedback from the Council.

City Council discussed the plan and asked questions.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Weiker to:

Set adoption of the Town Center Parking Plan for November 21, 2023.

PASSED: 5-2

FOR: 5 (Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AGAINST 2 (Anderl and Jacobson)

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the November 7 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Jacobson spoke about Utility Board meeting to review proposed water and sewer rates.

Councilmember Reynolds encouraged everyone to check out the Bike Skills Area. He thanked Public Works staff who worked on the water main break.

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum noted that the SCA PIC met last week and discussed 2024 legislative priorities.

Councilmember Weiker noted that K4C met last week and the SCA Annual Meeting is on October 25.

Councilmember Weinberg spoke about the Superintendent's Advisory Council meeting on October 11, the K4C meeting last week, and the Sustainability Committee meeting on October 16.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk