



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING APRIL 5, 2022

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:02 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session in the Farside Room at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA and via Microsoft Teams. The Executive Session was to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 5:32 pm.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the regular meeting to order at 5:54 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

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

Mayor Nice explained that Council Chambers was experiencing technical difficulties and recessed the meeting for approximately 30 minutes to transition the City Council to Zoom.

City Council was recessed from 5:55 pm – 6:21 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Nice delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the agenda with the City Managers Report removed.

PASSED: 7-0

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

APPEARANCES

Gary Robinson (Mercer Island), spoke regarding his appreciation of the City Council for honoring his son Kirk Robinson with the skate park dedication.

Sue Stewart (Mercer Island), spoke about concerns she has about enforcement at the mountain bike skills area and the issues that occurred there prior to its closing last fall.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6039: March 11, 2022 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the March 11, 2022 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$888,805.90 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6050: March 25, 2022 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the March 25, 2022 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$847,791.44 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims

- A. Check Register 211084-211154 | 3/11/2022 | \$282,128.63
- B. Check Register 211155-211285 | 3/25/2022 | \$726,277.55
- C. EFT Payments | February 2022 | \$2,288,376.83

Recommendation 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 March 15, 2022

Recommended Action: Adopt the City Council Special Video Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022 as presented.

AB 6052: Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Proclamation No. 287

Recommended Action: Proclaim April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Mercer Island and encourage residents to join advocates and communities throughout King County in taking action to ensure that online communities are safe and respectful for everyone and prevent sexual violence by standing with survivors.

AB 6053: 2020 West Mercer Way Pedestrian Crossings Project Closeout

Recommended Action: Accept the completed 2020 West Mercer Way Pedestrian Crossings project and authorize staff to close out the contract.

AB 6054: 2021 Arterial and Residential Street Overlays Project Closeout

Recommended Action: Accept the completed 2021 Arterial and Residential Street Overlays project and authorize staff to close out the contract.

AB 6055: 2021 East Mercer Way Landslide Repair Project Closeout

Recommended Action: Accept the completed 2021 East Mercer Way Landslide Repair project and authorize staff to close out the contract.

AB 6049: Apply for Washington State Historical Society Heritage Capital Funding for Luther Burbank Boiler Building Phase 1 Project

Recommended Action: Pass Resolution No. 1624, authorizing the City Manager to apply for the 2023-2025 Heritage Capital Grant funding for construction of the Boiler Building Roof Replacement and Seismic Retrofits (Phase 1) project according to Washington State Historical Society grant guidelines, and commit to appropriating funding sufficient to meet grant program match requirements in the City's capital budget if the grant application receives a fundable ranking.

AB 6042: COVID-19 Utility Bill Relief Grant Program Approval

Recommended Action: Approve the COVID-19 Utility Bill Relief Grant Program and appropriate \$164,000 in ARPA Funding for Mercer Island utility assistance to households impacted by the pandemic.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the Consent Agenda and the recommended actions contained therein.

PASSED: 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6047: Renaming the Skate Park at Mercerdale Park to the “Kirk Robinson Skate Park”

Mayor Nice introduced a Resolution to rename the Skate Park at Mercerdale Park to the “Kirk Robinson Skate Park to recognize Kirk Robinson’s dedication to the Mercer Island community before his passing in 2019. Mayor Nice spoke about how Kirk Robinson grew up on the Island, was a MIHS graduate, and longtime resident. He noted that Kirk was volunteer firefighter for Mercer Island before he joined the Bothell Fire Department where he served for 18 ½ years rising to the rank of Lieutenant. Mayor Nice also spoke about Kirk’s impressive collection of skateboards as a testament to his love of skateboarding.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Weiker to:

Pass Resolution No. 1622 acknowledging and commending Kirk Robinsons’ service to the Mercer Island community by renaming the Skate Park at Mercerdale Park to the “Kirk Robinson Skate Park.”

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Appropriate \$5,500 from the Capital Improvement Fund to design and install a sign at the “Kirk Robinson Skate Park” which includes information about Kirk Robinson and his legacy

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6034: Aid Vehicle Motorized Stretchers Purchase

Interim Fire Chief Jeff Clark and Interim Deputy Fire Chief Doug McDonald presented on the proposal to purchase two Stryker power stretcher systems for Fire Department aid vehicles. Interim Deputy Fire Chief McDonald explained how the Stryker Power Stretcher units help reduce injuries to personnel when lifting patients, thereby minimizing time loss due to duty related disabilities and/or L&I claims, both of which are a priority for Fire Administration. He also addressed how the ease of movement and loading will lessen the stress and impact to the patients on the stretchers. He explained funding for the stretcher systems and timeline for purchase.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Weiker to:

Authorize the use of \$118,154 of GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transportation) revenue to fund the purchase of two Stryker power stretcher systems for Fire Department aid vehicles 192 & 193.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6056: ARCH Housing Trust Fund Project Approval and Interlocal Agreement Amendment

Interim CPD Director Jeff Thomas and Deputy CPD Director Alison Van Gorp presented on the ARCH Housing Trust Fund Project Approval and Interlocal Agreement Amendment. Deputy Director Van Gorp presented on the four projects recommended by the ARCH Executive Board for support from the City’s contributions to the ARCH Housing Trust Fund. She also presented the proposed changes to the ARCH Interlocal Agreement.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Jacobson to:

Approve the use of \$33,500 from the City’s contributions to the ARCH Housing Trust Fund as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board and authorize execution of any related agreements and documents

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Weinberg seconded by Weiker to:

Approve and authorize execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Amended and Restated Interlocal

Agreement for ARCH to (1) change the name of the Citizen Advisory Board to the Community Advisory Board, (2) to temporarily allow up to four additional members to serve on the advisory board in order to enhance the diversity of and the breadth of skills and experience on said board, and (3) to revise language throughout the agreement consistent with these changes.

PASSED: 6-1

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

AGAINST: 1 (Anderl)

AB 6057: City Council Rules of Procedure Amendments (Resolution No. 1625)

Chief of Administration Ali Spietz presented the proposed changes to the Council Rules of Procedure as presented at the Planning Session on March 26 and the additional changes requested by the Council.

City Council discussed the amendments and asked questions.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve Resolution No. 1625 amending the City Council Rules of Procedure as set forth and amended in Exhibit A.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Amend the previous motion to:

Amend the second sentence of 8.13(A) to read: If there is more than more vacancy to fill on a board or commission, the position with the longest term will be voted on first.

Motion to Amend PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Reynolds; Seconded by Nice to:

Amend the previous motion to:

Amend 8.12.(E)(4)(a) to read: If more than one candidate has only one vote, the Mayor will recommend and appropriate procedure for breaking the tie, subject to approval by the council.

Motion to Amend PASSED: 7-0

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

Amended Motion PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Bon spoke about upcoming meetings: the hybrid City Council meeting on April 19 and the joint meeting with Mercer Island School Board on April 21.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Mayor Nice noted that 39 regional Mayors co-hosted a Ukraine Refugee's Worldwide Seattle Symphony event that was a fundraiser for the Seattle Refugee Fund.

Councilmember Reynolds asked the community to continue to remain vigilant against COVID-19.

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum noted that there is a SCA PIC meeting next week.

Councilmember Weiker congratulated MIHS Marching band on being selected to play in the 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving day parade.

Councilmember Weinberg spoke about the Ukraine Refugee's Worldwide Seattle Symphony event.

The regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:38 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session in the Farside Room at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA and via Microsoft Teams. The Executive Session was to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 30 minutes.

At 8:08 pm, Mayor Nice extended the Executive Session for an additional 10 Minutes.

Mayor Nice adjourned the executive session at 8:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT



Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:



Andrea Larson, City Clerk