



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the special meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum (arrived at 5:01 pm) and Councilmembers, Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker (arrived 6:44pm) and Ted Weinberg participated in person in Council Chambers. Councilmember Lisa Anderl joined by Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1(Weiker)

STUDY SESSION

AB 6161: Town Center Parking Study Update

Interim CPD Director Jeff Thomas and CIP Project Manager Sarah Bluvas provided an overview of the agenda and introduced the consultant team from Walker Consultants.

Chrissy Mancini Nichols, Walker Consultants, presented the Town Center parking study. She presented the background of the project, how the parking is utilized in Town Center, and the impacts on freight, delivery, and loading. Ms. Nichols also presented a summary of the outreach that has been done to-date, presented a look at the guiding principles that were used in the parking study, and presented potential near-term and long-term strategies to manage parking.

Council provided consensus on including Parking Strategies Nos. 1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 10.

Council gave consensus on Parking Strategy No. 6 and to pause it until other strategies are considered.

Council gave consensus to modify Parking Strategy No. 8a to study the reconfiguration of 77th and evaluate on street parking and bike lanes.

Council gave consensus to Parking Strategy No. 11 with striking bullet three.

Council received the presentation and asked questions of staff and the consultants.

City Council took recess from 6:16 pm - 6:22 pm

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings Update:** Hybrid City Council meeting on October 18, Parks & Recreation Commission Hybrid meeting on October 6 and Utility Board Hybrid meeting on October 13.
- **WSDOT I-90 Closures**
- **City Services Updates:** MICEC Fitness Room getting a fresh look, MICEC updating operating hours beginning in November, Mental Illness Awareness week, YFS Healthy Youth Initiative has launched TakeFiveMI, YFS hosting fall session of *Guiding Good Choices*, October is National Arts & Humanities month.
- **Upcoming Events:** Homecoming Parade on October 7, Town Hall with King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci at MICEC on October 8, Celebrate Arbor Day, Rocktober event for MI seniors at MICEC on October 21, Town Center Trick or Treating on October 28, Pumpkin Walk on October 30, Thrift Shop update - incredible Labor Day Sale and new volunteers.
- **News:** Police Commander Seifert graduated from National FBI Academy.

APPEARANCES

There were no appearances.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6164: September 23, 2022 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the September 23, 2022 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$941,790.96 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

A. Check Register | 213148-213215 | 9/16/2022 | \$819,018.06

B. Check Register | 213216-213217 | 9/23/2022 | \$16,093.71

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 September 20, 2022 Regular Hybrid Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of September 20, Regular Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6162: Domestic Violence Action Month, Proclamation No. 297

Recommended Action: Proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence Action Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6140: 2021-2022 Work Plan Update

Recommended Action: Receive Report.

AB 6165: Arbor Day Proclamation

Recommended Action: Proclaim the third Saturday in October as Arbor Day in the City of Mercer Island.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the Consent Agenda and the recommended actions contained therein.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: (Weiker)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6159: Introduction to Lobbying Team and Discussion on City's 2023 Legislative Priorities

City Manager Jessi Bon introduced the City's Lobbying Team, provided a review of the City of Mercer Island 2022 legislative priorities, a review of the Association of Washington Cities adopted 2023 legislative priorities, and on the 2023 funding requests that staff recommend including in the 2023 State legislative priorities

Nick Federici introduced the City's Lobbying Team. Mr. Federici presented about key themes for the upcoming legislative session.

Council received the presentation and provided feedback of items they would like to see included in the City of Mercer Island 2023 legislative priorities. Council gave a thumbs up to include the 2023 AWC legislative priorities, staff recommended 2023 funding requests, and incorporating them into the City's 2022 priorities to create the 2023 priorities for the City.

City Council took recess from 7:22 - 7:28 pm.

Due to technical difficulties City Council took an additional recess from 7:30-7:37pm.

AB 6163: Receive the 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget

City Manager Jessi Bon and Finance Director Matt Mornick presented the 2023-2024 preliminary budget. Finance Director Mornick presented the biennial budget calendar and schedule, an overview of the 2023 – 2024 preliminary budget. He also discussed the key assumptions that were made in the creation of the budget, opportunities and challenges in the budget. He also presented the General Fund revenues, expenditures and balance, presented the six-year forecast and next steps in the budget process.

Council received the presentation and asked questions.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:

Add a budget proposal to allocate \$15,000 to implement a gun buy-back program

PASSED: 5-2

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

AGAINST: 2 (Anderl, Nice)

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Jacobson to:

After October 18 City Council Meeting there are no further budget proposals brought forward.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

Mayor Nice checked the Councils availability for a Joint Meeting with the Mercer Island School District Board of Directors on November 3 from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Weiker might be absent on December 6.

Councilmember Reynolds

- K4C Elected Officials work session on October 13

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum:

- SCA PIC meeting next week. Thank you for everyone for moving meeting for Yom Kippur

Councilmember Weiker

- Sound Cities networking reception on October 5

ADJOURNMENT

The regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk