



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MARCH 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the regular 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 and Councilmember Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, and Ted Weinberg participated in person in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Lisa Anderl (arrived 5:03 pm) and Wendy Weiker (arrived 5:04 pm) joined via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 5-0

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

ABSENT: 2 (Anderl and Weiker)

STUDY SESSION

AB 6238: Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Program Update

YFS Administrator Tambi Cork and Interim Deputy Fire Chief Doug McDonald presented the City's Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) program – MIH191. Interim Deputy Fire Chief McDonald presented background on the benefits of the MIH program, the differences to traditional response models, and the impacts on emergency response from for low acuity frequent 911 callers. YFS Administrator Cork presented the MIH response model for Mercer Island and discussed the benefits of the program. Interim Deputy Fire Chief McDonald spoke about how the MIH program is funded through the King County EMS Levy and the coordinated regional response to the program.

Council discussed the presentation and asked questions of staff.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings Updates:** spoke about the upcoming City Council Hybrid meeting on April 4 and City Council Mid-year Planning Session on April 25. Planning Commission Regular Hybrid Meeting on March 22. Prospective Council Candidate Workshop on March 30.
- **City Services Updates:** MIPD Marine Patrol successfully recovered a sunken boat out of Lake Washington, MIFD continuous trainings on Advanced Life Support Interaction with their counterparts at Bellevue, Healthy Youth Initiative Community Presentation on March 30, Thrift Shop updates new 'Toy Room' and expanded women's apparel, Summer Camp registration now open, update on traffic safety improvement project at Sunset Highway and 77th Ave intersection.
- **Upcoming Events:** Planting Party at the Gallagher Habitat Garden on March 25, Spring Recycling Event at City Hall on March 25.

- **News:** South Mercer Playfield ribbon cutting on March 11, Preparing next generation of municipal women leader's congratulations graduates Alison Van Gorp and Merrill Thomas-Schadt.

APPEARANCES

Will Orndorff, Mercer Island, spoke in support of the Country Club bringing back their temporary tennis bubble.

Kristen Orndorff, Mercer Island, spoke in support of the Country Club bringing back their temporary tennis bubble.

Alex Tsimmerman, Mercer Island, spoke to the Council about public comment opportunities and fascism.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6229: March 10, 2023 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the March 10, 2023 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$975,206.64 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

A. Check Register | 215108-215179 | 3/3/2023 | \$1,581,204.79

B. Check Register | 215180-215268 | 3/10/2023 | \$217,605.37

C. EFT Payments | February 2023 | \$2,579,307.83

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 March 7, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6240: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 23C-03 to End the 2.7% Interim Utility Tax on City Utilities

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 23C-03, sunsetting the 2.7% interim utility tax on May 1, 2023, thereby returning on May 2, 2023 the utility tax rate on the water, sewer, and storm water utilities to 5.3%.

AB 6241: Opioid Distributors Washington Settlement

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to sign and submit the Participation Forms and Allocation Agreement related to opioid settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart, substantially in the form attached as Exhibits 1 and 2 to AB 6241, respectively.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Jacobson 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 6242: Draft Town Center Parking Study Report Handoff

City Manager Jessi Bon presented an update on the Washington State Legislative session and the impacts that proposed bills could have on parking in Town Center.

CIP Project Manager Sarah Bluvás spoke about the Town Center parking goals, provided an overview of the project timeline to date, and discussed the structure of the parking study report. CIP Project Manager Bluvás

presented Section D of the report “Strategy Recommendations”.

Council discussed the parking study and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Jacobson to:

Suspend work on the town center parking study until the end of the legislative session and to direct the city manager to come back to the council sometime in the spring with an agenda bill or agenda bills to address the quick wins identified in the presentation tonight.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the April City Council Meetings and the mid-year planning session on April 25.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Jacobson Utility board met last week the workplan for 2023 was discussed and provided an update on the SPU pipeline project.

Mayor Nice thanked the Council for the talking points on SB5466 and updated on the testimony he has given on HB1110 and HB1245

Councilmember Reynolds attended a meeting today at Deane’s Children’s Park regarding the Bike Skills Area and thanked the MI Guild for putting out the MI Directory.

Councilmember Weiker thanked Mayor Nice for all of his work in Olympia during this Legislative Session.

Councilmember Weinberg reminded everyone that there is a current Call for Artists open to design the Summer Celebration tee shirt, contact Katie Herzog for more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:32 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session in the Caucus 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) and for planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the City Council during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b).

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum and Councilmember Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, and Ted Weinberg participated in person in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Lisa Anderl and Wendy Weiker joined via Microsoft Teams.

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 8:05 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk