



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR VIDEO MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson (joined at 5:07 pm), Salim Nice, Craig Reynolds, David Rosenbaum, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated remotely using Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Anderl delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the agenda.

Passed 6-0

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

STUDY SESSION

AB 6002: Draft ADA Transition Plan

Deputy Public Works Director Patrick Yamashita and Transportation Engineer Lia Klein introduced the draft ADA Transition Plan and provided background on the purpose of an ADA Plan. They provided an overview of the public engagement process and the development process resulting in a draft plan for the City Council to consider. Staff and the City's consultant Patrick Lynch from Transpo Group answered questions from the City Council and spoke about the funding needs and sources for elements the ADA Plan and the next steps for the Plan.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Bon reported on the following items:

- Council, Boards & Commission meetings update
- Annual Council Planning Session Saturday, March 26, 2022
- Boards & Commission recruitment
- City Services Update: Mercedale playground, MICEC update, Summer Camp update, accepting comments on the draft PROS Plan, Fire inspections coming to a business near you, Climate Action Plan update, North Mercer Island/ Enatai Sewer upgrade project
- Upcoming Events: Community Conversation, MIYFS Foundation Annual Breakfast, Restoration event at Upper Luther Burbank Park, Aubrey Davis Park Trail Safety Improvement Project virtual meeting
- Some Good News: New Deputy Fire Chief Doug McDonald, 2021 MITFS Foundation Tree lot, 2021 YFS Holiday program, Thank you for supporting YFS

APPEARANCES

Linnea Augustine (Mercer Island), spoke to the Council about her concerns that kids can't play outside due to coyote sightings. She is concerned about how coyote attacks in urban environments are on the rise and

that the number of coyotes increasing.

Cheryl Malcham (Mercer Island), spoke about how she has always appreciated the sense of security the Island has provided. She detailed her experience encountering coyotes while walking her dog at night and that she filed a police report after this encounter. She expressed how this has changed her life and habits due to the coyotes.

Katty Clark (Mercer Island), spoke about her experience encountering coyotes while taking out her garbage and their dog.

Virginia Harris (Mercer Island), spoke on behalf of a resident who wasn't able to attend and their experience encountering a coyote on 88th Ave SE and how it has impacted their daily life.

Joy Matsuura (Mercer Island), spoke regarding her concerns about coyotes and about how not all of the residents are aware of the coyotes on the Island. She noted about how many pets have been victims of coyote attacks and spoke in support of the coyote management plan.

William Flower (Mercer Island), spoke about the criteria needed to take action regarding coyotes on Mercer Island and if the criteria is met then the next steps are justified.

Ira Appleman (Mercer Island), voiced his concerns about the coyote management plan and how the City has been handling coyotes. He spoke about his concerns with the experts that the City is using.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6011: January 14, 2022 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the January 14, 2022 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$876,895.18 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims

A. Check Register 210379-210476 | 1/14/2022 | \$703,626.87

B. Check Register 210477-210566 | 1/21/2022 | \$957,726.09

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 January 18, 2022

Recommended Action: Adopt the City Council Special Video Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022 as presented.

AB 6008: Roadside Shoulder Improvements, West Mercer Way Phase 3

Recommended Action:

1. Award Schedules 'A', 'B', and 'C' of the Roadside Shoulder Improvements, West Mercer Way Phase 3 project to OMA Construction, Inc.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with OMA Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$418,807.24.
3. Appropriate \$117,777 from the Street Fund to fund the West Mercer Way Phase 3 project.

AB 6009: Sustainability Committee Charter

Recommended Action: Approve the proposed Council Sustainability Committee Charter.

AB 6012: ARPA Funds Appropriation for GIS Utility Network Data Upgrade

Recommended Action: Appropriate \$110,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the GIS Utility Network Data Upgrade.

AB 6004: 2021-2022 Work Plan Update

Recommended Action: Receive report.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Weinberg 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 6007: Enterprise Financial Management System Purchase

Finance Director Matt Mornick presented information about the Enterprise Financial Management System purchase. He spoke about the age of the City's current financial management software and the process that staff have undertaken to replace the system. He discussed the project team, the process for assessing the needs of a new system, and the results from the competitive RFP process. Director Mornick and the City's consultant David Ledbetter from Berry Dunn presented the staff recommendation for replacing the system, spoke about the next steps in selecting a vendor, and answered questions from the City Council.

AB 6013: Review and Provide Feedback on Mercer Island Coyote Management Plan

City Manager Jessi Bon provided an overview of the development of the Coyote Management Plan in light of the increase in reports of incidents and interactions with coyotes on the Island. She spoke about the engagement of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the USDA Wildlife Division for advisement and assessment of coyotes on Mercer Island.

City Council asked questions of staff and provided feedback about the Coyote Management Plan.

Following questions and discussion, the City Council requested incorporating outreach, engagement, and education, and clarification regarding composting verbiage to include yard waste composting.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Weiker to:

Adopt Resolution No. 1617 endorsing the draft Coyote Management Plan.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Bon updated on the February 15 agenda including the study session for the Comprehensive Plan periodic update, King County Council Member Balducci coming to speak to the Council, PROS Plan discussion and feedback, Year-end Police report, and ARPA Project updates.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Mayor Nice attended the North-end Mayors Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum attended with the MISD School Advisory Council and PTA meetings.

Councilmember Reynolds spoke about the Climate Action Plan consultant selection.

Councilmember Weiker attended AWC Action Days, encouraged others to attend the weekly AWC Friday Action Calls.

The City Council recessed from 7:42pm to 7:51pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


At 7:51 pm, Mayor Nice convened an executive session via Microsoft Teams to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 60 minutes.

At 8:50 pm, Mayor Nice extended the executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

Mayor Nice adjourned the executive session at 9:01 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.



Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:



Andrea Larson, City Clerk