



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING JUNE 2, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Dave Rosenbaum called the Regular Hybrid Meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Slater Room Council Chambers at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Dave Rosenbaum, Deputy Mayor Daniel Becker, and Councilmembers Julie Hsieh, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg attended in person. Councilmembers Lisa Anderl and Craig Reynolds attended via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Weinberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Becker to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Andrel, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:**
 - City Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 16 at 5:00 pm
 - Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, June 3 at 6:00 pm
 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting on Thursday, June 4 at 5:00 pm
 - Utility Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 9 at 5:00 pm
 - Planning Commission Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:00 pm
- **City Updates:**
 - FIFA and the MICEC
 - Luther Burbank Park Waterfront Improvements
 - Every Drop Counts Irrigation Systems Upgrade
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Paws on Patrol on Saturday, June 6 from 10 am to 12 pm at the old City Hall parking lot
- **News:**
 - New Dog Stick Library at the Luther Burbank Park Off-Leash Area

APPEARANCES

Sabrie Lika from the Small Business Association (SBA) spoke about the SBA Disaster Assistance Programs for the December 2025 storms and noted that their goal is to ensure that all individuals and businesses impacted by the storms and flooding are aware of the funding resources available to support their recovery.

Mike Cero (Mercer Island), with Mercer Island for Sustainable Spending, addressed renovated buildings and the assumption that they have a serviceable life of 20 years, explaining that the decision to not renovate the public service building based on this assumption is wrong and a disservice to the citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6932: May 22, 2026 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the May 22, 2026 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$988,162.73 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6934: Certification for Claims Paid April 24, 2026 through May 15, 2026

Recommended Actions: Approve the April 24, 2026 through May 15, 2026 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$1,680,998.30 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026.

AB 6935: Pride Month, Proclamation No. 389

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 388 proclaiming June 2026 as Pride Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6939: Authorizing a FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure Grant Application for Replacement of the Emergency Generator at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026.

AB 6950: 2025 PSE Green Power Program Campaign Award

Recommended Action: Accept the 2025 PSE Green Power Program Campaign award in the amount of \$12,500 and direct staff to use the funds to purchase and install a solar-powered EV charging station at the Town Center Parking Facility.

It was moved by Becker; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)

The City Council was in recess from 5:18 pm to 5:26 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:25 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum convened an Executive Session in Room 104 at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA and via Microsoft Teams for approximately 60 minutes until 6:25 pm.

Executive Session 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 David Rosenbaum, Deputy Mayor Daniel Becker, and Councilmembers Julie Hsieh, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated in person. Councilmembers Lisa Anderl and Craig Reynolds participated via MS Teams.

At 6:25 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 20 minutes to 6:45 pm.

At 6:45 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 10 minutes to 6:55 pm.

At 6:55 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes to 7:00 pm.

Mayor Rosenbaum adjourned the Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

The City Council was in recess from 7:00 pm to 7:05 pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6949: AWC Annual Meeting Voting Delegate

Mayor Rosenbaum noted that Councilmembers Weiker and Weinberg have volunteered to be the voting delegates for the AWC Annual Meeting on June 25, 2026 and asked if any other Councilmembers are interested in attending.

It was moved by Becker; seconded by Andrel to:

Appoint Councilmembers Weiker and Weinberg as the voting delegate(s) at the AWC 2026 Business Meeting on June 25, 2026.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AB 6936: Renewal of Interim Development Regulations Related to Middle Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units (Ordinance No. 26-05 First Reading)

Mayor Rosenbaum opened the public hearing at 7:06 pm. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:07 pm.

CPD Director Jeff Thomas and Senior Planner Molly McGuire presented Ordinance No. 26-05 will renew the following interim development regulations for a period of six months, beginning on June 30, 2026

- Amendments to permit middle housing and allow more than one ADU per lot.
- Amendments to modify the Gross Floor area incentive for ADUs to specify that the incentive applies to single family homes with attached ADUS when an additional off-street parking space is provided for the ADU.
- A new section permitting the following housing types in the R-8.4, R9.6, R-12 and R-15 zones: duplex, triplex, fourplex, townhouses, courtyard apartments, and stacked flats, subject to unit density, affordable housing and parking standards specific to these housing types.
- Amendments to remove the owner occupancy requirement, permit up to two ADUs per lot, increase the maximum gross floor area to 1,000 square feet, add parking requirements and a few additional changes to comply with requirements in HB 1337.
- Amendments to revise and add definitions pertinent to the above amendments

It was moved by Becker; seconded by Weinberg to:

Schedule a second reading of Ordinance No. 26-05 on June 16, 2026.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AB 6937: Public Hearing on Interim Regulations Related to Unit Lot Subdivisions (SB 5258) in Title 19 MICC (First Reading, Ordinance No. 26-06)

Mayor Rosenbaum opened the public hearing at 7:15 pm. There being no public comment, the public hearing closed at 7:15 pm.

CPD Director Jeff Thomas and Senior Planner Molly McGuire presented Ordinance No. 26-06 to renew the following interim development regulations to comply with the provisions of SB 5258:

- Adds a new section to the City's subdivision regulations, which enables the creation of unit lot subdivisions using the City's existing short plat process.
- Adds Preliminary Unit Lot Subdivision and Final Unit Lot Subdivision to the City's Land Use Review Type table
- Adds definitions for Parent Lot and Unit Lot

It was moved by Becker; seconded by Weinberg to:

Schedule a second reading of Ordinance No. 26-06 on June 16, 2026

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AB 6938: Public Hearing of MICC Title 5 Amendments Anti-Displacement Measures (First Reading, Ord. No. 26C-07)

Mayor Rosenbaum opened the public hearing at 7:20 pm.

Stefany Forde (Mercer Island) expressed concern about extending the renewal notice requirements from 90 to 180 days, explaining that it would create more stress and fewer options for renters.

Mayor Rosenbaum closed the public hearing at 7:24 pm.

CPD Director Jeff Thomas and Principal Planner Adam Zack briefly reviewed the background related to the Growth Management Act and Comprehensive Plan and prior City Council direction to evaluate the anti-displacement policies.

They then presented draft Ordinance No. 26C-07, proposing a new chapter in MICC Title 5 to implement anti-displacement measures required under the GMHB Order. The ordinance would link rental property operational standards to the annual business license certification process for residential landlords. The proposed chapter establishes a rental property license requirement and outlines compliance standards, with penalties for noncompliance including fines or misdemeanor charges.

The chapter includes seven components:

- Definitions
- License requirements
- Fees
- Rental property license application contents
- Operating requirements for rental properties with five or more units
- Relocation assistance dispute resolution process
- Penalties for violations

It was moved by Becker; seconded by Reynolds to:

Schedule a second reading of Ordinance No. 26C-07 on June 16, 2026

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Reynolds to:

Amend Ordinance No. 26C-07 to reduce the required notice from one-hundred eighty (180) days to one-hundred twenty (120) days prior to an increase in rent.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Anderl to:

Amend Ordinance No. 26C-07 to state accordingly, Landlord shall notify all tenants or subtenants at least one-hundred twenty (120) days prior to an increase in rent exceeding a cumulative three (3) percent in any twelve- (12)-month period. This standard only applies to a rental agreement commencing on or after the effective date of this chapter.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AMENDED MOTION PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Deputy Mayor Becker attended an ARCH elected officials' event where there was a lot of discussion on low-income housing.

Councilmember Weinberg spoke about the June 1 K4C meeting where the outcome of 2026 climate related

bills was discussed. He noted that his next open lunch is 6/20 at noon at Haps.
Councilmember Reynolds reported on the upcoming Parks & Recreation meeting.
Councilmember Anderl thanked Community Planning & Development staff for their work on the presentation.
Councilmember Hsieh reported on the following: PSRC General Assembly met on May 28, National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Pride Month, Farmers Market Opening Day, First Friday Art Walk, a Mosaic MI Open Mic and Listening Room is scheduled for First Thursday at Aljoya from 7 to 9:30 PM, and Community Coffee has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 10 from 11 AM to 12:30 PM at Asa.
Mayor Rosenbaum acknowledged Memorial Day and thanked staff for all their work to prepare for a busy summer with FIFA, Seafair, 4th of July, and Summer Celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Attest:

Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor

Deborah Estrada, Deputy City Clerk