



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice 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 Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor Dave Rosenbaum, and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Daniel Becker, Craig Reynolds, and Ted Weinberg attended in person. Councilmember Wendy Weiker was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Becker to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

SPECIAL BUSINESS

AB 6781: Mercer Island Community Fund Recognition

Recreation Supervisor Katie Herzog spoke about the sponsorship contributions from the Mercer Island Community Fund over the past five years to support Mostly Music in the Park, Summer Celebration, Shakespeare in the Park, Illuminate MI, Leap for Green, Community Coffee, and many more.

She thanked the Mercer Island Community Fund for their leadership, partnership, and dedication to the Mercer Island Community.

Mayor Nice read Resolution No. 1683 into the record. City Councilmembers thanked the Community Fund for their contributions over the years.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Anderl to:

Approve Resolution No. 1683 recognizing the Mercer Island Community Fund's contributions to the Recreation Division and the City of Mercer Island.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:**
 - City Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 21 at 5:00 pm
 - Planning Commission Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00 pm
 - Arts Council Meeting on Wednesday, October 15 at 5:30 pm
 - Open Space Conservancy Trust on Thursday, October 16 at 5:00 pm

- Parks & Recreation Commission Special Meeting on Monday, October 20 at 5:00 pm
- **City Updates:**
 - E-motorcycle Collaboration – Staff recently attended a City Stakeholder Group meeting hosted by the Association of Washington Cities to discuss e-motorcycles with attendees from 11 cities in the region.
 - Clarke & Groveland Beach Parks Joint Infrastructure Plan – Three design concepts for both Clarke and Groveland Beach Parks have been designed and the community is invited to review the concepts and then complete a survey for one or both parks on Let's Talk.
 - Traffic Signal Update – Sound Transit's contractor has successfully turned on the new traffic signal at SE 27th Street and 80th Avenue SE. This traffic signal was installed as part of the East Link mitigation, to improve vehicle and pedestrian mobility near the new light rail station.
 - Mid-Autum Festival – On Sunday the Mercer Island Chinese Association partnered with the City to bring the Mid-Autum Festival to MICEC last Sunday. There were approximately 1,000 people in attendance.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Coffee with a Cop: October 18 from 9 – 11am at the Southend Starbucks
 - Arbor Day: October 25 from 10 am – 1pm at Clarke Beach Park
 - Fall Recycling Event: October 25 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Mercer Island Boat Launch
 - Town Center Trick-or-Treating: October 31 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm in the Town Center
- **News:**
 - WSDOT finished the I-90 Expansion joint replacement on October 4.
 - Roanoke Park Open for Play! The City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission celebrated the reopening of Roanoke Park Playground on October 7.

APPEARANCES

Addie Smith spoke about being a hate crime survivor.

Paul Quinn (Sammamish) spoke about garbage and recycling rates.

Sue Stewart (Mercer Island) spoke on behalf of Friends of Luther Burbank Park in opposition to a shell house at Calkins Point in Luther Burbank Park and noted that Friends of Luther Burbank Park do support the addition of a shell house at Clarke Beach Park.

Evan Lawler (Bainbridge Island) spoke about the fee in lieu program for affordable housing.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6782: September 25, 2025 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the September 25, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$969,041.71 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6783: Certification for Claims Paid August 31, 2025 through September 15, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the August 31, 2025 through September 15, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$3,312,879.91 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025.

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025.

AB 6784: Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Proclamation No. 372

Recommended Actions: Approve Proclamation No. 372 proclaiming October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6785: Arbor Day, Proclamation No. 373

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 373 proclaiming the fourth Saturday in October as Arbor Day in the City of Mercer Island.

AB 6773: Luther Burbank Boiler Building Phase 1 Project Closeout

Recommended Action: Accept the completed project and authorize staff to close it out.

AB 6786: Indigenous Peoples' Day, Proclamation No. 374

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 374 proclaiming October 13, 2025 as Indigenous Peoples' Day on Mercer Island.

AB 6769: 2025 Work Plan Update

Recommended Action: Receive report. No action necessary.

AB 6787: City Manager Annual Performance Review

Recommended Action: Accept City Manager's annual performance review for June 2024 through May 2025.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, and the recommendations contained therein.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6778: Naming the Pickleball Courts at Luther Burbank Park as the "Jake Jacobson Pickleball Courts"

Mayor Nice spoke about renaming the pickleball courts at Luther Burbank Park as the "Jake Jacobson Pickleball Courts" in memorial of Councilmember Jake Jacobson who passed away in March 2025.

City Council discussed Councilmember Jacobson's contributions to the community and the merits of the memorial.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Adopt Resolution No. 1682 acknowledging and commending Jake Jacobson's service to the Mercer Island community by naming the pickleball courts at Luther Burbank Park as the "Jake Jacobson Pickleball Courts."

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

AB 6775: Briefing on Fee in Lieu of Work for Town Center Affordable Housing

CPD Director Jeff Thomas introduced CPD Deputy Director Alison Van Gorp who presented the background on the fee in lieu work for Town Center affordable housing. She discussed the preliminary nexus study that was conducted to evaluate the connection between new market rate housing development and the need for affordable housing.

CPD Deputy Director Van Gorp spoke about the Growth Management Hearing Board decision that was issued on an appeal of the City's Comprehensive Plan and how the decision requires the City to make further amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations, including changes to the Town Center development regulations and affordable housing incentives. She spoke about how the fee in lieu option will need to be structured to align with the changes to the Town Center development regulations, that additional analysis will likely be needed, and the staff recommendation that the consideration of fee in lieu policy options

be deferred to 2026 and coordinated with the Comprehensive Plan and development amendments.

City Council discussed the proposal and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Anderl to:

Table the work on consideration of a fee in lieu option until 2026 and direct the City Manager to coordinate consideration of a fee in lieu option with Comprehensive Plan and development code amendments related to compliance with the Growth Management Hearings Board Final Decision and Order in 2026.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the November 4 Meeting and noted that there may be need to hold the second meeting in December.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum noted there is a SCA PIC meeting on October 8.

Councilmember Weinberg noted he attended the SCA PIC meeting, the Sound Transit joint meeting of the Regional Transportation Boards, and the K4C meetings in September, and that his next monthly open brunch is on October 18 at The Crawlspace Gastropub.

Councilmember Reynolds noted he attended the K4C meeting in September and that he will be absent from the November 4 City Council meeting.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Excuse Councilmember Weiker's absence from tonight's meeting.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.


Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:



Andrea Larson, City Clerk