



REVISED CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING JUNE 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the Special Hybrid Meeting to order at 5:01 pm from a remote location.

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum (joined 5:05 pm) and Councilmember Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker (joined 5:14 pm), and Ted Weinberg participated remotely using Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Jacobson to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 5-0

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

ABSENT: 2 (Rosenbaum and Weiker)

STUDY SESSION

AB 6287: Financial Management Software Implementation Update

Finance Director Matt Mornick introduced the Finance team who has been working on the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software implementation, provided background on the project, and discussed the three phased timeline of implementation.

Accounting Specialist Jennifer Peterson spoke about the accounts payable process using the new centralized database with a fully digital process, discussed the eventual phasing out of paper checks with an Automate Clearing House, and spoke about the 1099 process that will now be in-house instead through a third-party vendor.

Financial Analyst Ben Schumacher spoke about the efficiencies that will be gained using the new financial management system including the ability to track project activity across multiple years using a centralized database and spoke about the expanded reporting capabilities.

Systems Analyst Gracie Liu presented a comparison of the current financial reporting versus the expanded reporting capabilities with the new financial management system, discussed the staff time that will be saved with these new reporting capabilities, and spoke about the next steps in the implementation of the ERP.

The City Council asked questions of staff.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** Update on the City Hall closure. Upcoming City Council Meeting on July 5. Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting on June 28. Arts Council recruitment open now through August 25.

- **City Services Updates:** Luther Burbank Park sports court renovation update, Luther Burbank Park public art is seeking community input to develop unique icons and designs for the 12 bronze pieces that will be inlaid into the new pavement at the Luther Burbank waterfront, Pedestrian corner improvements on the southeast corner of Island Crest Way and SE 40th, Right-of-Way safety maintenance with new LED lights and replacement of raised pavement markers, there were six restoration events over the last two weeks, updated on the Bike Skills Area, June Celebrations for Pride in the Park and Juneteenth Community Celebration.
- **Upcoming Events:** Annual Emergency Well Training on June 23, Emergency Preparedness and MIRO Field day at Luther Burbank Park on June 24, Senior Lunch and Conversation on June 27 at MICEC, Summer Celebration on July 15.
- **News:** Design selected for the Summer Celebration shirts by Mercer Island resident Ashley Dimick. Thank you to Officer Jennifer Franklin for service to Mercer Island.

APPEARANCES

Addie Smith spoke about being a hate crime survivor.

Betty Lee (Mercer Island) spoke about automated license plate readers.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6288: June 2, 2023 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the June 2, 2023 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$1,032,589.07 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

A. Check Register | 216024-216152 | 6/9/2023 | \$1,261,248.29

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 June 6, 2023 Special Hybrid Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023 Special Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6286: Renew 2024-2026 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program Consortiums

Recommended Action: Authorize the automatic 2024-2026 renewal of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County for the Community Development Block Grant Consortium and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Consortium.

It was moved by Reynolds; 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 6285: Adoption of Interim Outdoor Dining Regulations (Ordinance No. 23C-09)

Deputy CPD Director Alison Van Gorp presented the background of the outdoor dining regulations and how the State Legislature extended the temporary regulations through July 1, 2025. She also discussed how Ordinance No. 23C-09 will extend the outdoor dining regulations for one year while staff researches permanent regulations.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Anderl to:

Adopt, at first reading under City Council Rules of Procedures 6.3(C)(3), Ordinance No. 23C-09 on interim regulations in MICC 19.11.060 related to outdoor dining and schedule a public hearing for July 18, 2023.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the July 5 and 18 City Council Meetings.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Jacobson thanked staff for keeping up with plantings in the median on Island Crest and in Town Center.

Councilmember Reynolds thanked staff and community for the work on the Pride and Juneteenth events and congratulated Officer Franklin on her retirement.

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum thanked staff and community for the work on the Pride and Juneteenth events.

Councilmember Weiker congratulated MIHS graduates.

Councilmember Weinberg thanked staff and community for the work on the Juneteenth event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:23 pm, Mayor Nice convened an 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) for approximately 60 minutes.

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg joined via Microsoft Teams.

At 7:23 pm, Mayor Nice extended the Executive Session by 30 minutes.

At 7:53 pm, Mayor Nice extended the Executive Session by 15 minutes.

At 8:08 pm, Mayor Nice extended the Executive Session by 15 minutes.

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 8:13 pm.

OPEN SESSION

At 8:27 pm Mayor Nice reconvened the Special Hybrid Meeting from a remote location.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Anderl to:

Direct the City Manager to begin negotiations with Eastside Fire and Rescue for Regional Fire Services consistent with the RFP issued by the City and the response to the RFP received from Eastside Fire and Rescue, and to prepare and bring to the City Council at the earliest opportunity an agenda bill presenting the City Manager's recommendation on the RFP for Regional Fire Services.

Councilmember Weinberg raised a Point of Order regarding Section 5.5 of the City Council Rules of Procedure in which Councilmembers agree to not propose essential amendments and or revisions to any agenda item unless they provide at least 48 hours advance notice to review any written proposal. He stated that Council did not have 48 hours advance notice to review this written proposal.

Mayor Nice found the Point of Order was not well taken and ruled against the Point of Order.

Councilmember Weinberg appealed the Point of Order ruling.

Point of Order Upheld: 5-2

FOR: 5 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, and Weiker)

AGAINST: 2 (Reynolds and Weinberg)


MAIN MOTION PASSED: 5-2

FOR: 5 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, and Weiker)

AGAINST: 2 (Reynolds and Weinberg)

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.



Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:



Andrea Larson, City Clerk