



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MAY 5, 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, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg attended in person. Councilmember Lisa Anderl attended via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Hsieh lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, 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, May 19 at 5:00 pm
 - Planning Commission Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 pm
 - Utility Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 5:00 pm
 - Planning Commission Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 pm
- **City Updates:**
 - Annual Board & Commission Recruitment – Open through May 8 for vacant and expiring positions on the City's advisory boards and commissions. Appointments are scheduled for the May 19 City Council meeting.
 - 80th Avenue SE Improvements – Work continues on the sidewalk improvement project in Town Center, focusing on replacing sidewalks, trees, and lighting along the east side of 80th Avenue SE.
 - Sewer SCADA System Replacement – Installation of a new flow meter at Sewer Pump Station 11 is taking place this week. This installation marks the final step in the City's Sewer SCADA Systems Replacement project that began in 2023.
 - Senior Light Rail Transportation Support – In partnership with Hopelink Transportation, YFS Services Specialist Marjorie Carlson coordinated an outing to ride the light rail and teach seniors how to navigate the light rail system.
 - Mercer Island Preschool Association (MIPA) Annual Circus – Last Saturday was the MIPA Annual Circus. The event welcomed approximately 1,000 attendees. The Recreation Team, Public Works, MIPD and Eastside Fire and Rescue all participated in the event.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Free Senior Community Lunch at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center on May 11 – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.
 - Family Movie Night at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center on May 15 at 5:00 pm.

- **News:**
 - Future E-Motorcycle Safety Regulations – The Department of Licensing is setting up a work group focused on a revised statutory framework for electric motorcycles. AWC has asked Mercer Island to be the AWC representative for the work group and the City has designated Management Analyst Amelia Tjaden to represent us and AWC.

APPEARANCES

Jim Thaerzadeh (Mercer Island) spoke about his requested changes to the tree code in Title 19 of the Mercer Island City Code.

Elizabeth McAuley (Mercer Island) thanked the Council for issuing the National Boating Safety Week proclamation.

Addie Smith spoke about being a hate crime survivor.

Jim Stanton (Mercer Island) expressed support for adoption of the 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6913: April 24, 2026 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the April 24, 2026 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$975,663.63 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6914: Certification for Claims Paid March 31, 2026 through April 15, 2026

Recommended Actions: Approve the March 31, 2026 through April 15, 2026 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$2,111,879.53 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2026 and City Council Special Hybrid Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2026

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2026 and City Council Special Hybrid Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2026.

AB 6915: Affordable Housing Week, Proclamation No. 384

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 384 proclaiming May 18-22, 2026, as Affordable Housing Week on Mercer Island.

AB 6916: National Boating Safety Week, Proclamation No. 385

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 385 proclaiming May 16-22, 2026 as National Boating Safety Week on Mercer Island.

AB 6924: Jewish American Heritage Month, Proclamation No. 386

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 386 Proclaiming May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6917: Eastside Transportation Partnership Letter in Support of Sound Transit Link Light Rail 4 Line

Recommended Action: Authorize Councilmembers Weinberg and Hsieh to vote in favor of the Eastside Transportation Partnership's Letter in Support of Sound Transit Link 4 Line.

AB 6922: SCA 2027 Sewer Rates Response Letter

Recommended Action: Direct the City Council liaison to the Sound Cities Association Public Issues

Committee, Councilmember Weiker, to support the SCA Sewer Rates Response Letter (Exhibit 1) and take action on behalf of the City Council on any proposed amendments.

AB 6923: EPSCA Successor Interlocal Agreement

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Successor Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency Joint Board, substantially in the form presented in Exhibit 1 and to approve and execute any future amendments to the ILA that are determined to be de minimis or non-substantive and in the best interest of the City.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, 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 5:22 pm – 5:27 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

At 5:27 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 45 minutes until 6:15 pm.

Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

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

City Attorney Bio Park participated in person.

At 6:15 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 15 minutes to 6:30 pm.

At 6:30 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 15 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 10 minutes to 7:05 pm.

At 7:05 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes to 7:10 pm.

Mayor Rosenbaum adjourned the Executive Session at 7:10 pm.

The City Council was in recess from 7:10 pm – 7:15 pm. At 7:15 pm the Regular Meeting resumed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6918: Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) General Assembly Voting Delegate

Mayor Rosenbaum explained that the Council needs to appoint a voting delegate for the Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly Meeting on May 28, 2026. He noted that Councilmember Hsieh is planning to attend the meeting and asked if any other Councilmembers were also interested in attending.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Becker to:

Appoint Councilmember Hsieh as the voting delegate at the PSRC General Assembly on May 28,

2026.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6919: Continuance of the April 7, 2026 Public Hearing and Adoption of 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Rosenbaum opened the public hearing at 7:16 pm. There were no public comments.

Mayor Rosenbaum closed the public hearing at 7:17 pm.

Public Works Deputy Director Kellye Hilde presented the 2027-3032 Transportation Improvement Program, noting there were no changes to the project list from the TIP preview on April 7.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Becker to:

Adopt the 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in Exhibit 1

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6921: Fiscal Year 2025 Year-End Financial Status Update and Budget Amending Ordinance

Finance Director Matt Mornick spoke about the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget, the revenues and expenditures in the General Fund in 2025, and 2025 sales tax revenues. He discussed the business and occupation tax, annual interest earnings, and the available fund balance in the General Fund. Finance Director Mornick noted the basis for the year-end balance in the General Fund is mostly due to unspent prior year available fund balance and due to strong revenue activity at the end of 2025.

Finance Director Mornick spoke about the long-term liabilities that the General Fund carries, the Contingency Fund balance, and how the funds from the 2017 Sound Transit settlement agreement were spent and highlighted capital improvements that were completed using these funds. He presented the budget appropriations that are included in Ordinance No. 26-04 and the next steps that lead to the presentation of the 2027-2028 preliminary budget to the City Council this fall.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 26-04, amending the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6920: Presentation on the Existing Condition of the Public Works Building

Senior Management Analyst Robbie Cunningham Adams introduced Brett Hanson from Mackenzie who spoke about the existing conditions of the Public Works building. Mr. Hanson discussed the history of the Public Works building from 1980 through 2026 and presented the findings from the assessment of the Public works building. He noted the building is nearly 46 years old, does not meet current building standards, has seismic deficiencies and multiple failing systems, and houses departments and teams the building was never intended for.

Mr. Hanson discussed the need for additional investment in the Public Works building to extend the serviceable life of the building, noting that the improvements presented to extend the life of the Public Works building do not address the needed investments in the Public Works Yard or other maintenance structures.

Mr. Hanson presented the architectural deficiencies in the building, and the renovation approach to address:

- Life safety and egress updates
- Accessibility updates
- Exterior building enclosure insulation upgrades.

He spoke about the structural assessment of the building, what was addressed in previous renovation work in 2023, and the deficiencies that still remain to address seismic deficiencies, noting that the work completed in 2023 did not constitute a full seismic upgrade. He discussed the renovation approach to address the seismic

remediations to meet Seismic Category III.

City Council asked questions and provided feedback.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Weinberg noted he attended the K4C meeting and that his next monthly open brunch is on May 16 at the Crawlspace.

Councilmember Hsieh noted she attended the Sustainable Fashion Show, the Clarke Beach Park nature art event, an elected officials tour of the airfield hosted by the Port of Seattle and the Seattle/Tacoma International Airport, and the first Friday art walk. She noted on Thursday she will be hosting a community group ride on the light rail to Seattle.

The City Council was in recess from 9:20 pm to 9:28 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

At 9:28 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 15 minutes until 9:43 pm.

Executive Session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

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

At 9:43 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes to 9:48 pm.

At 9:48 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes to 9:53 pm.

Mayor Rosenbaum adjourned the Executive Session at 9:50 pm.

City Council was in recess from 9:50 pm – 9:53 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.


Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor

Attest:


Andrea Larson, City Clerk