



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING APRIL 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, and Ted Weinberg participated in person in Council Chambers.

Councilmember Wendy Weiker participated remotely using Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Jacobson to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 7-0

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings Update:** Upcoming meetings joint meeting with MISD 4/21, Hybrid Meeting 5/3. Arts Council 4/20, OSCT 4/21, PRC 4/26. Annual recruitment for Boards & Commission seats.
- **City Services Updates:** Supporting Summer Celebration event sponsorship opportunities are available, Mercerdale Playground update, YFS Healthy Youth Initiative Parenting Skills Class: Guiding Good Choices, MIFD completes Highrise tactical training, successful water shutdown with no services interruptions to residents or businesses, Community Conversations: The Stories that Shape Us, April 26 at SJCC.
- **Community Updates:** MIPA Circus is back on April 30, Mercer Island Blood Drive partnered with MIPA on June 3 at MICEC.
- **News:** Aubrey Davis Park Picnic Shelter construction is beginning and expect to be available later this summer, spring cleaning underway, successful Spring Recycling Event with 53,080 pounds of discarded materials, MIPD 2021 Awards, Mercer Island Community Fund, and 4Culture help kick off summer fun.

APPEARANCES

Sue Stewart (Mercer Island), Friends of Luther Burbank Park, spoke about climate change and how it is affecting the parks. She expressed her concerns about building a bike skills area in Upper Luther Burbank park.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6063: April 8, 2022 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the April 8, 2022 Payroll Certification (Exhibit 1) in the amount of \$955,810.71 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims

- A. Check Register 211286 – 211380 | 4/1/2022 | \$395,482.98**
- B. Check Register 211381 – 211455 | 4/8/2022 | \$649,663.68**
- C. EFT Payments | March 2022 | \$2,301,328.20**

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:

December 21, 2021 Executive Session

March 26, 2022 Planning Session

April 5, 2022 Regular Hybrid Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Executive Session, March 26, 2022 Planning Session, and April 5, 2022 Regular Hybrid City Council Meeting.

AB 6062: 2022 Water System Improvements (Madrona Crest East) Project Bid Award

Recommended Action:

- 1. Award the 2022 Water System Improvements (Madrona Crest East) project to Fury Site Works, Inc.
- 2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Fury Site Works, Inc. in an amount of \$1,864,262.
- 3. Set the total project budget at \$2,767,115.

AB 6058: Earth Day Proclamation (No. 288)

Recommended Action: Proclaim April 22, 2022, as Earth Day in the City of Mercer Island and encourage local action in the protection of the environment.

AB 6051: Public Works Department Staffing Requests

Recommended Action:

- 1. Authorize a hire-ahead (1.0 LTE) for the Utilities Engineer position using capital improvement project funding and existing salary savings.
- 2. Authorize a 0.5 FTE increase for the Stormwater Quality Technician position to 1.0 FTE.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds 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 6064: Review and Approve the Draft 2023-2024 City Council Priorities

Chief of Administration Ali Spietz presented the draft 2023-2024 City Council Priorities.

Mayor Nice read the 2023-2024 City Council Priorities into the record.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Adopt the 2023-2024 City Council Priorities.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6065: Financial Status Update: Fiscal Year 2021 Year-End and Budget Amending Ordinance

Finance Director Matt Mornick presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Year-End Report and budget amending ordinance. He spoke about the budget vs. actuals for 2021, 2021 fund balance overview, 2021 General Fund surplus, 2021 general sales tax exceeded forecast, Business License and B&O tax, license, permitting, and zoning fee revenues, General Fund expenditures, REET revenues. He also presented on the timeline for the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget and how Council could direct use of the 2021 surplus.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 22-04 amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6066: Special Events Sponsorship Policy

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly and Recreation Coordination Katie Herzog presented the Special Events Sponsorship Policy for City Council review and approval. Recreation Manager Daly spoke to how the need for this policy was identified and the process it went through with the Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC) to help meet the community needs for events while still meeting the goals outlined in the Recreation restart plan. Recreation Coordinator Herzog presented on the engagement and development process that was conducted by the Parks & Recreation Commission how the policy will provide guidance for staff of when fee waivers or fee reductions can be applied to special events, and next steps should the policy be approved.

City Council discussed and asked questions about the Special Events Sponsorship Policy.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Jacobson to:

Approve the Special Events Sponsorship Policy.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6061: Contract Lobbyist

City Manager Jessi Bon presented information to the Council about hiring a lobbyist to support the City Council and City Manager's office on legislative matters. She provided an overview of lobbyist services that are generally included, discussed the draft scope of work for support at both the State and Federal level, and covered the next steps and timeline for the process.

City Council discussed and asked questions about the proposal.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve lobbyist scope of work and authorize the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for lobbyist services.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Weinberg to:

Appoint a City Council Ad-Hoc committee of Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum, Councilmember Weiker and Councilmember Jacobson, to review and interview qualified consultants and prepare a final recommendation for consideration by the full City Council.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Bon spoke about upcoming meetings: Joint meeting with MISD on April 21, Hybrid City Council meeting on May 3. City Manager Bon also reminded Council about the August recess.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Anderl will be absent from the Joint Meeting with MISD School Board.

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum spoke about the SCA PIC meeting last week and their conversations around climate action and how can cities get more resources.

Councilmember Weiker spoke about the AWC Annual conference in June.


The regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:41 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session in the Farside Room at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA and via Microsoft Teams. The Executive Session was to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 60 minutes.

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 7:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT


Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:



Andrea Larson, City Clerk