



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL VIDEO MEETING May 18, 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Benson Wong called the Executive Session to order at 4:01pm pm from a remote location to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i) for approximately 60 minutes.

Mayor Benson Wong, Deputy Mayor Wendy Weiker and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Salim Nice, Craig Reynolds, and David Rosenbaum participated remotely using the teleconferencing platform Microsoft Teams.

City Manager Jessi Bon and City Attorney Bio Park participated in the executive session from a remote location using Microsoft Teams.

City Clerk Estrada notified those participants watching the meeting that the Executive Session would be extended to 6:15 pm

Mayor Wong adjourned the executive session at 6:15 pm

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Wong called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm from a remote location.

Mayor Wong, Deputy Mayor Wendy Weiker, and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Salim Nice, Craig Reynolds, and David Rosenbaum participated remotely using a video teleconferencing platform by Zoom.

City Manager Bon participated remotely from City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington. The City Attorney and Mercer Island City Leadership Team participated from remote locations.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wong delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the agenda.

Passed 7-0

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Bon reported on the following items:

- COVID-19 Update
 - Youth 12+ Eligible for Vaccine
 - MI Leading Vaccinations
 - Updated CDC Masking Guidance
 - State Set to Reopen June 30
 - City of Mercer Island – Re-Opening Plans (In development)
- City Council & Board & Commissions Virtual Meetings
- City Service Updates
 - Vehicle Prowls

- Tips for Keeping Your Vehicle Safe from Prowlers
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Annual Backflow Assembly Tests due Soon
- Thrift Shop Update, Donation Event, and Closed May 30
- BeREAL Young Adult Program
- Incredible Years Parenting Program
- YFS Program: Most Steer Clear
- Some Good News:
 - Mercer Island Farmers Market
 - MIFS & Local Partners Successfully Rescue Worker
 - Closed for Memorial Day

APPEARANCES

Addie Smith, Mercer Island – Explained that she and her daughter are hate crime survivors. She further explained that the Mercer Island Police refused to write police reports and insisted that the FBI must investigate the City of Mercer Island.

John Hamer, Mercer Island – Expressed his gratitude to staff and Council for ensuring that the new Mercerdale Park playground equipment is accessible to everyone.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Accounts Payable Reports for the periods ending:

- A) April 30, 2021 in the amount of \$326,838.91
- B) April May 7, 2021 in the amount of \$592,142.97

Recommended Action: Certify that the materials or services hereinbefore specified have been received and that all warrant numbers listed are approved for payment.

Certification of Payroll dated May 7, 2021 in the amount of \$784,301.77

Recommended Action: Certify that the materials or services specified have been received and that all fund warrants are approved for payment.

Approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2021 City Council Planning Session.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes as written.

AB 5871: 2021 East Mercer Way Emergency Roadway Repair

Recommended Actions:

- 1) Appropriate \$337,872 from the existing Street Fund balance to complete the emergency roadway repair.
- 2) Award the 2021 East Mercer Way Landslide Repair contract to Neptune General Contractors in the amount of \$233,266.50. Set the total project budget to \$337,872 and direct the City Manager to execute the construction contract.

AB 5869: City Facility Security Upgrades

Recommended Action: Appropriate \$29,182 from the available fund balance in the Capital Improvement Fund for site security upgrades at the Luther Burbank Administrative Building and Mercer Island Thrift Shop.

AB 5877: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Proclamation No. 271

Recommended Action: Mayor Wong proclaims May 2021 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Approve the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein as amended.

PASSED: 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5872: Scoping Session on Town Center Parking Study

Jeff Thomas, Interim Community & Development Director, explained that the City Council approved a 2021-2022 budget proposal to conduct a Town Center Parking Study to review the current code, review existing parking restrictions, and identify opportunities for parking improvements within the Town Center. He further explained that three studies (2008 KPG Study, 2015 BP Squared, and 2016 BERK Study) attempted to address concerns related to Town Center parking supply vs. demand and potential impacts of future Town Center development on parking supply.

The following topics relative to the parking study were discussed:

- 2016 Parking Inventory
- Past Analysis Comparison
- Parking Supply and Parking Usage
- Parking Regulations and Management
- Walkability and Wayfinding

Sarah Bluvas, Economic Development Coordinator, asked City Council a series of questions to understand what City Council hoped to receive as a result of the 2021 study and its expectations for community engagement. There was **Council Consensus** to include in the study walkability, wayfinding, viability of angled parking, and to include a community engagement process.

Staff will return in July with a draft project scope for City Council approval.

AB 5874: First Quarter 2021 Financial Status Update & 2021-2022 Budget Amendments (Ord. No. 21-11).

Matt Mornick, Finance Director, reviewed the 2021 First Quarter Financial Status Update, which included financial actuals for revenue and expenditure categories through March 31, 2021. He also explained that Ordinance No. 21-11 outlined budget amendments in the current biennium, which involved grant revenues, efforts to restart the Thrift Shop and Recreation services, water system improvements, and City Council approved uses of the FY 2020 year-end General Fund surplus. The budget reflected in the financial status update did not include any budget amendments adopted by ordinance for the 2021-2022 biennial budget.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Reynolds to:

Suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure 6.3, requiring a second reading for an ordinance.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Jacobson to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 21-11, amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 5868: Luther Burbank Park Docks and Adjacent Waterfront Concept Design Recommendation

Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations and Public Works Director, introduced Peter Struck, Parks and Recreation Commission, who explained that the Parks and Recreation Commission had prepared a recommendation on the preferred concept design for the Luther Burbank Docks and Adjacent Waterfront project.

It was explained that the Department of Natural Resources owned the land and that the existing docks were deteriorating. Extensive public engagement was involved over a five-week period and an online survey produced 131 responses. The concept design and project design were reviewed with Council.

Staff further explained that of the \$219,000 approved budget for the Luther Burbank Dock Repair and Reconfiguration Project in the 2021-2022 capital budget, \$42,000 was solely for 30% design of the docks. The project did not include funding for design of the adjacent waterfront and therefore an appropriation of \$113,000 was needed to complete the remaining 30% design work for the adjacent waterfront.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Anderl to:

Approve the Luther Burbank Dock and Adjacent Waterfront concept design recommendation as

presented by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Nice to:

Appropriate \$113,000 from the available fund balance in the Capital Improvement Fund to complete the 30% project design for the adjacent waterfront elements with the understanding that staff is pursuing grant reimbursement for a portion of the design costs.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Jacobson to:

Direct the Parks and Recreation Commission to review the preliminary 30% design and make a recommendation to the City Council on the final scope of the project.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 5876: Mercedale Park Playground Renovation Appropriation Request

Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations and Public Works Director, and Paul West, CIP Project Manager outlined the proposed project scope for the Mercedale Park Playground Renovation Project. They went onto explain that the Mercedale Park Playground Renovation Project was originally scheduled for a "like for like" replacement and it was anticipated that the aging play structure would be replaced with similar equipment. Public input received throughout the design process, however, strongly favored a playground design that expanded ADA accessibility and would provide for a more inclusive play environment.

The playground replacement proposal was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The approved project budget was \$490,000 and the current proposal was estimated at \$843,000, exceeding the project budget by \$353,000. Staff recommended an appropriation of funds from the Capital Improvement Fund Balance and Park Impact Fees to cover the additional project costs.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weiker to:

Accept the proposed project design for the Mercedale Park Renovation Project and approve the amended project budget of \$843,000.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Accept the \$20,000 donation from the Mercer Island Preschool Association and appropriate the donated funds to the Mercedale Park Renovation Project. Authorize the City Manager to direct additional donations to the project.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Reynolds to:

Direct the City Manager to complete the park impact fee funding evaluation for this project and authorize the appropriation of the maximum amount of eligible park impact fees to this project.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Reynolds to:

Authorize the remaining project funds to be drawn from the available fund balance in the Capital Improvement Fund.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 5870: City Council Rules of Procedure Amendment (Resolution No. 1597)

Jessi Bon, City Manager, and Deborah Estrada, City Clerk, explained that at the April 27, 2021 City Council

Planning Session, the Council identified a number of proposed changes to the City Council Rules of Procedure.

Amendments addressed the following:

- City Advisory Boards & Commissions Appointments
- Remote Meeting Changes
- Order of Regular City Council Meeting Agenda
- Duties of Officers
- Duties of the Mayor and Presiding Officer were clarified.
- Housekeeping

Council requested additional amendments:

- Removing "Statement" from Code of Ethics
- Grammatical changes

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Approve Resolution No. 1597 amending the City Council Rules of Procedure as set forth in Exhibit A.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Bon reported on the June 1 agenda, noting that the Town Center discussion was pushed out to the July 6 meeting. Bon also briefly described the status of hybrid meetings with Council.

Councilmember Absences

There were no absences reported.

Councilmember Reports


Deputy Mayor Weiker reported that the King County Climate Cities Coalition is meeting on June 3 at 2 o'clock

Councilmember Jacobson reported that the Transportation Partnership met virtually the Friday prior.

Mayor Wong addressed King County's Clear Water Plan that might have impacts on utility rates for several years.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular Council Meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm.



Benson Wong, Mayor

Attest:



Deborah A. Estrada, City Clerk