



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH MISD BOARD

### APRIL 25, 2019

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#### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Debbie Bertlin and MISD President Brian Giannini Upton called the meeting to order at 4:51 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Deputy Mayor Salim Nice, Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Bruce Bassett, Wendy Weiker, David Wisenteiner (arrived at 4:56 pm) and Benson Wong were present. MISD President Brian Giannini Upton, and Directors Ralph Jorgenson, David D'Souza, and Deborah Lurie were present. Director Drinkwater was absent.

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS

The City Council and MISD Board conducted a joint meeting to discuss:

- School-based Counselors
- Healthy Youth Initiative
- City Fiscal Sustainability Plan and Potential Impacts
- School Impact Fees
- School District Strategic Planning and Long-range facilities planning

Youth and Family Services Director Cindy Goodwin reported that the Mercer Island Schools Foundation and Mercer Island Youth and Family Services (YFS) Foundation have agreed to provide necessary funding for the YFS school-based counselors for the school year 2019-2020. The City will consider covering funding for the second half of the 2020 calendar year at its next Regular Meeting on April 30.

The group shared comments about Dr. Suniya Luthar's recent visit and presentations regarding youth mental health and various risk factors.

City Manager Julie Underwood reported on the City's Fiscal Sustainability Plan, noting it will be difficult to continue supporting YFS with the City's General Fund. She further reported that the City would like to discuss the SRO program and the maintenance of ball fields with the District.

Executive Director of Finance Ty Bergstrom described school impact fees, which are determined annually on a rolling 5-year enrollment average, explaining that a six-year plan must be adopted in order to collect impact fees. City Manager Underwood explained that the Board of Directors passes the plan and then the City Council adopts it before it can be implemented.

Comments were made about the Board's work to update the District's stated values, vision and mission (V/V/M), and to develop a long-range facilities plan. Superintendent Colosky gave comments about gathering input about the V/V/M from students and parents and staff, noting that a community engagement session will occur on May 22 at 6:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bertlin and President Giannini Upton adjourned the Special Joint Meeting at 5:48 p.m.

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Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

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Deborah A. Estrada, City Clerk