



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH MISD BOARD NOVEMBER 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Debbie Bertlin and MISD President Tracy Drinkwater called the meeting to order at 4:47 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Councilmembers Tom Acker, Bruce Bassett, Wendy Weiker, and Benson Wong, MISD President Tracy Drinkwater, Vice President Ralph Jorgenson, and Directors David D'Souza, Brian Giannini-Upton, and Deborah Lurie were present. Deputy Mayor Salim Nice and Councilmember Dave Wisenteiner were absent.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

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

- City's 2019 Legislative Priorities
- City and District Budgets
- MISD Facilities and Transportation Update
- Community Efforts to Address Inclusiveness

Each group commented about their respective legislative and operational priorities. The City Council will have an appreciation reception for the 41st District legislators on November 26, 2018 and invited the MISD Board to attend.

Each group commented about their respective budgets. The District anticipates lower enrollment and local funding in the coming years, resulting in budget shortfalls. The City anticipates a drop-in construction revenue and an increase in deficit spending. The Board expressed appreciation for the City's commitment to fund the current MIYFS mental health school counselors through June 2019 and thanked the Council for the traffic improvements at 86th Ave SE and SE 40th Street. The City will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for those improvements at a future date.

Executive Director Bergstrom gave additional comments about facilities and capital improvements, including the Mary Wayte Pool. Comments were made about solar energy.

The groups discussed efforts related to equality and inclusion, including efforts over the past several years. Comments were made about the development of common language and understanding, and continuing community engagement and the City's and Board's joint efforts in this regard.

There was additional discussion about student parking around the high school and the District presented a recently completed community survey related to this topic.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bertlin and President Drinkwater adjourned the Special Joint Meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

Attest:

Deboarh A. Estrada, City Clerk