



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING APRIL 17, 2018

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## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Debbie Bertlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Deputy Mayor Salim Nice, and Councilmembers Tom Acker, Bruce Bassett, Wendy Weiker (arrived 6:05 pm), David Wisenteiner, and Benson Wong were present.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Salim to:

**Approve the agenda as presented.**

Passed 6-0

FOR: 7 (Acker, Bassett, Bertlin, Nice, Wisenteiner, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**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); and to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) for 60 minutes.**

At 6:02 pm, Mayor Bertlin convened the Executive Session.

At 6:55 pm, Mayor Bertlin adjourned the Executive Session. The Council recessed until 7:00 pm.

## SPECIAL BUSINESS

### **Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Award for Representative Tana Senn**

Police Chief Ed Holmes presented the 2018 Champion for Children Award to Representative Tana Senn from the Fight Crime: Invest in Kids. He spoke about Representative Senn's work regarding youth-related initiatives in the 2018 Legislative Session.

### **AB 5415 Volunteer Appreciation Week Proclamation**

Youth and Family Services Director Cindy Goodwin spoke about Volunteer Appreciation Month. She introduced five volunteers and recognized them for their service to the City of Mercer Island: Julie Gardner in Emergency Management, John Holm at the Thrift Shop, Lynn Meyer with the Parks and Recreation Department, Rosella Looney with the Youth and Family Services Department, and John Bondi with the Parks & Recreation Department. Mayor Bertlin read a proclamation declaring April 2018 as Volunteer Appreciation Month on Mercer Island and encouraged all residents and businesses to recognize and thank the hundreds of Island residents who contribute to the betterment of the community.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Underwood provided information on:

- Citizen Satisfaction Survey – Please complete it when you receive it!
- Volunteer at a Restoration Event!
  - Sat., April 21, 9am-3pm at Wildwood Park
  - Sat., April 21, 10am-2pm at Secret Park
- Char Fox Scholarship Available for Female Students (\$1,000-\$2,000). Deadline is 5:00 pm, May 14, 2018
- Join the City's Emergency Alerting System: ALERT King County
- Mercer Island Preschool Association Circus, Sat., April 21, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Mercer Island High School
- Rideshare Pilot Launches April 23, Six-month pilot with Lyft and Uber ends October 31, 2018

## APPEARANCES

Katie Broadski, Senior Class Officer at Mercer Island High School, spoke about parking issues at the high school. She presented a petition to remove no parking signs around the high school during school hours.

City Manager Julie Underwood responded to Ms. Broadski explaining that the Mercer Island School District is required to have a Transportation Demand Management Plan and the District must address the parking.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**Payables: \$200,787.96 (3/29/2018), \$313,640.83 (4/09/2018), & \$603,200.91 (04/12/2018)**

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

**Payroll: \$848,544.86 (03/30/2018) & \$894,261.13 (04/13/2018)**

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

It was moved by Wisenteiner; seconded by Wong to:

**Approve the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.**

Passed 7-0

FOR: 7 (Acker, Bassett, Bertlin, Nice, Weiker, Wisenteiner, Wong)

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### AB 5397 Thrift Shop Staffing Transition

Youth and Family Services Director Cindy Goodwin presented a staffing transition plan to (1) increase the current 0.75 FTE Donation Assistant casual wage position to a 1.0 FTE full time position and (2) add an additional 1.0 FTE Production Assistant contract position. She noted that the annual cost estimate for the addition of these two contract positions is \$59,773 and the projected increase in Thrift Shop sales in 2018 from this staffing adjustment is \$125,286, resulting in a \$65,513 projected increase in Thrift Shop net income.

Council asked questions about the transition plan, increased sales, and contract positions. They requested that YFS staff provide Council an update in six months.

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Weiker to:

**Appropriate \$59,773 to increase the current 0.75 FTE Donation Assistant to a 1.0 FTE and to add a 1.0 FTE Production Assistant beginning May 1, 2018, both of which will be funded by corresponding increase of Thrift Shop sales.**

Passed 7-0

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## **AB 5416 Soil Remediation Appropriation Request**

Public Works Director Jason Kintner presented information about the history of the removal of contaminated soil and groundwater near the City Maintenance Shop and the adjacent, down-gradient property at 9555 SE 36th Street. He noted that expediting remediation efforts with the end goal of receiving formal notification of a “No Further Action” letter from the Department of Ecology. The City retained Farallon Consulting, L.L.C. (“Farallon”) to review, evaluate, and provide technical support to develop a revised, expedited remediation strategy for regulatory closure.

He spoke about the current conditions and the next steps in the remediation work. He reviewed the request, an appropriation of \$282,935, funded 50% from 2017 General Fund year-end surplus and 50% from WCIA insurance proceeds for required remediation work through 2018. He noted that additional funding for this project will be included as a stand-alone Capital Improvement Project in the 2019-2026 budget process.

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Nice to:

**Approve the transfer of \$282,935 from General Fund savings to the Equipment Rental Fund and appropriate \$282,935 for soil remediation.**

Passed 7-0

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## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Councilmember Absences**

There were no absences.

### **Planning Schedule**

City Manager Underwood noted the following changes to the Planning Schedule:

- Add a joint Planning Commission/Council Meeting to the Planning Schedule on May 22 to discuss Critical Areas Ordinance Update
- Add a Special Meeting for an Executive Session on April 24
- The joint meeting with the MISD Board needs to be rescheduled
- A transportation oversight discussion (traffic mitigation, last/first mile solutions, and Settlement Agreement implementation) may be added to the June 9 Mini-Planning Session

### **Board Appointments**

There were no appointments.

### **Councilmember Reports**

Councilmember Bassett spoke about the One Center City proposals, the SCA Board discussion regarding important issues in SCA communities, attending the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce trip to Denver.

Councilmember Wong spoke about attending the Go Green conference and the upcoming SCA PIC meeting.

Councilmember Weiker spoke about the Leap for Green event, the Breakfast for Schools event on May 24.

Mayor Bertlin spoke about the Leap for Green event, the upcoming ETP meeting, and the meeting next week regarding recycling at the Community Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

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Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

Attest:

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Allison Spietz, City Clerk

