



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2018

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## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Deputy Mayor Salim Nice, and Councilmembers Tom Acker, Bruce Bassett, Wendy Weiker (arrived 5:35 pm), David Wisenteiner, and Benson Wong were present.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

**Approve the agenda as presented.**

Passed 7-0

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

It was moved by Acker; seconded by Wong to:

**Amend the agenda to move AB 5396 before AB 5395 under Regular Business.**

Passed 7-0

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

## 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 30 minutes.**

At 5:03 pm, Mayor Bertlin convened Executive Session #1 for 30 minutes.

At 5:33 pm, Mayor Bertlin adjourned Executive Session #1.

**Executive Session for planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the City Council during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for approximately 30 minutes.**

At 5:30 pm, Mayor Bertlin convened Executive Session #2 for 30 minutes.

At 5:55 pm, Mayor Bertlin adjourned Executive Session #2.

The Council recessed until 6:00 pm.

## STUDY SESSION

### **AB 5393 2017 Recap and 2018 Work Plan for Emergency Preparedness and Planning**

Jennifer Franklin, Emergency Manager, presented on the following key initiatives:

- Assisting the business community in developing business continuity plans.

- Continuing to train and drill with emergency response teams.
- Continuing to attract new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Members.
- Preparing the south end shelter for future use.
- Continual training for City staff and emergency volunteers on how to respond and recover from a disaster.
- Familiarize City staff and emergency volunteers on the new EOC software program.

Council asked what they can do to support Mercer Island's emergency operation needs. Emergency Manager Franklin encouraged Council to get involved in the Community Emergency Response Team, mapping their neighborhoods, being a proponent of the program, and completing the FEMA ICS 100 and 700 certifications.

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

### **AB 5386 Arbor Day Proclamation**

Right-of-Way Arborist Hannah Van Pelt spoke about proclaiming the third Saturday in October as Arbor Day to obtain Tree City USA designation for the City of Mercer Island. She noted that the proposed 2018 Arbor Day celebration will be held on October 20, 2018 in conjunction with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Annual Tree Planting Celebration, to be held at Luther Burbank Park.

Mayor Bertlin read the proclamation and proclaimed the third Saturday in October as Arbor Day in the City of Mercer Island and urged all citizens to support efforts to protect and nurture trees and urban forests not just for the beauty they offer but for the benefits they provide residents and the community.

Diane Adachi, board member for the Washington Park Arboretum Foundation and Mercer Island resident, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the community and congratulated the City of Mercer Island for its work in the key areas of forestry management as promoted by the national Arbor Foundation, in partnership with the US Forest Service and the International Association of State Foresters.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Julie Underwood, City Manager provided information regarding the following:

- City's Financial Challenges Community Advisory Group Meeting – Saturday, March 3, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Community Center
- Fire Department Class – Infant/Child/Adult CPR with AED – Friday, March 2, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Main Fire Station, 3030 78th Avenue SE
- Volunteer at a Restoration Event! – Saturday, February 24, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Clarke Beach Park
- North Mercer Island/Enatai Sewer Upgrade Project – Walk & Talks
  - Walk-and-Talk 1: North Mercer Pump Station to S.E. 22nd Way, Sat., March 3, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Meeting location: North Mercer Pump Station, 7631 S.E. 22nd Way
  - Walk-and-Talk 2: 78th Ave SE, Sat., March 3, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Meeting location: Intersection of 78th Ave SE and S.E. 22nd Way
  - Walk-and-Talk 3: 24th Street and 81st Ave SE, Sat., March 3, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Meeting location: Intersection of 78th Ave SE and 24th Street
  - Walk-and-Talk 4: 90th Pl SE, Sat., March 3, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Meeting location: 90th Place SE cul de sac
- Mercer Island Half Marathon – Sunday, March 18, 7:30 am – noon
- 2018 Spring Recycling Event – Saturday, April 7, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Mercer Island Boat Launch, 3600 East Mercer Way

## **APPEARANCES**

Qiu Min Ji, spoke about her concerns between quantum physics and the human body.

Carolyn Boatsman, 3210 74th Ave SE, thanked the Council for adopting sustainability as a 2018-2019 Council Goal and urged the Council adopts the STAR Communities Framework for the City's sustainable efforts.

Jonathan Harrington, 9514 SE 68th Street, thanked the Council for adopting sustainability as a 2018-2019 Council Goal. He supports the STAR Communities Framework and spoke about the five-milestone concept to implement sustainability practices.

Mark Coen, 3220 73rd Ave SE, spoke about his concern about a lack of transportation concurrency on Mercer Island.

Ira Appelman, 9093 Shorewood Dr, does not believe the City Council is protecting the Mercer Island environment and parks.

Gary Robinson, 6026 East Mercer Way, spoke about the importance Council culture and Island culture: will it be inclusive or exclusive.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

AB 5387: City Council Rules of Procedure Amendments was pulled from the Consent Calendar and moved to the last item of Regular Business.

### **Payables: \$272,339.14 (02/08/2018)**

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

### **Minutes: 2018 Planning Session Minutes & February 6, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Recommendation:** Adopt the 2018 Planning Session Minutes & February 6, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

### **AB 5384 1% for Art Project: West Mercer Way/I-90 Mural Project Authorization and Budget Increase**

**Recommendation:** Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with artist Rachel Holloway for the West Mercer Way/I-90 Wall Mural Project and appropriate an additional \$5,000 from the 1% for Art Fund to increase the project budget from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

### **AB 5392 Authorize Expenditure of Federal Seizure Funds for Police Department Use.**

**Recommendation:** Authorize the appropriation of \$32,000 of the US Treasury Reserve in the Technology and Equipment Fund for the purchase of Police Department replacement rifles.

### **AB 5390 Ratification of 2017 WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Plan 10-Year Update**

**Recommendation:** Pass Resolution No. 1542 ratifying the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan 10-Year Update (2017 Plan Update).

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

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

Passed 7-0

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

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **AB 5396 Draft 2018-2019 City Council Goals and Work Plan**

Julie Underwood, City Manager presented the draft 2018-2019 City Council Goals and Work Plan. She explained that at the January planning session the Council and the Leadership Team discussed successes over the past year and determined which 2017-2018 Goals were completed and which should be retained and revised. She stated that the Council also identified new Goals to be developed for 2018-2019 and that many community members, civic leaders and organizations proposed goals and objectives for Council's consideration.

The Council engaged in lengthy discussion about each of the goals and provided feedback on the goal and action items. The Council also discussed the STAR Communities Framework and requested a Study Session to better understand the framework.

## **AB 5395 Public Records Act Code Amendments (1st Reading)**

City Clerk Ali Spietz and Paralegal Mary Swan (the City's Public Records Officers) presented an ordinance for first reading of proposed code amendments regarding public records. They spoke about the Public Records Act and provided statistics about Mercer Island's public records requests. They also described the new reporting requirements and fee schedules as mandated by WA state and provided a demo of the City's new public records portal, NextRequest.

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

**Set Ordinance No. 18C-01 to the March 6, 2018 Council Meeting for second reading and adoption.**

Passed 7-0

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

## **AB 5387 City Council Rules of Procedure Amendments**

Councilmembers Bassett and Wong reviewed their proposed edits regarding the date on the cover page, Section 4.2(d), Section 5.10, Section 8 title, Section 8.9, Section 8.10 and Section 8.13. Council and staff discussed the scope of the Boards and Commissions Ad Hoc Committee. Staff will return with the Charter for the Committee for the whole Council to review and approve.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Wong to:

**Adopt the proposed amendments to the City Council Rules of Procedure as presented in Exhibit 1 and as amended.**

Passed 7-0

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Councilmember Absences**

Councilmember Weiker and City Manager Underwood will be absent June 26.

### **Planning Schedule**

City Manager Underwood reviewed the March 6 agenda, adding the Boards & Commissions Ad Hoc Committee Charter review. She suggested canceling the July 3 meeting due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and added a special meeting on June 26 and possibly July 10. She noted that the STAR Communities discussion may be scheduled for March 20 and that the final review of the 2018-2019 Council Goals and Work Plan will need to be rescheduled for a later date.

### **Board Appointments**

Mayor Bertlin made the following Council Liaison appointments:

#### **City Boards and Commissions**

- Arts Council: Nice
- Community Advisory Board: Wong
- Disability Board: Bassett, Wisenteiner
- Library Board: Bertlin
- Open Space Conservancy Trust: Wisenteiner
- Utility Board: Debbie Bertlin, Wendy Weiker (alternate)

#### **Committees**

- Boards & Commissions Appointment Process Ad Hoc Committee: Acker, Weiker, Wong
- Diversity & Inclusion Committee: Bertlin, Weiker, Wong
- Financial Challenges Public Engagement Ad Hoc Committee: Nice, Weiker, Wong
- Parks & Recreation Committee: *suspended*
- Sustainability Committee: Bassett, Nice, Wong

#### **Local Assignments**

- MISD Superintendent's Advisory Council: Bertlin

- Mercer Island PTA Advocacy Committee: Weiker

### **Regional Assignments**

- ARCH Representative: Bertlin, Nice
- Eastside Transportation Partnership: Acker, Bertlin, Weiker (alternate)
- King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C): Bassett
- Renton Airport Advisory Committee: Nice
- Safe Energy Leadership Alliance (SELA): Bassett
- SCA Public Issues Committee: Wong, Acker (alternate)
- WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council: Nice

### **Councilmember Reports**

Mayor Bertlin spoke about the upcoming AWC Mayors Exchange.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:32 pm.

Attest:

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Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

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Allison Spietz, City Clerk