



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING

### MAY 8, 2017

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#### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Bruce Bassett, Deputy Mayor Debbie Bertlin, and Councilmembers Dan Grausz, Wendy Weiker (arrived 5:34 pm), David Wisenteiner, and Benson Wong were present. Councilmember Jeff Sanderson was absent.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:30 pm, Mayor Bassett convened the Executive Session to discuss (with legal counsel) pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 30 minutes.

At 5:59 pm, Mayor Bassett suspended the Executive Session and the Special Meeting reconvened.

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS

##### **AB 5297 Joint City Council and Planning Commission Study Session Regarding Residential Development Standards Code Amendments**

The City Council was joined by Planning Commission Chair Suzanne Skone, Vice-Chair Richard Weinman and Commissioners Bryan Cairns, Daniel Hubbell, Lucia Pirzio-Biroli, and Jennifer Mechem (Commissioner Tiffan Goodman was absent) to review the Planning Commission's direction and discussion regarding the amendments to the residential development standards to date.

The Commissioners explained their process for reviewing the code and for proposing amendments. Alison Van Gorp, DSG Administrative Services Manager spoke about the outreach and community engagement activities during the Commission's review of the standards.

Evan Maxin, Planning Manager reviewed each of the proposed substantive amendments regarding gross floor area, lot coverage, building height, parking for small lots, variable side yard setbacks, tree retention, large lots, construction permits, deviations and variances, and accessory buildings and structures.

The Council asked clarifying questions regarding the review process and the proposed substantive amendments.

Staff noted that the Planning Commission will present their recommendation to the City Council at the June 5 meeting and that the Council will hold a public hearing on June 12 regarding the proposed code amendments.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION (continued)

At 8:45 pm, Mayor Bassett reconvened the Executive Session to discuss (with legal counsel) pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for an additional 60 minutes.

At 9:44 pm, Mayor Bassett adjourned the Executive Session and the Special Meeting reconvened.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Attest:

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Bruce Bassett, Mayor

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Ali Spietz, City Clerk