



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JULY 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Jeff Sanderson, Wendy Weiker, David Wisenteiner, and Benson Wong were present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Bertlin to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

Passed 7-0

FOR: 7 (Bassett, Bertlin, Grausz, Sanderson, Weiker, Wisenteiner, Wong)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session #1 to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for one hour.

At 6:02 pm, Mayor Bassett convened Executive Session #1 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation for approximately one hour.

At 7:06 pm, Mayor Bassett adjourned Executive Session #1 and the Regular Meeting reconvened.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Recognition of Joint Commission for Town Center Visioning Work

The Mayor read letter to the members of the Town Center Joint Commission thanking them for their service to the Mercer Island community during the Town Center Visioning and Development Code Update process.

Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation

Mayor Bassett proclaimed July 2016 as Parks and Recreation Month and encouraged all citizens to join in participating and supporting the many recreation activities, programs and facilities by public and private agencies on Mercer Island.

Introduction of Interim City Manager

Mayor Bassett introduced Interim City Manager Pam Bissonnette and welcomed her to Mercer Island.

Music on Mercer Island Proclamation

Mayor Bassett proclaimed the summer of 2016 as Mercer Island Summer of Music and encouraged the Mercer Island community to celebrate music this summer at events such as Mostly Music in the Park concerts, Calkins Point piano concert, Russian Chamber Music Foundation of Seattle concert, and the Summer Celebration Festival - Symphony of Summer.

Citizen of the Year

The Mercer Island City Council named Nancy Stewart as the 2015 Citizen of the Year.

Mayor Bassett noted that Nancy Stewart moved to Mercer Island in 1981, with her husband Judge Wayne Stewart, and has used music and songwriting to build local community and bring generations together ever since. She's known for enthusiastic appearances at all manner of Island festivals and events, in the library, the local bookstore, and the City's community center.

Nancy has devoted her life to music and to the connection between singing and learning for kids, and teaching teachers how to incorporate music into their lessons. She is a professional musician, composer, and performer who has won national and local awards for her songwriting and children's recordings. She has performed in concerts and nightclubs across the United States and Canada, has recorded several albums and numerous radio and television commercials, and has won numerous awards.

Her Sing With Our Kids program began as a pilot project on Mercer Island in 2012, in which she created, tested, and documented singing events that foster early learning and literacy, while connecting children to their surroundings. Her program goal has always been to create a national model that any school, library, family or community can use - free of cost.

Nancy thanked the Council and the community. She noted that Mercer Island is the ideal place for her Sing With Our Kids program.

Jane Meyer Brahm thanked the Council for choosing Nancy as Citizen of the Year. She spoke about Nancy and noted that she brings so much to the Mercer Island community besides just music and song.

APPEARANCES

Tami Szerlip, 7804 SE 40th Street, asked the Council to ban fireworks on Mercer Island. She expressed concern about small children and pets and the late hour at which fireworks are still going off.

Mayor Bassett noted that the Council recently decided not to ban consumer fireworks on the Island. Police Chief Ed Holmes spoke about fireworks related calls received by the Police Department on the 4th of July. Deputy Mayor Bertlin noted that there are many incidents that do not get reported to the Fire or Police Departments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Weiker requested that the July 11, 2016 Mini-Planning Session Minutes be removed from the Consent Calendar. Mayor Bassett moved the minutes to the first item of Regular Business.

Payables: \$216,170.96 (06/16/16) & \$761,825.56 (06/24/16)

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

Payroll: \$803,833.06 (06/24/16)

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

Minutes: June 6, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Adopt the June 6, 2016 Regular Meeting Meetings as written.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Wong to:

Adopt the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.

Passed 7-0

FOR: 7 (Bassett, Bertlin, Grausz, Sanderson, Weiker, Wisenteiner, Wong)

REGULAR BUSINESS

June 11, 2016 Mini-Planning Session Minutes

Councilmember Weiker asked for clarification about the recommendations for the Maintenance Department audit. She also asked for clarification about the Council's decision regarding the name change for the Parks & Recreation Department.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Wong to:

Approve the June 11, 2016 Mini-Planning Session minutes with the following amendment to the 4th paragraph on Page 3: The Council agreed with the recommendations from the Maintenance Department organizational audit, the supplemental audit, and the fleet audit.

Passed 7-0

FOR: 7 (Bassett, Bertlin, Grausz, Sanderson, Weiker, Wisenteiner, Wong)

AB 5194 Continued Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Work Plan

At 7:54 pm, the Mayor opened the public hearing.

Jim Stanton, 7812 SE 78th Street, is a member of Neighbors in Motion, a group working toward improving pedestrian and bicycle safety on Mercer Island. He expressed his disappointment that the TIP has delayed two shoulder improvement projects. He asked Council to make bicycling a priority and identify key issues to a level of detail that is currently not in the TIP.

Bob Olsen, 7817 SE 73rd Place, one of the founding members of Neighbors in Motion, spoke about the 2012 Neighbors in Motion Proclamation. He noted that the City has not committed adequate resources to enhance the safety and usability of Mercer Island roads. He asked Council to make improvements on the I-90 bike and pedestrian trail, facilitate a dedicated north-south bike and pedestrian trail across the Island, and continue the educational signage and improvements on the West Mercer shoulders. He expressed disappointment that the Council, over the years, has failed to become a leader in bicycle safety and use.

Jeff Koontz, 4234 East Mercer Way, a Neighbors in Motion member, spoke about what is happening in cycling regionally and feels that Mercer Island is not stepping up to dedicate resources like other communities. He noted that Mercer Island has a good plan but not much effort is going into implementation.

At 8:06 pm, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

City Engineer Patrick Yamashita provided a summary of direction given by the Council at the June 6 meeting. He spoke about the SE 40th Street/86th Avenue SE Intersection project, Aubrey Davis Park Regional Multi-Use Corridor Plan, North Mercer Way Rechannelization at 77th Avenue SE and Island Crest Way Crosswalk Enhancement – SE 32nd Street project, and transportation level of service (LOS).

The Council extended the meeting past 10:00 pm.

The Council reviewed each project and made the following changes to the TIP:

- North Mercer Way Rechannelization at 77th Ave SE Project:
 - Change the project from funded to unfunded;
 - Move the project from 2017 to 2019 and move; and
 - Move \$90k to PBF Plan Implementation project in 2017.
- SE 40th Street & 86th Ave SE (west and east leg) Projects and SE 42nd Street request from MISD and group of residents who submitted a petition to the Council at Jun 6, 2016 meeting:
 - Staff must check in with the Council on this project before spending the \$72k in 2017.
 - City Manager and Mayor will talk to Superintendent and School Board President about MISD financial contributions to this project.
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities (PBF) Plan Implementation:
 - Move \$90k from North Mercer Way Rechannelization project to this project in 2017, increasing total budget to \$135k.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Wong to:

Adopt the 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program as revised per Council discussions.

Passed 5-2

FOR: 5 (Bassett, Bertlin, Sanderson, Weiker, Wong)

AGAINST: 2 (Grausz, Wisenteiner)

AB 5197 Preview of the Proposed 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Finance Director Chip Corder presented a preview of the 2017 -2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). He reviewed the CIP revenues and provided a summary of the 2017-2022 CIP by category and funding status and the 2017-2018 CIP by category and funding status. He noted that the goal of the presentation was to get Council concurrence on at least 90% of 2017-2018 proposed projects and identify those projects for which Council needs more information or which lack majority Council support.

The Council reviewed the proposed CIP projects and made changes to the following projects:

- Community Connectivity Assessment: Council requested a full briefing at a future Study Session (or at the January 2017 Council Planning Session).
- Booster Chlorination Station: Council requested a full briefing at a future Study Session before the 2017-2018 Budget is presented in October 2016.
- Light Rail Station Planning: Council requested information about what the \$50K in 2017 is for.

The Council directed staff to leave the \$132K REET surplus in the Street Fund and not transfer it to the Capital Improvement Fund. They also decided not to increase the vehicle license fee beginning in 2019 in order to re-direct an equivalent amount of REET funding from the Street Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Councilmember Weiker left the meeting at 11:35 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

There were no absences.

Planning Schedule

There were no changes to the Planning Schedule

Board Appointments

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Bertlin to:

Affirm the appointment of Mandy Chivers to Position #7 (expiring May 2019) on the Community Services Board.

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Grausz, Sanderson, Wisenteiner, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Wong to:

Confirm the appointment of Craig Burnell (Position No. 1, Expiring 2019), Tony D'Ambrosio (Position No. 2, Expiring 2019), Michele Marquardi (Position No. 3, Expiring 2018), Roxanne Navrides (Position No. 4, Expiring 2018), Jim Stapper (Position No. 5, Expiring 2018), and Steve Showalter (as an alternate) to the Building Board of Appeals.

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Grausz, Sanderson, Wisenteiner, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Wong noted that Parks & Recreation Director Bruce Fletcher assumed the office of President of the Mercer Island Rotary.

Mayor Bassett reminded the Council about the ribbon cutting ceremony for the re-opening of Calkins Point at Luther Burbank Park on Thursday, July 14 at 11:30 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session #2 to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 minutes.

At 11:40 pm, Mayor Bassett convened Executive Session #2 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation for approximately 15 minutes.

At 11:55 pm, Mayor Bassett extended Executive Session #2 for five minutes.

At 12:00 am, Mayor Bassett adjourned Executive Session #2.

Executive Session #3 to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 minutes.

At 12:00 am, Mayor Bassett convened Executive Session #3 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation for approximately 15 minutes.

At 12:14 am, Mayor Bassett adjourned Executive Session #3 and the Regular Meeting reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned on Wednesday, July 6 at 12:14 am.

Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:

Allison Spietz, City Clerk