



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING MAY 9, 2016

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## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the Special Meeting to order at 6:10 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 Bertlin; seconded by Grausz to:

**Amend the agenda to include a discussion of the agenda for May 16 and the Planning Schedule.**

Passed 7-0

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

## SPECIAL BUSINESS

### **AB 5179 Town Center Development Code Update and Comprehensive Plan Policies Public Hearing**

Mayor Bassett spoke about the Council's decision to separate the public input element from the Council's discussion and debate of the Town Center Development Code Update and Comprehensive Plan Policies. He noted that this evening would be a public hearing to collect input, but that no public comment would be taken at the May 16 meeting to give the Council time to review the proposed ordinances. He also noted that further input could be still be provided to the Council by email or US mail.

Mayor Bassett opened the public hearing at 6:17 pm.

The following people spoke about the Town Center Development Code Update and Comprehensive Plan Policies:

Dick Winslow, 3761 77th Ave SE.

Bart Dawson, 8812 SE 77th Place.

Tenley Tobin, co-owner of Islandia Center, 3024 78th Ave SE.

Robert Thorpe, 2737 SE 27th Street #100.

John Hempelmann, land use attorney advising downtown property owners, 524 2nd Ave, Seattle.

Randy Bannecker, on behalf of Seattle King County Realtors.

Larry Sarchin, 2920 76th Ave SE, representing Save Our Suburbs and Islanders for Responsible Growth.

Ben Anderson, 8750 North Mercer Way.

Mike Gates, 2800 75th Place SE #203.

Tom King, 4117 83rd Ave SE.

John Houlihan, 100 N. 35th, Seattle, on behalf of Dollar Development, 2737 78th Ave SE.

Leon Cohen, 9219 SE 33rd Place.

Bruce Lorig, 12 Evergreen Lane.

Roberta Lewandowski, 4740 86th Ave SE.

Saralee Kane, 4816 West Mercer Way.

Husam Gazioglu, 4610 East Mercer Way.

Scott Kuznicki, 7650 SE 27th Street.

Robert A. Medved, 7833 SE 32nd Street.

Tom Acker.

Cy Baumgartner, 4851 90th Ave SE.

Bonnie Godfred, 2920 74th Ave SE.  
Jim Gregson, 8540 SE 78th Street.  
Gary Robinson, 6026 East Mercer Way.  
Ira Appelman, 4436 Ferncroft Road.  
Darcie Guyer, 9430 SE 52nd Street.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:28 pm.

Development Services Group Director Scott Greenberg noted that May 16 would be the first readings of the Town Center Development Code Update and Comprehensive Plan Update and second readings would be on June 6. He also noted that there will be two ordinances for each topic to adopt (interim ordinance and regular ordinance) in light of the Town Center moratorium expiration date.

The Mayor noted that although there will not be a public comment period at the May 16 meeting, there will be an opportunity on June 6 to provide additional input before the Council adopts the updates.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Bassett suggested that the May 16 meeting start at 5:00 pm with the Council considering all non-Town Center related business before the Town Center Development Code Update and Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update. The Council concurred.

Interim City Manager Lancaster noted there will be also be an Executive Session on May 16. He stated that he will review the agenda items to see if anything can be moved to a future meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:

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Allison Spietz, City Clerk