



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 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, Councilmember Dan Grausz, Councilmember Jeff Sanderson, Councilmember Wendy Weiker, Councilmember David Wisenteiner, and Councilmember Wong were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:01 pm, Mayor Bassett convened an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential or pending litigation for approximately 60 minutes.

At 6:57 pm, the Mayor adjourned the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:01 pm.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Weiker to:

Approve the agenda as published.

Passed 7-0

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Presentation from King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci

King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci spoke to the City Council about what is coming in the next year at King County, including adopting the biennial budget, implementing the Best Starts for Kids levy, the mental illness and drug dependency sales tax reauthorization, the Veteran and Human Services levy, updating King County Metro's Strategic Plan and Service Guidelines, updating the King County Comprehensive Plan, and some Solid Waste planning.

MISD Diversity Community Discussion Information

Police Chief Ed Holmes spoke about an upcoming community discussion that the Mercer Island School District is hosting with nationally renowned professor and author Dr. Pedro Noguera on March 23, 2016. He noted that Superintendent Gary Plano is asking the city to co-sponsor this event, by posting it on our website and helping get the message out to the community. The council agreed to have the City co-sponsor the event.

APPEARANCES

Bob Still, 4011 93rd Ave SE, spoke about the differences between the MICA and PEAK leases.

Judith Roan, 7365 SE 38th Street, spoke about her personal struggle between supporting MICA and Mercer Island Parks. She believes that MICA either needs to be scaled down to fit the land or needs to find a better site.

Sibyl Glasby, Director of Housing Development for Imagine Housing, spoke about their housing communities and

the number of people they serve. She asked the Council to approve the ARCH agenda bills.

Liz Sanderson, thinks MICA can give Mercer Island a beautiful downtown with opportunities for multi-generational arts, and is a wonderful use of parks.

Jackie Dunbar, 7116 82nd Ave SE, spoke about her impressions from the MICA 2015 annual report. She asked who will be responsible if MICA is not able to meet their expenses.

Nancy Hewitt-Spaeth, 8320 SE 34th Street, spoke about the necessity of arts for children which helps keep kids in school. She believes that MICA will be a beautiful and wonderful thing for Mercer Island.

Winston Addis, representing the Russian Chamber Music Foundation of Seattle, spoke about their organization being located at MICA.

Elma Borbe, 2438 71st Ave SE, spoke on behalf of Concerned Citizens for Mercer Island Parks about submitting an initiative petition to the City for the preservation of parks.

Traci Granbois, 8440 SE 82nd Street, spoke about the City's Legislative Priorities regarding the Public Records Act and HB 2576.

Gary Robinson, 6026 E Mercer Way, spoke about the foot in the door theory and group think.

Ira Appelman, 4436 Ferncroft Road, president of the Mercer Island Community Council, spoke about the memo from the Concerned Citizens for Mercer Island Parks and how the MICA MOU and lease relates to SEPA. He believes that Councilmember Grausz should be disqualified from participating on the disposition of MICA and Mercerdale Park.

Duane Matthews, 7817 SE 75th Place, spoke about Pioneer Park and his support for MICA.

Bernel Goldberg, 5232 88th Ave SE spoke, on behalf of MICA's Board, in support of MICA and the location at Mercerdale Park. He asked the Council to unanimously support the MOU with MICA.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Wong requested removal of AB 5155: ARCH 2016 Administrative Budget and Work Program. Mayor Bassett moved it to the first item of Regular Business.

Payables: \$172,179.61 (01/28/16), \$375,664.49 (02/04/16), & \$220,402.92 (02/11/16)

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

Payroll:\$748,211.28 (02/05/16)

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

Minutes: February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Adopt the February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

AB 5156 ARCH 2015 Trust Fund Recommendations

Recommendation: Approve the use of up to \$10,000 from the City's ARCH Housing Trust Fund to fund the Imagine Housing Totem Lake (Phase 2) Senior Apartments, with conditions as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board, and authorize the City Manager or the Administering Agency of ARCH on behalf of the City of Mercer Island to execute any related agreements and documents.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Weiker to:

Adopt the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.

Passed 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5155 ARCH 2016 Administrative Budget and Work Program

Councilmember Wong asked for clarification regarding language about Surplus Property/Underdeveloped Property. ARCH Program Manager Arthur Sullivan responded.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Bertlin to:

Approve the ARCH 2016 Administrative Budget and Work Program and authorize expenditure of \$30,784 for Mercer Island's contribution to the 2016 ARCH Administrative Budget.

Passed 7-0

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

AB 5158 Memorandum of Understanding with the Mercer Island Center for the Arts (MICA) Regarding a Performing Arts Center and Related Environmental Impacts Review

City Attorney Kari Sand presented a memorandum of understanding with MICA that memorializes the City's and MICA's desire to enter into the proposed lease for a performing arts center that the Council has previously reviewed, and would ensure that the environmental review and decision processes required by the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) will be followed. She noted that upon satisfactory completion of the SEPA environmental review process, the proposed lease would be brought back to the City Council for final action.

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Bertlin to:

Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a MOU with MICA in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Passed 6-1

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

AGAINST: 1 (Weiker)

AB 5157 2016 City Council Work Plan

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Chip Corder presented the 2016 City Council Work Plan, which includes planned Council meeting agenda items (action items from the 2016 Planning Session and items on departments' work plans), routine Council meeting agenda items, planning session & mini-planning session agenda items, and unplanned Council meeting agenda items. He spoke about trying to keep the total number of agenda items to 115 as it represents the maximum amount of work, on average, that staff and the Council can effectively accomplish in a given year.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

Approve the 2016 City Council Work Plan attached as Exhibit 1.

Passed 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

Mayor Bassett will be absent April 18.

Councilmember Sanderson will be absent April 4 and April 7.

Planning Schedule

Interim City Manager Steve Lancaster reviewed the schedule, noting that there are two final long plat approvals scheduled on March 7.

Councilmember Bertlin noted that the Fireworks Sales Permit approval can be moved from the Consent Calendar to Regular Business.

Board Appointments

Mayor Bassett read a memo from the Renton Airport Manager asking if a Mercer Island Councilmember would like to serve on the Renton Airport Advisory Committee (RAAC). Councilmember Weiker volunteered and was

appointed by Mayor Bassett.
Councilmember Sanderson spoke about a vacancy on the Arts Council.
Mayor Bassett noted that there is a vacancy on the Mercer Island Library Board as Bryan Cairns has resigned.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Wong spoke about attending the PSRC Transportation Policy Board meeting.
Councilmember Weiker spoke about the Mercer Island Schools Foundation breakfast on April 26.
Councilmember Sanderson spoke about the Twin Foxes statue dedication on March 5.
Councilmember Grausz spoke about the School Superintendents Advisory Committee meeting, the King County Regional Policy Committee, and the King County Regional Joint Recommendations Committee.
Councilmember Wisenteiner provided a Utility Board update.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:

Ali Spietz, City Clerk