



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JUNE 4, 2019

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## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

Deputy Mayor Salim Nice, and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Bruce Bassett, Wendy Weiker, David Wisenteiner (arrived at 6:43 pm), and Benson Wong were present.

Mayor Debbie Bertlin was absent.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Anderl to:

**Approve the agenda as presented.**

Passed: 5-0

FOR: 5 (Anderl, Bassett, Nice, Weiker, and Wong)

ABSENT: 2 (Bertlin and Wisenteiner)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:02 pm, Deputy Mayor Nice convened the Executive Session to discuss pending or potential litigation with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(l) for approximately 60 minutes.

At 6:03 pm, Deputy Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session and Council took a brief break.

Deputy Mayor Nice convened the Study Session at 6:08 pm.

## STUDY SESSION

### **AB 5571: Pilot Project for Short-Term Commuter Parking**

Zach Houvener, MICEC Operations & Programs Supervisor, introduced the pilot project option for a short-term, paid parking utilizing a fee-based parking application. He explained that the scope of the pilot project is limited to the BP/ARCO (f/k/a Tully's) Property (7810 SE 27th Street), the east end of Sunset Highway SE cul-de-sac, and possibly the Mercer Island boat launch parking lot. The goal is to assess the technology for short-term paid parking until construction commences on the proposed Commuter Parking and Mixed-Use Project. He reviewed current parking conditions and restrictions, and further explained the project costs, estimated revenue and rate structure, and the proposed timeframe for the project.

City Council expressed support for the project and requested that staff outline enforcement strategies, a communication plan, budget amendment, and proposed code amendment.

## SPECIAL BUSINESS

### **AB 5567: Pride Month Proclamation**

Assistant to the City Manager Ali Spietz introduced Mr. Jason Fussell, Mercer Island Resident and Secretary for the Pride Foundation, and members of the Mercer Island High School Queer Straight Alliance (QSA) Club to

accept the proclamation.

Deputy Mayor Nice proclaimed June 2019 as Pride Month and encouraged Mercer Islanders to celebrate gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and asexual people, plus all other sexual orientations and genders, who are members of our community, to recognize their contributions, and to actively promote the principles of equality and liberty.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Underwood reported on the following:

- Mercer Island Living Magazine article featuring Police Chief Ed Holmes and Fire Chief Steve Heitman for their work combatting PTSD in public safety servants
- New Wayfinding Signs
- Mercer Island Artists Reception – Thursday, June 6
- Restoration Events:
  - June 7 at Pioneer Park
  - June 15 at Gallagher Hill
  - June 15 at Homestead Park
- Senior Summer Luau Lunch – Thursday, June 15
- Emergency Preparedness Training – June 14

## APPEARANCES

Steve Marshall, Mercer Island, member of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, spoke in opposition to the rector housing impact fee that the church was assessed.

Reverend Elizabeth Riley, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, thanked the Council for considering Mr. Marshall's request and asked that they be flexible and understanding of the congregation's limited resources.

Alan Reed, Project Manager and member of the Emmanuel Church, thanked the Council for considering the church's request and stated their willingness to work with Council.

Donna Barnett, spoke on behalf of the Citizens for Reasonable Shoreline Policies ("CRSP"), expressing continued concern for the non-performing doc program and encouraged staff to continue making recommended changes.

Paul Goodrich, Mercer Island, supports the CRSP's amendment to the proposed staff language in the Shoreline Master Program. He also addressed the 50% service area and requested that it be revised to say "50% of the materials are replaced."

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**Payables: \$755,518.32 (05/16/2019), \$764,002.93 (05/23/2019), & \$543,371.90 (05/30/2019)**

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

**Payroll: \$857,739.43 (05/24/2019)**

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

**Minutes: April 25, 2019 Special Joint Meeting & May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting**

**Recommendation:** Approve the April 25, 2019 Special Joint Meeting & May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes as written.

**AB 5576: Adoption of 6-Year 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program**

**Recommendation:** Adopt the 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program as reflected in Exhibit 1 of

AB 5576 and appropriate \$100,000 in 2020 for design of project E3 (PBF – I-90 Trail Crossing at Sunset Highway/77th Ave. SE), using Sound Transit Settlement Agreement funds.

**AB 5573: Employee Wellness Program Support**

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 1559 demonstrating support of the City of Mercer Island Employee Wellness Program.

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Wong to:

**Approve the Consent Calendar as presented.**

Passed: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Bassett, Nice, Weiker, Wisenteiner, and Wong)

ABSENT: 2 (Bertlin)

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**AB 5577: Critical Areas Code, Shoreline Master Program, SEPA, and Ancillary Amendments (2nd Reading & Adoption)**

Staff briefed the City Council on the implications of making substantive changes to the City's Shoreline Master Program, including: 1) the need for additional technical analysis in the form of a Cumulative Impact Analysis addendum to determine the impact of the proposed changes; and 2) an increased likelihood of mitigation measures being required by the Department of Ecology to offset the impact of the proposed changes. The City Council also reviewed potential changes to dock width standards developed by staff in response to previous Council direction to decouple standards pertaining to decking width and height from repair standards for dock decking.

City Council directed staff to make additional changes to the dock repair standards.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Wong to:

**Incorporate the language in Exhibit 4 as corrected into Ordinance No. 19C-06, and set Ordinance Nos. 19C-05, 19C-06, and 19C-07 for third reading and adoption on June 18, 2019.**

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Bassett, Nice, Weiker, Wisenteiner, and Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Bertlin)

**AB 5570: Thrift Shop Staffing Transition Plan Phase 3**

Youth and Family Service Director Cindy Goodwin outlined the third and final phase of the Thrift Shop staffing transition from a work study and casual wage configuration to a stable staffing model of full-time paid employees. She further explained that the final phase in staff transitions would increase two current 0.75 FTE positions to 1.0 FTE each and add two new 1.0 FTE positions (Donations Attendant and Apparel Production Assistant) for the balance of the 2019 fiscal year. These positions would be funded by reallocating casual labor costs (previously used for part-time staff and work study) and increasing projected Thrift Shop revenues as a result of this staffing transition.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Weiker to:

**Appropriate \$76,878 by reallocating budgeted casual labor costs and increasing budgeted Thrift Shop sales in 2019 to increase two current 0.75 FTE positions to 1.0 FTE each, and to add two new 1.0 FTE positions, encompassing a Donations Attendant and an Apparel Production Assistant beginning June 2019, all of which will be funded.**

Passed: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Bassett, Nice, Weiker, Wisenteiner, and Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Bertlin)

Council requested that the Thrift Shop provide monthly reports to Council.

**AB 5574: Interim City Manager Agreement Approval**

City Council thanked City Manager Julie Underwood for her service and commitment to the City of Mercer Island.

Human Resources Director Kryss Segle explained that after City Manager Julie Underwood announced her resignation, Mayor Bertlin and Deputy Mayor Nice sought to provide continuity, stability, and enough time for the transition between the current City Manager and an Interim City Manager. Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Bon was identified as a qualified, experienced, and excellent internal candidate who was also willing to be considered for the Interim City Manager position.

Director Segle further explained that the Interim City Manager was expected to serve in the position until a permanent City Manager was appointed by the City Council, anticipated to occur by mid-year 2020. Given that Deputy Mayor Nice and Councilmember Wong were the two councilmembers whose terms carry into 2020, the Mayor recommended that they lead the process for appointing a new City Manager. Together with staff, Deputy Mayor Nice and Councilmember Wong will bring a proposal for a process and timeline to Council in fall 2019.

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

**Authorize the Mayor to sign the attached agreement with Jessi Bon for Mercer Island Interim City Manager effective June 8, 2019.**

Passed: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Bassett, Nice, Weiker, Wisenteiner, and Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Bertlin)

#### **AB 5560: 2019 Boards and Commission Appointments**

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Wong to:

**Appoint the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's recommendations for appointments to the City's advisory boards and commissions for positions expiring May 31, 2019 as detailed in Exhibit 1 to AB 5560.**

Passed: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Bassett, Nice, Weiker, Wisenteiner, and Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Bertlin)

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **Councilmember Absences**

Mayor Bertlin's absence was excused.

##### **Planning Schedule**

City Manager Julie Underwood noted that the June 10 special meeting would begin at 5:00 pm. Councilmembers Anderl and Weiker will call in.

The June 18 Regular Meeting and June 21 Mid-Year Planning Session agendas were also reviewed.

##### **Councilmember Reports**

Councilmember Weiker gave an update on the Puget Sound Regional Council meeting.

Councilmember Anderl spoke about the presentation from Recology at the May 22 Utility Board meeting.

Councilmember Bassett stated that he would be attending the K4C Elected Summit on June 10.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

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Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor

Attest:

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Deborah A. Estrada, City Clerk