



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2018

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Debbie Bertlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Deputy Mayor Salim Nice, and Councilmembers Bruce Bassett, Wendy Weiker (arrived 6:40 pm), David Wisenteiner, and Benson Wong were present. Position #4 was vacant.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

Passed 5-0

FOR: 5 (Bertlin, Nice, Bassett, Wisenteiner, and Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel pending and potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 30 minutes.

At 6:31 pm, Mayor Bertlin convened the Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 30 minutes.

At 7:03 pm, Mayor Bertlin adjourned the Executive Session.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

AB 5521: Mercer Island High School Marching Band Rose Bowl Performance Proclamation

Mayor Bertlin proclaimed January 1, 2019 as Mercer Island High School Band day in recognition of the MIHS Marching Band being selected as one of twenty high school marching bands to perform in the 130th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California on New Year's Day 2019. She also noted that the MIHS Band has raised an additional \$33,000 to support the Banda Escolar de Guayanilla of Puerto Rico, from a community devastated by Hurricane Maria, also chosen for the 2019 Rose Parade, in addition to fundraising for their own travel needs.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Underwood reported on the following items:

- SE 40th Street Corridor Project Ribbon Cutting Event
- On November 12, the Thrift Shop brought in over \$29,000! The biggest day in MITS history!
- Argosy Holiday Ship Festival - Fri., Dec. 21, at 7:30pm, Location: Luther Burbank Park Beach
- City Facilities Closed December 25 and January 1
- Volunteer at a Restoration Event - Sat., Jan. 5, 10am - 1pm, Location: Homestead Park
- Northwest Artists in Action Guild Showcase at MICEC Gallery - January 7-February 22, 2019
- Next Council Meeting - January 15

APPEARANCES

Nancy Spaeth, 8320 SE 34 Street, spoke about her conversation with her Republic garbage truck driver of 30 years.

Ira Appleman, Mercer Island, spoke regarding the City Manager's performance evaluation process.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Wong asked to remove AB 5517: Acceptance of MIYFS Foundation Funds for 2019 Youth and Family Services Staffing from the Consent Calendar. Mayor Bertlin moved it to the first item of Regular Business.

Payables: \$203,152.46 (12/06/2018) & \$304,642.88 (12/13/2018)

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

Payroll: \$795,144.20 (12/07/2018)

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

Minutes: March 20, 2018 Regular Meeting, April 17, 2018 Regular Meeting, and June 5, 2018 Regular Meeting

Recommendation: Adopt the March 20, 2018 Regular Meeting, April 17, 2018 Regular Meeting, and June 5, 2018 Regular Meeting as written.

AB 5510: General Sewer Plan Adoption

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 1556 adopting the General Sewer Plan.

AB 5518: Second Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement with Parkway Management Group to Develop Long-Term Transit Commuter Parking in the Town Center

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit 1 to AB 5518.

AB 5522: Resolution Amending Resolution No. 1547 to support a RCO Grant Application for Planning Work Related to the Future Configuration of the Docks at Luther Burbank Park

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 1557 amending Resolution No. 1547, to support a RCO Grant Application for planning work related to the future configuration of the docks at Luther Burbank Park.

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Wong to:

Approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, and the recommendations contained therein.

Passed 6-0

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

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5517: Acceptance of Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation Funds for 2019 Youth and Family Services Staffing

Councilmember Wong thanked the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation for their work and support.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Nice to:

Accept a donation of \$69,570 from the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation to fund the half-time reduction in the Geriatric Specialist position from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and to fund the half-time reduction in the Administrative Assistant position from January

1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Passed 6-0

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

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

AB 5520: Fiscal Sustainability Plan

City Manager Julie Underwood introduced Steve Toler with Management Partners who presented information about the fiscal sustainability plan for Mercer Island. He noted that it would be a comprehensive set of fiscal policies and action steps to provide services in the long term, without threat of solvency or default of promised expenditures or liabilities. He explained that it will be customized to the requirements and needs of Mercer Island through an in-depth analysis of fiscal strategies.

Mr. Toler reviewed how feasibility would be determined for each strategy, examples of budget scenarios packages, the project approach, phases, and timeline. He also spoke about the optional community engagement workshops.

The Council discussed the timeline and the optional community engagement plan. Council requested additional information about how the community engagement plan would be managed and implemented.

AB 5519: Boards & Commissions Council Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations and Boards & Commissions Code Amendments (1st Reading)

Assistant to the City Manger Ali Spietz presented the recommendations from the Boards and Commissions Council Ad Hoc Committee to:

- Revise the application form and cover page.
- Develop membership criteria for Planning Commission, Design Commission, Utility Board, and Arts Council.
- Propose code language for a new Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Propose code amendments for all boards and commissions for consistency

The Council provided the following direction:

- Add language to clarify the Design Commission alternate position
- Rewrite the "Representation" section and remove reference to "geographic balance"
- Amend language to reflect that Mayor/Deputy Mayor recommend and the Council appoints
- Remove reference to "political affiliations" and add language that all positions as non-partisan
- Update the Planning Commission's "Purpose – Function and jurisdiction" and "Comprehensive Plan – Responsibilities" sections
- Add "broad mix of occupational backgrounds is desired." to the Planning Commission chapter.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Weiker to:

Set Ordinance No. 19C-01 and the revised boards and commissions application to January 15, 2019 for second reading and adoption on the Consent Calendar.

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Nice, Weiker, Wisenteiner, Wong)

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

AB 5515: Third Quarter 2018 Financial Status Report & Budget Adjustments

Finance Director Chip Corder presented the Third Quarter 2018 Financial Status Report and a 2017-2018 budget amending ordinance. He reviewed the General Fund revenues, General sales tax, utility tax, development activity, real estate excise tax, 2017-2018 Budget adjustments.

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Weiker to:

Suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure 6.3, requiring a second reading of an ordinance.

Passed 6-0

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

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Bertlin to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 18-20, amending the 2017-2018 Budget.

Passed 6-0

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

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

There were no absences.

Planning Schedule

City Manager Underwood spoke about scheduling an Executive Session for her performance evaluation on January 15 at 5:00 pm, moving the First/Last Mile Study Session to February, and adding the ceremonial swearing-in of Lisa Anderl on January 15.

Board Appointments

There were no appointments.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Bassett was reelected to Sound Cities Association Executive Board.

Councilmember Wong spoke about the SCA PIC's recommendation regarding supporting affordable housing plan and the process for a regional airport plan.

Councilmember Weiker noted that the Chamber in partnership with Metro is providing discounted bus passes to employees who work in the Town Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

Attest:

Deborah A. Estrada, City Clerk