



## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

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### **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, David Wisenteiner, and Benson Wong were present.

Position #4 was vacant.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

**Approve the agenda as presented.**

Passed 6-0

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

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

#### **AB 5494: Veteran's Day Proclamation**

Assistant to the City Manager Ali Spietz introduced the following Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5760, Mercer Island:

- Judi Hubbard (Air Force)
- Steve Majewski (Navy)
- Larry McWilliams (Army)
- Craig Weisen (Navy)
- Tom Koger (Marine Corps)

She also introduced City staff Veterans:

- Officer Jennifer Franklin from Police (Army)
- Alex Harvey from Parks Recreation (National Guard)
- John Kim, YFS (National Guard Active Duty)

Mayor Bertlin proclaimed November 11, 2018 as Veterans Day in Mercer Island and called upon residents to recognize the fortitude and sacrifice of our veterans and thank them and their families as we remember and honor their service and their sacrifice.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Julie Underwood reported on the following items:

- Recycling Event a Success – 58,301 pounds of total discarded material were recycled.
- Congratulations to CERT Grads Class of 2018.
- Rideshare & Bikeshare Surveys – We want your feedback!
- Proposed Commuter Parking & Mixed-Use Project Update – Finalists are Mainstreet Property Group and Shelter Holding/Weinstein A+U.
- Don't forget to vote tomorrow!
- Annual Thanksgiving Senior Lunch – Thursday, November 8, at 12 pm.
- Volunteer at a Restoration Event – Saturday, November 10, 10 am to 2 pm at Pioneer Park.
- MITS Annual Holiday Showcase Benefitting YFS Programs – Monday, November 12, 9 am at the Thrift Shop.
- City Facilities Closed Veterans Day – Monday, November 12.

## APPEARANCES

Mark Hirayama, 7800 SE 27th Street, Mercer Island, spoke in support of the Commuter Parking and Mixed-Use Development Project and reiterated the invitation to Council and the Planning Commission to visit 7800 Plaza Condominiums. He also spoke in opposition to Amendment 15 of the Comprehensive Plan as currently written. He believes it should be modified and that the process was rushed.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Bassett requested to remove AB 5495: Code of Ethics from the Consent Calendar.

**Payables: \$704,303.50 (10/18/2018), \$939,687.29 (10/25/2018), & \$443,277.23 (11/01/2018)**

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

**Payroll: \$795,368.28 (10/26/2018)**

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

**Minutes: October 16, 2018 Regular Meeting & October 23, 2018 Special Meeting**

**Recommendation:** Adopt the minutes, as written, of the October 16, 2018 Regular Meeting and October 23, 2018 Special Meeting.

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Wong to:

**Approve the Consent Calendar, as modified, and the recommendations contained therein.**

Passed 6-0

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

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

### AB 5495: Code of Ethics (2nd Reading and Adoption)

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Bertlin to:

**Strike the words "...and refrain from participating in that portion of city business or activity related to the conflict."**

Failed: 5-1

AGAINST: 5 (Bertlin, Nice, Weiker, Wisenteiner, and Wong)

FOR: 1 (Bassett)

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Wong to:

**Amend the last sentence to read "Should a conflict arise, Officials shall take proactive steps to disclose all relevant information and refrain from participating in that portion of city business or activity related to the conflict."**

Passed: 6-0

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

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Nice to:

**Adopt Ordinance No. 18C-15, creating a new chapter 2.60 MICC, Code of Ethics and pass Resolution No. 1548 adopting a Code of Ethics Statement, as amended.**

Passed: 6-0

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

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### AB 5497: 2019-2020 Proposed Budget: Capital Improvement Program Review

Finance Director Chip Corder presented the agenda for the review of the Capital Improvement Program for the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget as follows:

- CIP Revenue Sources:
  - By fund,
  - 2019-2024 REET forecast, and
  - 2019-2020 utility rate recommendations.
- CIP Summary:
  - 2019-2024 (6-year plan) by category and by funding status,
  - 2019-2020 (capital budget) by category and by funding status, and
  - 2019-2020 projected fund balances.
- 2019-2020 project review by category.
- Outstanding bonds.
- Capital budget policy change.
- Council information request and direction.

Deputy Finance Director Francie Lake presented a revised 2019-2024 REET forecast and 2019-2020 utility rate recommendations. Public Works Director Jason Kintner spoke about notable Public Works projects in the CIP.

Mayor Bertlin recessed the meeting at 8:14 pm

The meeting resumed at at 8:22 pm

Parks and Recreation Director Jessi Bon provided a brief overview of current parks, recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan adopted in January 2014, explaining that an update was planned for 2019. She also discussed the cost of prevailing wages increasing 111% and the cost to maintain the same level of service in the 2019-2020 biennium.

Information Services Director Mike Kaser reviewed the City's Network Communications Infrastructure, IGS continuous improvement goals, and the King County Sewer Main Project.

Finance Director Chip Corder and Deputy Finance Director Francie Lake briefly addressed sewer, stormwater, and water utility projects and funding. They also discussed the Booster Chlorination Station, Water Meter Replacement Program, SCADA System Replacement, and outstanding bonds on parks and buildings.

Staff ended the Capital Improvement Program review by outlining proposed changes in the Capital Budget Policy. Staff recommended reducing the REET allocation to the Street Fund from 50% to 45% and increasing its allocation to the Capital Improvement Fund from 50% to 55%. The proposed change will provide additional funding in 2019-2020 for Open Space/Vegetation Management to partially mitigate the unexpected increase in the prevailing wage for landscape maintenance and additional funding in 2021-2024 for parks and public building projects.

Council supported staff's REET reallocation proposal.

Following discussion and debate, Council requested additional information on the following:

- Open Space Management:
  - Council supported proceeding with a revised contracted work plan for 2019 and asked for more detail on the proposed approach at the November 20 Regular Meeting.
  - Council requested that staff provide an update with the Annual OSVM report or mid-biennial budget review in 2019 prior to proceeding with 2020 contracted work.
  - Council requested results of the November 9<sup>th</sup> Prevailing Wage meeting at the November 20 Regular Meeting.
- Network Communications Infrastructure:
  - Council requested more information on the impacts of authorizing or not authorizing the proposed fiber project and how it might affect the City's emergency response.
  - Staff will coordinate meetings with Councilmembers to discuss technology goals and cyber security

## **AB 5496: Draft 2019 State Legislative Priorities**

Assistant to the City Manager Ali Spietz reviewed the draft 2019 State Legislative Priorities, explaining that the Legislative Priorities serve as a guide for 2019 work with area legislators. Once adopted the Legislative Priority will allow the City to respond quickly and efficiently to issues of interest that arise in Olympia during the Washington State Legislative Sessions.

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

**Adopt the draft 2019 State Legislative Priorities as presented.**

Passed: 6-0

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

VACANT: 1 (Position 4)

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Councilmember Absences**

Deputy Mayor Nice was excused from the November 8 Special Joint Meeting with the MISD.

### **Planning Schedule**

City Manager Underwood reviewed the Planning Schedule with Council, noting that the Council were provided with hard copies of the November 8 Joint Special Meeting with the MISD Board of Directors. She also reminded Council that they are hosting a reception for Representative Judy Clibborn's on November 26, prior to their meeting with the 41<sup>st</sup> Legislation. and that a program would be developed by staff.

### **Board Appointments**

There were no appointments.

### **Councilmember Reports**

Councilmember Wong reported that the Mercer Island School's foundation had many volunteers, including high schoolers, participating in their phone-athon. He also reported that PIC (Public Issues Committee) are having a Pre-Pic meeting this Wednesday, November 7, on Social Media.

Mayor Bertlin:

- Thanked those that supported a statement addressing the tragedy in Pittsburgh.
- Will be moderating a DNI panel for the Enterprise Risk Forum later this week.
- Asked that Council send her the boards and commissions that they applied for with Sound Cities boards.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

Attest:

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Deborah A. Estrada, City Clerk