



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION MAY 22, 2018

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Debbie Bertlin called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Deputy Mayor Salim Nice, and Councilmembers Tom Acker, Bruce Bassett, Wendy Weiker, and Benson Wong were present. Councilmember Wisenteiner was absent.

Planning Commission Chair Daniel Hubbell, Vice-Chair Tiffin Goodman, and Commissioners Carolyn Boatsman, Bryan Cairns, Lucia Pirzio-Biroli, and Ted Weinberg were present. Commissioner Jennifer Mechem was absent.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

AB 5428: Critical Areas Code and Shoreline Master Program Update: Introduction Legislative Requirements, Proposed Approach

The City's project consultant, ESA, provided background information on the Growth Management Act (chapter 36.70A RCW) and Shoreline Management Act (chapter 90.58 RCW) and how these statutes provide the impetus for these code updates and set certain requirements for each. ESA also provided foundational information about the different types of critical areas found on Mercer Island, including how they are identified and why they are regulated.

Planning Manager Evan Maxim and the Planning Commission introduced a draft decision-making tool developed to aid the code review process to organize the various informational inputs that go into code updates, including technical scientific information, comprehensive plan policies, and public input. The tool includes an evaluation of items required by state law, as well as decision-making criteria identified by the Planning Commission, and aims to provide transparency to the process by showing the analysis behind the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Council asked to add workforce housing, preservation and continuation of utilities, and faith and educational communities to the decision-making factors.

Planning Manager Maxim presented the anticipated project timeline, including major milestones and the expected adoption date, and a Public Participation Plan for use during the critical areas and Shoreline Master Program updates.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Attest:

Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

Allison Spietz, City Clerk