



## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MAY 1, 2018**

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### **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Debbie Bertlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Deputy Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Councilmembers Tom Acker, Bruce Bassett, Wendy Weiker (arrived 7:14 pm), David Wisenteiner, and Benson Wong were present.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Wong to:

**Approve the agenda as presented.**

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

#### **AB 5412 Building Safety Month Proclamation**

Building Official Don Cole presented a proclamation regarding Building Safety Month, which celebrates the importance of building safety, the immense value of safety codes, and the essential role of code officials and construction industry professionals to build safe spaces for people to live, work and play. He introduced architect and Mercer Island resident, Michele Marquardi, to the proclamation on behalf of the community.

Mayor Bertlin proclaimed May 2018 as Building Safety Month in Mercer Island and reaffirmed the City's commitment to provide a safe built environment.

#### **AB 5423 Affordable Housing Week Proclamation**

Administrative Services Manager Alison Van Gorp presented a proclamation regarding Affordable Housing Week aimed at recognizing the need to preserve and increase affordable housing in King County communities. She introduced Lucia Pirzio-Biroli, a Housing Development Consortium volunteer, member of the ARCH Citizen Advisory Board, Planning Commissioner, and Mercer Island resident, to receive the proclamation on behalf of the community.

Mayor Bertlin proclaimed May 14-18, 2018 as Affordable Housing Week in Mercer Island and recognized the need to preserve and increase affordable housing in King County communities.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Julie Underwood presented information on the following:

- Help Meet Stricter Recycling Standards by ensuring that your recyclables are empty, clean and dry
- Volunteer to Serve on a Board or Commission - Deadline is Fri., May 4, 2018
- Door-to-Door Pet License Canvassing Starts May 5
- Family Night: Around the World! – Fri., May 18, 6:30-8:30 pm, MICEC
- Street Banner Design – Call for Artists - Deadline is Mon., May 21, 2018

## APPEARANCES

Victor Raisys, 8323 SE 86th Street, owner of Island Books, spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, thanked Council for adopting policy to support Goal #7 to Create Policies that Support an Accessible and Healthy Business Ecosystem to the 2018-2019 City Council Goals and Work Plan.

Alexander Zimmerman, President of Standup America, spoke to the Council about public comment opportunities and fascism.

Sue Stewart, 3205 84<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, from Friends of Luther Burbank Park, spoke in support of the resolution to renovate the Boiler Building at Luther Burbank Park. She also thanked the Council for the MICA "pause."

David Baxter, MISD Teacher, thanked Council for considering affordable housing on the Island.

Susanne Skone, 2834 60<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, spoke in support of housing diversity and affordability on Mercer Island.

Tiffan Goodman, 4610 87<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, thanked the Council for issuing the Affordable Housing proclamation and encouraged the Council to seek creative solutions to support affordable and diverse housing on the Island.

Daniel Thompson, 7265 North Mercer Way, encouraged the Council to address the Town Center regarding retail vibrancy, affordable housing, RDS code amendments, and lot size reductions.

Alan, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, spoke in favor of affordable housing for clergy.

Bob Olson, 7817 SE 73<sup>rd</sup> Place, member of Neighbors in Motion, spoke about NIMS comments on the proposed TIP regarding transportation connectivity and the north-south bike route.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### **Payables: \$325,072.71 (04/18/2018) & \$489,302.04 (04/26/18)**

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

### **Payroll: \$851,656.36 (04/27/2018)**

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

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Nice to:

**Approve the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.**

Passed 7-0

FOR: 7 (Acker, Bassett, Bertlin, Nice, Wisenteiner, Weiker, Wong)

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### **AB 5413 Public Hearing and Preview of the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program**

Mayor Bertlin opened the public hearing at 7:54 pm.

Jim Stanton, 7812 SE 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Neighbors in Motion Board of Directors, regarding the vision from the Bike/Ped Plan which has not been implemented. He asked the Council to add projects to move the closer to a connected network of bicycle routes.

Kirk Griffin, 7845 SE 73<sup>rd</sup> Place, Neighbors in Motion, spoke about the north-south bike route, the project on Island Crest Way in front of Island Park Elementary, e-bikes for commuting and bike parking in the Town Center.

Bob Olson, 7817 SE 73<sup>rd</sup> Place, Neighbors in Motion, reiterated his comments made during Appearances and asked that project D8 be moved up before 2024 to have north-south route in place and connected before the light rail is completed.

Daniel Thompson, 7265 North Mercer Way, added on to his comments during Appearances, stating that the TIP must be considered for the Town Center with all the other projects that are coming, including last mile connectivity.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:07 pm.

City Engineer Patrick Yamashita presented the draft 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He noted that chapter 35.77 RCW requires the City to update the TIP annually by July 1. Staff spoke about specific projects and answered questions from the Council.

The City Council directed staff to make the following changes and present the updated TIP for adoption on June 5, 2018:

1. Town Center Sidewalk/Tree Replacement Pilot Project [B1 and B2]: Swap the project timing between the two projects so 80th Ave SE occurs first.
2. North-South Bike Route (ICW, 90th Ave SE – SE 63rd St) [was D8, now E1]: Accelerate the timing of the preliminary design from 2024 to 2019.
3. Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities Plan Update [was D9, now D8]: Unfund the project.
4. East Link Traffic/Safety Mitigation Projects [Category E]: Only reflect the projects programmed for the 2019-2020 biennium.

#### **AB 5421 Application for Heritage Capital Grant - Luther Burbank Boiler Building Renovation Phase 1**

Parks Superintendent Paul West presented a resolution to seek a grant from Washington State to cover 33% of the funding to renovate the Luther Burbank Park Boiler Building. He noted that the building needs a roof replacement, perimeter drainage, seismic retrofits and minor repairs to prevent total loss in an earthquake or further degradation from water damage.

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Wong to:

**Pass Resolution No. 1543, which approves the Luther Burbank Boiler Building Renovations Phase 1, authorizes the City Manager to apply for Heritage Capital Grant Funding for the project, and provides conditional funding for the City's matching portion of the grant.**

Failed 2-5

FOR: 2 (Bassett, Bertlin)

AGAINST: 5 (Acker, Nice, Weiker, Wisenteiner, Wong)

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **Councilmember Absences**

Councilmember Bassett will be absent October 16.

Councilmember Wong will be absent August 7.

##### **Planning Schedule**

City Manager Underwood noted that a joint meeting with the Planning Schedule has been added on May 17. The joint meeting with the Planning Commission has been added on May 22.

##### **Board Appointments**

There were no appointments.

##### **Councilmember Reports**

Deputy Mayor Nice spoke about WRIA 8 budgeting and the regulatory guidance for the salmon recovery plan.

Councilmember Bassett spoke about his trip to Denver with Seattle Metropolitan Chamber and possible participation in the Special Olympics in Seattle the summer.

Mayor Bertlin spoke about the SCA-sponsored recycle event.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 pm.

Attest:

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Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

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Deb Estrada, Acting City Clerk