



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2018

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Deputy Mayor Salim Nice, and Councilmembers Bruce Bassett, Wendy Weiker (arrived at 5:01pm), and Benson Wong were present. Councilmembers Tom Acker and David Wisenteiner were absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bertlin noted that AB 5387, City Council Rules of Procedure Amendments item has been removed from the agenda at staff's request.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Nice to:

Approve the agenda as amended.

Passed 4-0

FOR: 4 (Bassett, Bertlin, Nice, Wong)

ABSENT: 3 (Acker, Weiker, Wisenteiner)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and to consider the maximum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) for 60 minutes

At 5:03pm, Mayor Bertlin convened the Executive Session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and to consider the maximum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) for 60 minutes.

At 5:57 pm, Mayor Bertlin adjourned the Executive Session.

The Council recessed until 6:00 pm.

STUDY SESSION

AB 5389 Mercer Island Center for the Arts (MICA) Update

City Manager Julie Underwood provided a brief presentation regarding the history between the City of Mercer Island and Mercer Island Center for the Arts (MICA).

Executive Director Paul Shoemaker and Strategic Partnerships Director Sharon Perez from MICA spoke about the Island's need for a central home for arts organizations on Mercer Island. He highlighted several of MICA's partnerships with other Island organizations.

The Council directed staff to engage with Youth Theater Northwest and MICA to work together to help Youth Theater Northwest find a new permanent home in the Mercer Island community.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

AB 5388 African American History Month Proclamation

Mayor Bertlin read the African American History Month Proclamation urging all residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

Rev. Wayne Perryman received the Proclamation and spoke about current events regarding race relations in our nation.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Underwood reported on the following:

- 3rd Community Advisory Group meeting was held on February 5, 2018
- Community Meeting, February 10, 10:00am – noon, MICEC room 104
- Shop and Dine Local, February 7 & 8, 10% of proceeds will go to YFS Foundation
- Community volunteer restoration event, Saturday, February 10, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Pioneer Park
- 2018 Spring & Summer Camps Programs early registration open to Mercer Island residents
- Mercer Island Sister City Thanon Les Bains student exchange from February 12th - 20
- Community Potluck February 14, 6:30 – 8:30 VFW Hall
- Remember to Vote by February 13, 2018
- Community Dance, February 16, 2018, 7:00 – 11:00 pm, VFW Hall
- City facilities closed for President's Day, February 19, 2018
- Public Comment Period open through May, 2018 for King County 20 Year Waste & Recycling Plan
- Hopelink's Free Tax Help runs through April 19
- Money Magazine selected Mercer Island as the best place to live in Washington State

APPEARANCES

The following people spoke in support of the Council approving the proposed ARCH 2017 Housing Trust Fund Recommendations:

- Bill Hallerman, Director of Catholic Community Services of King County
- Josh Terlouw, Congregations for the Homeless, Bellevue
- Dan Johnson, Imagine Housing, Kirkland
- Denise Ashbaugh, The Sofia Way, Bellevue

Ira Appelman, 9039 E Shorewood Drive, spoke in opposition to siting of MICA in Mercerdale Park.

Nancy Hewitt Spaeth, 8320 SE 34th St, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Karen Beck, 4813 East Mercer Way, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Carol Friends, 3260 80th Ave SE #4, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.
Commended Deputy City Clerk Ellie Hooman for providing quick and efficient assistance to the public.

Stowe and Martha Sprague, 4817 91st Ave SE, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Kelsey Joyce, 8420 Benotho Pl, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Genevieve Morton, 7654 79th Ave SE, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Caroline Atkinson, Students for MICA, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Prady Misra, 8035 West Mercer Way, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Meg Lippert, 4052 94th Ave SE, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Ed Pepple, 5734 91st Ave SE, commended City Manager Underwood. Expressed concern with siting MICA in

Mercerdale Park, but voiced support of MICA in general. Commended MICA's Board for working on locating alternative sites.

Judy Kinelman, 9242 SE 46th St, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to help find YTN a new home.

Kaya McRuer, 9242 SE 46th St, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to help find YTN a new home.

Anne Thomson, 9030 SE 64th, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to help find YTN a new home.

James Rudolf, 5722 West Mercer, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Jean Dunbabin, 3049 71st Ave SE, expressed concern with siting MICA in Mercerdale Park, but voiced support of MICA in general. Commended MICA's Board for working on locating alternative sites.

Peter Struck, 9130 SE 54th St, spoke in opposition to siting MICA in Mercerdale Park. Expressed concern with the City having any partnership with MICA. Feels that MICA should be located on private land, and privately run and funded.

Sue Sherwood, 7444 West Mercer Way, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Theresa Yvonne, 1818 Markham Ave NE, Tacoma, WA, Executive Director of Federal Way Performing Arts Center. Spoke in support of MICA. Spoke about recent economic value that the recently opened Federal Way Performing Arts Center has provided to that community and invited the Council to come tour their facility to see what could be possible for MICA in the future.

Lynn Abulhosn, 4625 89th Ave SE, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to help find YTN a new home.

Manny Cawaling, Executive Director of Youth Theater Northwest, 710 30th Ave, spoke in support of MICA. Spoke about Youth Theater Northwest's need for a theater.

Al Lippert, 4052 94th Ave SE, expressed concern with siting MICA in Mercerdale Park, but voiced support of MICA in general. Commended MICA's Board for working on locating alternative sites. Asked the Council and City to withdraw from the MOU with MICA which still includes a plan for siting MICA in Mercerdale Park.

Patrick Daughtery, 4910 East Mercer Way, sang a song called "Save Mercerdale Park" in opposition to siting MICA in Mercerdale Park.

Tova Dodge, 9023 Se 37th St, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to help find YTN a new home.

Bahrat Shyam, 8405 SE 34th Pl, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to help find YTN a new home.

Sarah Ford, 8405 SE 34th Pl, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to help find YTN a new home.

Daniel Glasser, 7416 West Mercer Way, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to help find YTN and MI Youth Ballet a new home.

Suzanne Zahr, 2441 76th Ave SE #160, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Janice Cohen, 4655 90th Ave SE, asked the Council to protect Mercerdale Park from development.

Jackie Dunbar, 7116 82nd Ave SE, spoke about City's Financial Challenges. Spoke in opposition to siting MICA in Mercerdale Park. Expressed concern with MOU between the City and MICA. Encouraged citizens to attend City's Financial Challenges Community Meeting scheduled for February 10th.

Alan Reed, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, spoke in support of YTN. Advised that while there are still answers that need to be answered regarding the location of MICA, he urged the Council to help YTN find a new home so that the program can remain on the Island.

Claus Jensen, 9325 SE 57th, spoke about City's Financial Challenges. Spoke in opposition to siting MICA in Mercerdale Park.

Bill Janes, 4301 86th Ave SE, asked Council to protect Mercerdale Park from development.

Natalya Hgeyeva, 7609 SE 29th St, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to help find YTN a new home.

Lesley Bain, 4180 West Mercer Way, spoke in support of MICA urging the Council to support the Arts.

Kyle, 5th Grader, spoke in support of YTN and MICA. Played a song recording while dancing.

The Council took a 10 minute recess.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Payables: \$927,814.54 (01/18/2018), \$587,027.72 (01/25/2018), & \$863,681.61 (02/01/2018)

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

Minutes: January 23, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Adopt the January 23, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as written.

AB 5382 ARCH 2018 Administrative Budget and Work Program

Recommendation: Approve the ARCH 2018 Administrative Budget and Work Program and authorize expenditure of \$32,185 for Mercer Island's contribution to the 2018 ARCH Administrative Budget.

AB 5383 ARCH 2017 Housing Trust Fund Recommendations

Recommendation: Approve the use of up to \$93,900 from the City's share of the 2017 ARCH Housing Trust Fund and \$57,899 as a forward commitment of the City's 2018 Housing Trust Fund contribution, as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board, and authorize execution of any related agreements and documents.

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Wong to:

Approve the consent calendar and the recommendations contained therein as amended.

Passed 5-0

FOR: 5 (Bassett, Bertlin, Nice, Weiker, Wong)

ABSENT: 2 (Acker, Wisenteiner)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5381 General Sewer Plan Update

Mayor Bertlin advised that AB 5381 would need be rescheduled to a later date.

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Nice to:

Amend the agenda to remove AB 5381 to be rescheduled at a later date.

Passed 5-0

FOR: 5 (Bassett, Bertlin, Nice, Weiker, Wong)

ABSENT: 2 (Acker, Wisenteiner)

AB 5385 Critical Areas Code Update - Scope of Work, Approach and Public Engagement Plan

Planning Manager Evan Maxim presented the proposed combined scope of work for Critical Areas Code Update & Shoreline Master Program Update. He noted the following mandated objectives of the update:

- Identify/designate critical areas
- Make updates based upon best available science, changes in statute, case law, or the Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan.
- Incorporate critical area regulations into Shoreline Master Program

Planning Manager Maxim also noted the recommended objectives to (1) clarify/simplify the code; (2) provide for code flexibility; and (3) map critical areas.

Planning Manager Maxim reviewed the proposed public engagement plan, noting that it would be modeled after what was done for the Residential Development Standards update. He also noted that the \$160,000 in the 2017-2018 budget for updating the critical areas code will primarily be used on hiring consultants to develop best available science materials to inform the technical review of the critical areas code update.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Wong to:

Approve the proposed scope of work and public engagement plan for the Critical Areas Code update.

Passed 5-0

FOR: 5 (Bassett, Bertlin, Nice, Weiker, Wong)

ABSENT: 2 (Acker, Wisenteiner)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

Councilmember Acker's absence was excused.

Councilmember Wisenteiner's absence was excused.

Councilmember Weiker advised that she will be absent July 3.

Planning Schedule

City Manager Julie Underwood noted the following changes to the Planning Schedule:

- Add Executive Session on February 20 at 5:00 pm
- Add Arbor Day Proclamation to Special Business on February 20
- Reschedule General Sewer Plan as a Study Session item on March 6
- Move Code Compliance Program Study Session to a later date
- Tentatively reschedule the July 3rd meeting to July 10

Board Appointments

There were no appointments.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Weiker attended CAG meeting on February 5. She commended staff for communicating the facts so clearly and concisely.

Councilmember Wong attended CAG meeting on February 5 as well as the Community meeting on January 29.

He also attended the Boys and Girls Club breakfast along with Councilmembers Bassett and Wisenteiner.

Reminded citizens and the Council that the YFS breakfast is scheduled for February 7 from 7:30 – 8:30 am.

Deputy Mayor Nice noted the Sister City potluck and Arts Council meeting on Valentine's Day, and VFW community dance on February 16.

Councilmember Bassett noted upcoming K4C Climate Collaboration meeting on February 7 after the YFS breakfast. He also noted that on the evening of February 7 there will be a SCA new board or committee member gathering at SeaTac City Hall.

Mayor Bertlin noted that the YFS breakfast is scheduled for February 7 from 7:30 – 8:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Attest:

Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

Allison Spietz, City Clerk