



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2017

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Bruce Bassett, Deputy Mayor Debbie Bertlin, and Councilmembers Dan Grausz, Tom Acker (arrived 5:05 pm), Wendy Weiker (arrived 7:00 pm), David Wisenteiner, and Benson Wong (arrived 5:05 pm) were present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Grausz to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

Passed 4-0

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

ABSENT: 2 (Weiker, Wisenteiner)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session to discuss (with legal counsel) pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for one hour.

At 5:02pm, Mayor Bassett convened the Executive Session to discuss (with legal counsel) pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for one hour.

At 6:02 pm, Mayor Bassett extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes.

At 6:09 pm, Mayor Bassett adjourned the Executive Session.

RECEPTION

The Council held a reception for Councilmember Grausz until 7:00 pm.

Current City Councilmembers, former Mayors and Councilmembers, former City Managers, current City staff and community members gathered to thank Councilmember Dan Grausz for his 18 years of service to the Mercer Island Community on the City Council.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Swearing-In of Councilmember Tom Acker

City Clerk Ali Spietz administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmember Tom Acker.

Recognition of Councilmember Grausz' Service to the Mercer Island Community

Mayor Bruce Bassett read a resolution acknowledging Councilmember Dan Grausz' contributions to the contributions to the Mercer Island Community. He highlighted contributions Councilmember Grausz made during his tenure on the Council in the following areas:

- Parks and Open Space
- Key Public Facilities
- Financial Matters
- Public Safety

- Recreational and Other Facility Improvements
- Land Use and Development Issues; and
- Community Services

On behalf of its citizens, the City Council commended Dan Grausz for his long-tenured and distinguished public service and extended its sincerest thanks and appreciation for his time and many significant contributions to Mercer Island over the past 18 years.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Underwood reported on the following:

- 2018 Legislative Priorities Special Meeting
- City Awarded \$500,000 Transportation Improvement Board Grant for SE 40th Street Corridor Project
- Island Crest Park Field Turf Installation
- Sustainability Update
- Residential Development Standards Implementation
- Chamber Holiday Luncheon - December 7, 12:00-1:00 pm
- MIYFS Holiday Tree Lot Open - Now through December 22, Farmers Parking Lot
- Argosy Holiday Ship Festival - December 22, 7:30-9:00 pm, Luther Burbank Park Docks
- City Hall Holiday Closure - December 25 and January 1
- Community Center End of the Year Maintenance Closures – December 18 – 25, and January 1
- Refuse & Recycling Services Holiday Schedule (pick up is one day later)
- Christmas Tree Chipping Service - December 26 - January 12 - Public Works Shop
- City's Financial Challenges Community Advisory Group Meeting - January 6, 2018, 9:00 am-12:30 pm

APPEARANCES

Peter Struck, 9130 SE 54th Street, thanked Councilmember Nice for highlighting the dramatic change in the school impact fee amount. He noted that he looks forward to an extensive dialogue regarding the collective bargaining agreement proposed COLA in 2018. He expressed concern about the proposed commuting and parking solutions in that the City may be falling into analysis paralysis, impairing the City's ability to move forward on proposed parking solutions. He expressed hope that the City Manager will present a scorecard of the top five priorities of the City from 2017.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Acker requested removal of AB 5365: 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (2nd Reading & Adoption) from the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Wisenteiner requested removal of AB5371: AFSCME 2018-2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement from the Consent Calendar. Mayor Bassett moved both items to the first items of Regular Business.

Payables: \$378,956.73 (11/16/2017), \$445,139.37 (11/21/2017), & \$1,333,462.42 (11/30/2017)

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

Payroll: \$822,040.35 (11/09/2017) & \$839,633.40 (11/22/2017)

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

Minutes: November 6, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes & November 21, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Adopt the November 6, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes & November 21, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

AB 5366 Roadside Shoulder Improvements, East Mercer Way Phase 10 Bid Award

Recommendation: Award the Roadside Shoulder Improvements, East Mercer Way Phase 10 project to RRJ Company, LLC in the amount of \$229,211.94. Set the project budget to \$354,804, and direct the City

Manager to execute the construction contract.

AB 5369 Public Sewer Easement Terminations in Exchange for Access Easement to Sewer Pump Station No. 1

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to sign the Sewer Easements Termination Document (substantially in the form of Exhibit 1) in exchange for a new access easement on parcels 545230-2218 and 5454230-2216 to access Pump Station No. 1 (substantially in the form of Exhibit 2).

AB 5367 Code Amendment to Update School Impact Fees (2nd Reading & Adoption)

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No.17C-29, amending Mercer Island City Code 19.17.070 to change the amount of School Impact Fees collected by the City for the Mercer Island School District.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Grausz to:

Approve the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.

Passed 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5371 AFSCME 2018-2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Council asked about addressing leave accrual limits with the two-year contract. City Manager Underwood advised that this topic is expected to come up in the Community Advisory Group analysis of the City's financial challenges. She noted that the midyear mini planning session would be a better time for the Council to formulate more detailed direction for future bargaining agreements.

It was moved by Wisenteiner; seconded by Bertlin to:

Authorize the City Manager to sign the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement with the AFSCME Bargaining Unit for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Passed: 7-0

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

AB 5365 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (2nd Reading & Adoption)

Councilmember Acker noted that he did not feel comfortable voting on this agenda bill without discussion because he doesn't have the history behind the proposed amendments. He asked for clarification as to why staff is recommending something other than what the Planning Commission recommended.

Evan Maxim explained that City staff prepared a recommendation to approve all of the proposed comprehensive plan amendments to the Planning Commission in August. He noted that the Planning Commission agreed with all but one regarding the proposed Cohen amendment.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Wong to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 17-23 and Ordinance No. 17C-24, adopting the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments and accompanying zoning amendments.

Passed: 6-0-1

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

ABSTAINED: 1 (Acker)

AB 5370 Sound Transit Settlement Agreement Implementation: Traffic & Safety Mitigation; Last-First Mile Solutions; Short-term Parking

City Manager Julie Underwood introduced Jackson Taylor, Public Sector Partnership Manager with Uber, and Todd Kelsay, Pacific Northwest General Manager with Lyft. Both Mr. Taylor and Mr. Kelsay spoke about possible first and last mile solution options available through a partnership with their companies. Some of the considerations discussed were:

- Possible pilot programs
- Like city case studies
- Rideshare options through Uber and Lyft Apps
- Geo-fencing
- Rider/City/Rideshare cost sharing
- Driver incentives to ensure wait times remain short during peak commute times
- Non-exclusive agreement possibilities

There was Council consensus to move forward with 12 week pilot with both Uber and Lyft. City Manager Underwood advised that staff will return with more concrete proposals and specific like city case studies from both Uber and Lyft. She also noted that staff will also return with more details on the pilot that Metro is currently working on with Uber and Lyft.

There was Council consensus to have staff move forward with directing Sound Transit to spend up to \$72,000 to locate up to 30 short term parking spaces for commuting parking for a term of up to 5 years while the South Bellevue Park and Ride Parking Garage is being built.

City Manager Underwood noted that staff will invite a representative from Metro to attend a study session discussing last/first mile solutions & opportunities.

AB 5368 2018 Legislative Priorities

Assistant City Manager Kirsten Taylor reviewed the draft City of Mercer Island 2018 State Legislative Priorities.

The Council provided the following direction:

- 1. Improve I-90 access and reduce impacts to local streets**
Council Direction: There was Council consensus to approve as written.
- 2. Fully fund education**
Council Direction: The Council consensus was to clarify that the Council is supporting the City's partnership with the Mercer Island School Board by promoting their legislative priorities. The Council directed staff to make the following amendment: "In conjunction with the Mercer Island School Board, request the State Legislature to adopt policies and a budget that will address remaining funding issues as outlined in the Washington State School Directors' Association 2018 Legislative Priorities. In addition request the State Legislature to re-balance the funding mechanisms responding to the McCleary ruling to provide relief to districts with higher property valuations and support mental health counseling and social emotional learning in all schools."
- 3. Allocate recreation/transportation funding for Aubrey Davis Park Master Plan**
Council Direction: There was Council consensus to add "much of which is located on WSDOT-owned land" at the end of the first sentence and approve as amended.
- 4. Address funding of city services**
Council Direction: There was Council consensus to approve as written.
- 5. Enhance Health and Human Services and addressing the housing and homelessness crisis**
Council Direction: There was Council consensus to approve as written.
- 6. Preserve the environment**
Council Direction: There was Council consensus to add "and direct those funds to climate change mitigation" to the end of subsection 1 and approve as amended.
- 7. Support AWC and SCA legislative priorities**
Council Direction: There was Council consensus to approve as written.

The Council also added "Pass legislation to approve a capital budget" as legislative priority 8.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

There were no absences.

Planning Schedule

There was Council discussion regarding televising less formal meetings such as Planning Sessions, Planning

Commission and Design Commission meetings. The Council consensus was to have staff research options for better quality audio recording equipment that is also portable. For the upcoming planning session the intent is to create an audio recording that will be made available to the public. Mayor Bassett noted the addition of an Executive Session to January 9, 2018 Council Meeting for City Manager Annual Performance Review.

Board Appointments

There were no appointments.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Wong noted that Sustainable Mercer Island will be meeting on December 11, 2017 from 6:30 – 8:30PM at MICEC.

Councilmember Weiker commended the Mercer Island Girls Soccer Team for winning the State Championship. Deputy Mayor Bertlin attended the Growth Management Planning Council meeting.

Councilmember Grausz attended the Regional Policy Committee meeting.

Mayor Bassett noted that this was his last night as Mayor. He thanked the Council for providing him the opportunity to serve the community in this role.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Attest:

Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Ali Spietz, City Clerk