



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Bruce Bassett, Deputy Mayor Debbie Bertlin (arrived at 5:06 pm), and Councilmembers Dan Grausz, Salim Nice, David Wisenteiner, Wendy Weiker (joined executive session by phone at 5:02 pm, disconnected from call at 5:15 pm and arrived in person at 6:10 pm), and Benson Wong were present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Nice to:

Approve the Agenda as presented.

Passed 5-0

FOR: 5 (Bassett, Grausz, Nice, Wisenteiner, Wong)

ABSENT: 2 (Bertlin, Weiker)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session to discuss (with legal counsel) pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 90 minutes.

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 90 minutes.

At 6:33pm, Mayor Bassett extended the Executive Session for 20 minutes.

At 6:50pm, Mayor Bassett adjourned the Executive Session. The Council recessed until 7:00pm.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Youth Leadership Award Recognition

YFS Admin Services Manager Derek Franklin spoke about a youth leadership award received by local high school student Hannah Stewart for her work with the Healthy Youth Initiative and MIHS Safe Club. Councilmember Wong commended Ms. Stewart's prevention efforts and encouraged her to keep up the great work.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Underwood reported on the following:

- Medicare Open Enrollment
- ACA Open Enrollment
- Residential Code Effective Date & Info Sessions
- Fall Recycling Event
- Parks Projects - Island Crest North Field, South Mercer Playground, Clarke Beach
- Island Crest Way & 32nd St - Pedestrian Signal (Waiting for delivery of signal equipment) Time estimate is 18-20 weeks.
- 630 Shuttle Buses Being Upgraded - Should be on the Road in the next week or two

- City Manager Underwood asked the community to help the City prevent blockages by keeping storm drains clear

APPEARANCES

Rich Hill, 701 5th Ave Seattle, spoke in support of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket item number 8. Property owners at Stroum Jewish Community Center & The French American School are hoping to work with each other and the City to plan future development and improvement of their properties. Proposed designation private community facilities. Asked Council to put this proposal on the Planning Commission's workplan for 2018.

Lloyd Gilman, 7217 80th Ave SE, spoke about using lake water for irrigation purposes in the community.

Suzanne Skone, 2834 60th Ave SE, spoke about Island parking issues. Handed a parking map to the Council. Asked the Council to study what the needs are for parking in Town Center.

Biz Gilman, 7217 80th Ave SE, presented photos of two large Douglas Fir trees which are located on private property to the Council. Expressed concern that was shared by City staff with road damaging trees on adjacent private property. She asked Council to reject Hearing Examiner's recommendations regarding Pratt Preliminary Long Plat.

Marty Gail, 9404 SE 54th St, spoke about construction on the East Channel Bridge. She questioned whether information will be put out regarding how large of an impact this project will have on traffic heading east on I-90.

Al Lippert, 4052 94th Ave SE, made campaign related comments and was asked to stop by the Mayor.

Rob Dunbabin, 2745 73rd Ave SE, made campaign related comments and was asked to stop by the Mayor.

Robert Thorpe, 5800 West Mercer Way, spoke about future vision for the City. Encouraged the Council to support mixed use zoning, and keep focusing on the future vision of the City and stay positive.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Payables: \$134,755.10 (10/18/2017) & \$942,018.77 (10/26/2017)

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

Payroll: \$869, 908.66 (10/13/2017) & \$800,128.57 (10/27/2017)

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

Minutes: October 3, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes & October 17, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Adopt the October 3, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes & October 17, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

AB 5354 East Link Light Rail Seismic Retrofitting and Construction Staging at the Mercer Island Boat Launch for the I-90 East Channel Bridge

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute the following: (1) Amendment Number 1 to Airspace Lease with WSDOT and (2) a Boat Launch Sublease Agreement with Sound Transit for construction staging at the Mercer Island Boat Launch to retrofit the I-90 East Channel Bridge to current seismic standards for Sound Transit's East Link Light Rail Project.

AB 5358 Set Date for Public Meeting to Consider the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation to Approve the Pratt Preliminary Long Plat (SUB16-007)

Recommendation: Set the public meeting for November 21, 2017 to consider the Hearing Examiner's recommendation and take action on the proposed Pratt Preliminary Long Plat (SUB16-007).

AB 5356 2018-2021 Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) Interlocal Agreement

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute the 2018-2021 Eastside Transportation Partnership agreement.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Weiker to:

Approve the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.

Passed 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5359 2018 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Final Docket

Planning Manager Evan Maxim presented a brief process overview of the 2018 preliminary docket for comprehensive plan amendments.

The Council proposed the following additions

1. Add a green incentive for single-family residential new construction projects
2. Include adoption of the STAR Communities overlay in comprehensive amendment docket.
3. Develop goals and policies that would more closely tie Town Center height allowances to the encouragement of public amenities including an expedited procedure that would enable property owners/developers to get tentative approval of additional height allowances based on proposed amenities.
4. Develop goals and policies that would support Planned Unit Development (PUD) proposals for new subdivisions in order to facilitate lot sizes that would encourage less expensive housing options.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Wong to:

Adopt Resolution No. 1534 adopting the 2018 Comprehensive Plan amendment final docket as amended.

Passed 6-1

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

AGAINST: 1 (Wisenteiner)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

There were no absences.

Planning Schedule

City Manager Underwood advised she will be absent at the November 21 meeting. She noted the following upcoming additions to the planning schedule:

- An agenda bill that will be presented by Human Resources Director Kryss Segel recommending the re-appointment of Judge Wayne Stewart.
- December 5th reception from 6 - 7 pm celebrating Dan Grausz' service on the Council.
- Last and First Mile solutions will be presented on December 5th. Lift and Uber representatives will be present to answer the Council's questions.

Councilmember Nice advised that he might be absent at the November 28, 2017 Special Meeting.

The Council canceled the December 19, 2017 Regular Council meeting.

Board Appointments

There were no appointments.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Wong noted that it's not too late to make a tax deductible donation to the MIYFS Foundation.

Councilmember Weiker encouraged her fellow Councilmembers and citizens to support the MIYFS Annual Breakfast fundraiser on February 7, 2018.

Councilmember Nice noted that if citizens are curious about how the City came up with \$10,000 for Sound Transit's use of the area under the bridge known as the "Boat Launch", they could make a public records

request on the City's website for his November 6th email regarding AB 5354.

Councilmember Wong requested that the City Manager add information to the City's website regarding any plans for closures relating to the boat launch construction.

Councilmember Grausz asked citizens to ensure that they vote before tomorrow. He noted a conversation at the Sound Cities Association surrounding housing funds associated to the Human Services Levy.

Mayor Bassett noted that it is time to apply for boards and committees representation on the Sound Cities Association. He asked Councilmembers to consider what boards or committees they might be able to serve on and coordinate with each other to ensure only one councilmember applies to each committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Attest:

Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Ellie Hooman, Deputy City Clerk