



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 3, 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, Salim Nice, David Wisenteiner (arrived 5:24 pm), and Benson Wong were present. Councilmember Wendy Weiker was absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Nice to:

Approve the Agenda as presented.

Passed 5-0

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

ABSENT: 2 (Weiker, Wisenteiner)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for one hour.

At 5:03 pm, Mayor Bassett convened an Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for one hour.

At 6:05 pm, Mayor Bassett adjourned the Executive Session.

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

At 6:05 pm, Mayor Bassett convened an Executive Session to discuss (with legal counsel) pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(l) for one hour.

At 7:00 pm, Mayor Bassett extended the Executive Session for 10 minutes.

At 7:11 pm, Mayor Bassett adjourned the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting resumed.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Domestic Violence Action Month Proclamation

Mayor Bassett proclaimed October 2017 as Domestic Violence Action Month. The Mayor asked citizens to speak out against domestic violence and support efforts to prevent and end domestic abuse and the indifference that sustains it.

AB 5347 King County Human Services/Veteran's Levy Presentation

Assistant City Manager Kirsten Taylor introduced Mr. Leo Flor, King County Veterans Human Services Levy Manager. Mr. Flor summarized the current Veterans and Human Services Levy which was renewed in 2011 at the rate of \$0.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The Levy is used to fund programs like the mobile medical van which

goes around the community to treat homeless adults and families to prevent unneeded ER visits. The Levy also supports programs such as mental health treatment for veterans and mothers receiving WIC benefits through the County. He noted that the proposed increase would raise the rate to \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and those additional funds would allow a third category of vulnerable seniors to be added to the populations served by Levy funded programs.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Underwood reported on the following:

- Sound Transit I-90 Settlement agreement tentatively scheduled for Council approval on October 17, 2017.
- First/Last Mile solutions Study Session tentatively scheduled for November 7 Council meeting.
- Traffic Mitigation Community Meeting planned for late November/early December.
- Community Center Drainage & Asphalt Repair Project is complete.
- Community Center full day closure on Monday, October 9, 2017 to allow for staff training on new registration system that is planned to roll out in January, 2018.
- City Financial Challenges presentation planned for Chamber's Membership Luncheon on Wednesday, October 11 from 12-1pm at MICEC.
- The City's first Telephone Town Hall to learn more about the City's Financial Challenges will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 from 7-8pm
- 2017 Fall Recycling Event is planned for Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 9am-3pm at Mercer Island Boat Launch.
- Free Medication Take-Back Event scheduled for Saturday, October 28 from 10am-2pm at City Hall.

APPEARANCES

Carol Friends, 3260 80th Ave SE, thanked the Council for their service. She commended City staff for running the City smoothly.

Bob Medved, 7238 SE 32nd Street, asked Council and staff to review WAC 365.196.210 and consider adopting an ordinance that simply states the City accepts the definitions provided in the WAC. He also asked the Council to look at Transportation Concurrency Ordinances from the cities of Bellingham and Kirkland for samples of plans already in place.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Payables: \$905,641.89 (09/14/2017) & \$576,040.73 (09/28/2017)

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

Payroll: \$801,475.47 (09/15/2017) & \$798,217.55 (09/29/2017)

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

Minutes: September 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Adopt the September 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Wong to:

Approve the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5336 Transportation Concurrency Code Amendment (1st Reading)

Development Services Group Director Scott Greenberg presented a brief review of the local government transportation concurrency plan requirements in the Growth Management Act. He reviewed the four elements of the proposed concurrency program: Applicability, Concurrency Test, Concurrency Acceptance Letter, and Certificate of Concurrency.

Council provided direction for staff to report back with more detailed information on how changes in the Town Center and I-90 corridor are impacting traffic patterns on the Island. Council requested staff return with a plan for how the timeline of impact fees being paid and transportation concurrency mitigation being carried out will relate.

Council provided direction to staff to reword language in 19.20.020B to remove "any intersection" and replace with "any intersection of two arterials during peak hours." Depending on the amount of study that needs to be conducted, this issue may be tied into the Transportation Improvement Plan discussion in spring 2018.

AB 5330 Essential Public Facilities Code Amendment (1st Reading)

Development Services Group Director Scott Greenberg provided a short presentation on siting of essential public facilities requirements under the Growth Management Act. He reviewed the following proposed code amendment requirements:

- Pre-application meeting including public participation plan
- Conditional use permit which must document: facility need, consistency with sponsor's long range plan and Comprehensive Plan
- Minimum siting requirements
- Investigation of alternative sites
- Proposed impact mitigation
- May require design review if not located on City property
- May require independent consultant review

Council consensus to exempt the City and School District from siting requirements and change the working project sponsor to applicant for consistency.

It was moved by Wisenteiner; seconded by Grausz to:

Set Ordinance No. 17C-20 for second reading and adoption on October 17, 2017 as amended.

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

Councilmember Weiker was excused.

Planning Schedule

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

- Addition of an Executive Session on October 17, 2017 at 6 pm.
- Remove the second reading of the Transportation Concurrency Ordinance from the October 17, 2017 meeting and reschedule for a later date.
- Sound Transit Settlement Agreement tentatively planned to be added to October 17, 2017 meeting.
- Joint Meeting with MISD on October 26, 2017 at 5 pm.
- Mayor Bassett will be absent from October 17 & 26 meetings.

Board Appointments

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Nice to:

Confirm the appointment June Silverberg to Arts Council Position 2 (expiring 5/31/2019).

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Bertlin, Grausz, Nice, Wisenteiner, Wong)
ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Wisenteiner reported on the swim across America fundraiser. He commended Mercer Island Police Department and Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts during the event.

Councilmember Grausz attended JARC resources committee, proposing to sound cities that the committee be reformulated or abolished because in 2 years it has accomplished nothing.

Deputy Mayor Bertlin thanked Suzanne Skone for the invitation to the Forterra meeting on the future of driverless cars. Deputy Mayor Bertlin, along with Councilmember Wong and City Manager Underwood attended the presentation. She noted that Mercer Island Community Center hosted a meeting for the Regional Affordable Housing task force on September 22, 2017.

Councilmember Wong attended Community Services Board orientation. There is a community engagement forum planned for later in the year.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Attest:

Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Ellie Hooman, Deputy City Clerk