



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 (arrived 5:33 pm), Jeff Sanderson, Wendy Weiker (arrived 5:33 pm), David Wisenteiner (arrived 5:33 pm), and Benson Wong were present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Sanderson to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

Passed 4-0

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

ABSENT: 3 (Grausz, Weiker, Wisenteiner)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:31 pm, Mayor Bassett convened Executive Session #1 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of applicants for public employment for approximately 90 minutes.

At 6:20 pm, Mayor Bassett adjourned Executive Session #1.

At 6:22 pm, Mayor Bassett convened Executive Session #2 pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) to plan or adopt the strategy to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress for approximately 30 minutes.

At 6:45 pm, Mayor Bassett adjourned Executive Session #2.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

National Recovery Month Proclamation

Mayor Bassett proclaimed September 2016 as National Recovery Month and called upon the community to observe this month with compelling programs and events that support this year's observance.

APPEARANCES

Terry Moreman, 3628 72nd Place SE, spoke about Art Uncorked on Friday, September 9 from 6:00-9:00 pm. She noted that it has become a Town Center party with entertainment, food trucks, and art. She also noted that part of the proceeds will be donated to YFS and she thanked the Council and City staff for their support.

Sue Stewart, 3205 84th Ave SE, spoke on behalf of Friends for Luther Burbank Park and asked for an edit to the land use map within the Comprehensive Plan document to preserve west hill as park property. She asked

Council to discuss the amendment as a Council-driven initiative.

Steve Marshall, 8150 W Mercer Way, spoke on behalf of Emanuel Episcopal Church. He thanked the Council for addressing the issue of rector housing and asked that religious institutions be put into one zone. He noted that designating rector housing as affordable housing would let the people that serve the community live in the community.

Tom Acker, spoke about what successful negotiations with Sound Transit would look like and encouraged Council to seek public input. He also asked that the City acquire some public property, spoke about code compliance, and thanked staff for the new implementation of the ball fields.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Grausz requested removal of AB 5205 Interlocal Agreement with MISD for School Counselors. Mayor Bassett moved it to the first item of Regular Business.

Payables: \$444,070.23 (08/04/16), \$519,488.75 (08/08/16), & \$145,486.05 (08/25/16)

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

Payroll: \$759,028.65 (08/05/16) & \$768,731.88 (08/19/16)

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

Minutes: August 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes, August 24, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Adopt the August 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, the August 8, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes, and the August 24, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes as written.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Wong to:

Approve the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.

Passed 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5205 Interlocal Agreement with MISD for School Counselors

Councilmember Grausz asked about renegotiating some of the costs with the Mercer Island School District.

Finance Director Chip Corder spoke about the Mercer Island School District property tax rate cap and noted that the financing can be solved with a levy lid lift.

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Bertlin to:

Authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the Mercer Island School District for Counseling Services during the 2016-2017 school year.

Passed 7-0

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

AB 5208 Zoning Text Amendment Modifying MICC Title 19 Pertaining to Procedures for Amending the Comprehensive Plan (2nd Reading)

DSG Director Scott Greenberg presented the Zoning Text Amendment modifying MICC Title 19 pertaining to procedures for amending the Comprehensive Plan. He spoke about the process, whether amendments can be added after October 1, the application fees for proposed amendments, and he compared Mercer Island's application fees with other cities.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Weiker to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 16C-13 adopting procedures for amending the Comprehensive Plan.

Passed 7-0

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

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Weiker to:

Adopt Resolution No. 1518 amending the application fee for Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Passed 7-0

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

It was moved by Wisenteiner; seconded by Bertlin to:

Add the designation of "park" for the western portion of the Mercer Island Community and Event Center property known as kite hill or west hill to the 2017 Comprehensive Plan preliminary docket.

Passed 7-0

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

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Bertlin to:

Add amendments to the Comprehensive Plan that may be required as a result of the residential development code work to the 2017 Comprehensive Plan preliminary docket.

Passed 7-0

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

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Bertlin to:

Add any Comprehensive Plan amendments that may be required as a result of the staff work related to the Mercer Island Center for the Arts to the 2017 Comprehensive Plan preliminary docket.

Failed 3-4

FOR: 3 (Bassett, Bertlin, Grausz)

AGAINST: 4 (Sanderson, Weiker, Wisenteiner, Wong)

AB 5210 I-90 Loss of Mobility Negotiations Status Report

Assistant City Manager Kirsten Taylor presented the I-90 Loss of Mobility Negotiations Status Report. She spoke about the goals, recent activities, and current efforts. She also spoke about communications and the budget request for additional funding for negotiations.

AB 5211 2nd Quarter 2016 Financial Status Report & Budget Adjustments

Finance Director Corder presented the 2nd Quarter 2016 Financial Status Report & Budget Adjustments. He spoke about general fund revenues and development activity, noting specifically the increase in sales tax. He also spoke about expenditures and noted highlights from the YFS Fund and the CIP. He reviewed the budget adjustments including previous requests and new requests.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Weiker to:

Suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure 5.2, requiring a second reading for an ordinance.

Passed 7-0

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

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Weiker to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 16-11, amending the 2015-2016 Budget.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Sanderson to:

Amend the previous motion as follows:

Adopt Ordinance No. 16-11, amending the 2015-2016 Budget, with the exception of the \$15,755.00 for the community engagement costs.

Motion to amend failed 1-6

FOR: 1 (Bertlin)

AGAINST: 6 (Bassett, Grausz, Sanderson, Weiker, Wisenteiner, Wong)

Main Motion Passed 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

There were no absences.

Planning Schedule

Interim City Manager Pam Bissonnette noted that an I-90 Loss of Mobility Negotiations update will be added to upcoming meetings, that there will be an opportunity to add items to the Comprehensive Plan docket list for the September 19 meeting, and that a public outreach plan report will be given at the September 19 meeting.

Board Appointments

There were no appointments.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Wisenteiner spoke about providing an update to the Mercer Island PTA on the transit process and the PTA's concerns regarding both teacher retention, as a result of increased travel time, and cut-through traffic. He asked if the City has the capability to televise the League of Women Voters forum.

Councilmember Sanderson noted that the Mercer Island Library Board will be requesting an extension of their term.

Mayor Bassett noted that Art Uncorked is September 9, Leadership Eastside's Mayors Lunch is also September 9, and the Sound Cities Association's monthly dinner is September 7.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:

Karin Roberts, Deputy City Clerk