



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 1, 2016

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## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Debbie Bertlin called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Deputy Mayor Debbie Bertlin and Councilmembers Dan Grausz, Jeff Sanderson, Wendy Weiker (arrived 5:35 pm), David Wisenteiner, and Benson Wong were present. Mayor Bruce Bassett was absent.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Bertlin removed AB 5205: Interlocal Agreement with MISD for Counseling Services from the agenda to be rescheduled at a later date.

It was moved by Wisenteiner; seconded by Wong to:

**Approve the agenda as amended.**

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Bassett)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:31 pm, Deputy Mayor Bertlin convened Executive Session #1 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation for 30 minutes.

At 6:03 pm, Deputy Mayor Bertlin adjourned Executive Session #1.

At 6:03 pm, Deputy Mayor Bertlin convened Executive Session #2 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation for one hour.

At 6:59 pm, Deputy Mayor Bertlin extended the Executive Session for an additional 15 minutes.

At 7:13 pm, Deputy Mayor Bertlin adjourned Executive Session #2.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:16 pm.

## SPECIAL BUSINESS

### Women's Equality Day Proclamation

Deputy Mayor Bertlin proclaimed August 25, 2016 as Mercer Island Women's Equality Day and invited all Mercer Island residents to join together at Mercerdale Park on August 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm to celebrate with live music, food, and local guest speakers.

### National Night Out

Deputy Mayor Bertlin noted that August 2, 2016 is National Night Out, an annual community building event that promotes partnerships between police and the communities that they serve. It is a time to build relationships and work together to make our community a better place to live, work, and play. She noted that the City will be hosting an event at the Sculpture Garden from 5:00-8:00 pm that will include food and live music.

## APPEARANCES

Bart Dawson, 8812 SE 77<sup>th</sup> Place, Vice-Chair of the Mercer Island Library Board, spoke about the Mercer Island Library renovation and re-opening and thanked the Council for their support. He also thanked KCLS Director Gary Wasdin, the library users who participated in Gary's survey concerning library changes, and Councilmembers Bertlin, Grausz, and Wong who advocated on behalf of Mercer Island.

Sue Stewart, 3205 84<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, spoke in support of AB 5207 and asked Council to preserve West Hill/Kite Hill as park land on the land use map with the Comprehensive Plan. She also spoke about the 10% affordable housing requirement and the 16 homes being built on the Coval property.

Alan Reid, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 4400 86<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, thanked the Council for looking at the residential development standards and for including a review around the needs of religious institutions.

Lynn Hagerman, 3058 61<sup>st</sup> Ave SE, asked that the residential development scope include multiple lot development. She also asked that the public process be expanded to include more than one public hearing.

Mary Mahoney, 3024 60<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, spoke about the house being built across the street from hers and the impact it is having on her neighborhood. She noted that neighborhood character is disappearing with the building of these enormous homes.

Cheryl Schumacher, 3040 60<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, spoke about the character of her neighborhood and thanked the Council for addressing the issue of residential development standards.

Ka Anderson, 6004 SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, spoke about the Proctor Landing Project and the effect on the neighborhood and quality of life. She noted that commercial sized projects do not belong in neighborhoods.

Marianne Bond, 3014 60<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, spoke about the Proctor Landing Project and invited Council to spend a day in her front yard.

Mark Cohen, 1st Hill, spoke about the reduction in permeable surfaces on Mercer Island and the benefits of trees. He also spoke about developers and private homeowners who push the limits of best practices by asking for impervious deviations and taking down large trees. He noted that it is easier to protect what we have now than to replace what we have lost later.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### **Payables: \$547,975.34 (7/21/16) & \$378,549.76 (7/27/16)**

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

### **Payroll: \$808,165.97 (7/22/16)**

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

### **Minutes: July 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Recommendation:** Adopt the July 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Weiker to:

**Adopt the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.**

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Bassett)

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### **AB 5206 Single-Family Residential Development Standards - Scope of Work, Approach, and Public Engagement Plan**

Planning Manager Evan Maxim presented the Single-Family Residential Development Standards Plan. He spoke about the policy based approach, evaluation forms, and the scope of work. He noted two exceptions to the scope of work; religious institutions in residential zones and a comprehensive review of all residential standards, including multi-family. He also spoke about the public engagement plan, the schedule parameters, and next steps.

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Sanderson to:

**Approve the proposed approach, scope of work, and public engagement plan for the Single-Family Residential Development Standards code amendment, and in addition, (1) obtain further public input to determine if other issues need to be addressed, and (2) include additional issues as noted by the Council.**

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Bassett)

### **AB 5207 Zoning Text Amendment Modifying MICC Title 19 Pertaining to Procedures for Amending the Comprehensive Plan (1st Reading)**

DSG Director Scott Greenberg presented the Zoning Text Amendment ordinance modifying MICC Title 19 pertaining to procedures for amending the Comprehensive Plan. He spoke about the Comprehensive Plan amendment process, the docketing process, including the preliminary docket and the final docket, and the schedule going forward.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Weiker to:

**Set Ordinance No. 16C-13 for second reading and adoption at the September 6, 2016 City Council meeting.**

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Bassett)

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **Councilmember Absences**

Mayor Bassett's absence was excused.

### **Planning Schedule**

Interim City Manager Bissonnette spoke about the Interlocal Agreement with the Mercer Island School District and the dates for the Micro-Planning Session.

The next City Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 6.

Councilmember Grausz asked for a report back from the August 17 meeting with the School District regarding road projects. He also asked for an update on the MICA lease.

### **Board Appointments**

There were no appointments.

### **Councilmember Reports**

Councilmember Weiker recognized Youth Development Coordinator Tambi Cork for organizing the Summer Volunteer Program (SVP) and the Volunteer Outreach in Communities Everywhere (VOICE) program.

Councilmember Sanderson spoke about the library re-opening, summer concerts in the parks, and the Open Space Conservancy Trust's ongoing dog leash issue.

Deputy Mayor Bertlin noted that National Night Out is tomorrow and provided an update on the City Manager recruitment process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

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Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:

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Karin Roberts, Deputy City Clerk