



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MAY 16, 2016

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, and Councilmembers Dan Grausz, Jeff Sanderson, Wendy Weiker, David Wisenteiner (arrived 5:03 pm), and Benson Wong were present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Wong to:

Approve the agenda as published.

Passed 7-0

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Kids to Parks Day Proclamation

Mayor Bassett read a proclamation declaring May 21, 2016 as Kids to Parks Day. He encouraged citizens to visit a Mercer Island, neighborhood, state, or national park.

Affordable Housing Week Proclamation

Mayor Bassett read a proclamation declaring May 16-22, 2016 as Affordable Housing Week. He endorsed the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week and recommitted to ensuring that our community thrives with opportunity, and that all people in it live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes.

Loren Tierney from the Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County thanked the Council for proclaiming May 16-22, 2016 as Affordable Housing Week in the City of Mercer Island. She extended an invitation to the Affordable Housing Elected Official Reception on May 19 at El Centro de la Raza.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Payables: \$119,248.68 (04/28/16) & \$566,803.83 (05/05/16)

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

Payroll: \$770,094.90 (05/13/16)

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

Minutes: May 6, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes, & May 9, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Adopt the May 6, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes and the May 9, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes as written.

AB 5180 Resolution to Authorize a Recreation & Conservation Grant Application for the Luther Burbank South Shoreline Restoration

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 1515 authorizing the City Manager to apply for Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Funding for Luther Burbank South Shoreline Restoration Project, as provided in RCW 79.105.150, chapter 79A.25 RCW, WAC 286, and other applicable authorities.

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

Adopt the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.

Passed 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5183 1st Quarter 2016 Financial Status Report & Budget Adjustments

Finance Director Chip Corder presented the 1st Quarter 2016 Financial Status Report & Budget Adjustments. He spoke about general fund revenues and development activity, noting that 2015 was a record year in terms of development activity and development fees. He noted that real estate excise tax was up in the first quarter of 2016 primarily due to an increase in the average home sales price. He also spoke about the request that the Building Plans Examiner contract position be extended until the end of 2018.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Bertlin 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 Bertlin to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 16-09, amending the 2015-2016 Budget.

Passed 7-0

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

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Bertlin to:

Approve the extension of a contract Building Plans Examiner's end date from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

Passed 7-0

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

AB 5173 DSG Cost of Service and Fee Analysis

Assistant City Manager Kirsten Taylor presented the DSG Cost of Service and Fee Analysis. She introduced Peter Moy and Christine Elting from FCS Group who spoke about the key study goals, the fee methodology, and DSG's total cost recovery. They also spoke about cost recovery for building, planning, and engineering services, comparisons to the 2013 report, and fee setting considerations.

Assistant City Manager Taylor reviewed the staff recommendations and Council made the following motions:

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Bertlin to:

Maintain a target cost recovery level of 95% for Building Services, and increase the target cost recovery level for Planning Services and Engineering Services from 60% to 80% for those DSG costs which are eligible for cost recovery.

Passed 7-0

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

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Wong to:

Direct staff to return at a June 2016 regular meeting with an updated Fee Resolution to go into effect August 1, 2016, or sooner if possible.

Passed 7-0

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

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Bertlin to:

Direct staff to conduct another DSG cost of service and cost recovery fee analysis in the first half of 2018, re-visiting the DSG cost recovery budget policy and adjusting the target range, if deemed appropriate.

Passed 6-1

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

AGAINST: 1 (Grausz)

AB 5181 Town Center Development Code Update (1st Reading)

DSG Director Scott Greenberg presented the Town Center Development Code Update. He described the Joint Commission's recommendation for maximum building height in the Town Center. Council engaged in a thorough and lengthy discussion of the code update, focusing on building heights and providing staff direction on each page of the proposed code.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Grausz to:

Continue the Council Meeting past 10:00 pm.

Passed 7-0

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

Council directed staff to set the building heights in the Town Center as shown in the attached map.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Weiker to:

Set Ordinance No. 16C-05 adopting interim development and design standards for the Town Center zone for second reading and adoption on an emergency basis at the June 6, 2016 meeting.

Passed 7-0

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

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Wong to:

Set Ordinance No. 16C-06 adopting new, final development and design standards for the Town Center zone for second reading and adoption at the June 6, 2016 meeting.

Passed 7-0

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

AB 5182 2015 Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update (1st Reading)

DSG Director Greenberg presented the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update. He spoke about land use and the Town Center Vision.

Council asked to add language referring to "small town character."

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Wong to:

Set Ordinance No. 16C-07 adopting the updated Comprehensive Plan for second reading and adoption at the June 6, 2016 meeting.

Passed 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

There were no absences.

Planning Schedule

There was no discussion of the Planning schedule.

Board Appointments

There were no appointments.

Councilmember Reports

There were no reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:40 pm, Mayor Bassett convened an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment for approximately 30 minutes.

At 12:01 am, Mayor Bassett adjourned the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 12:01 am.

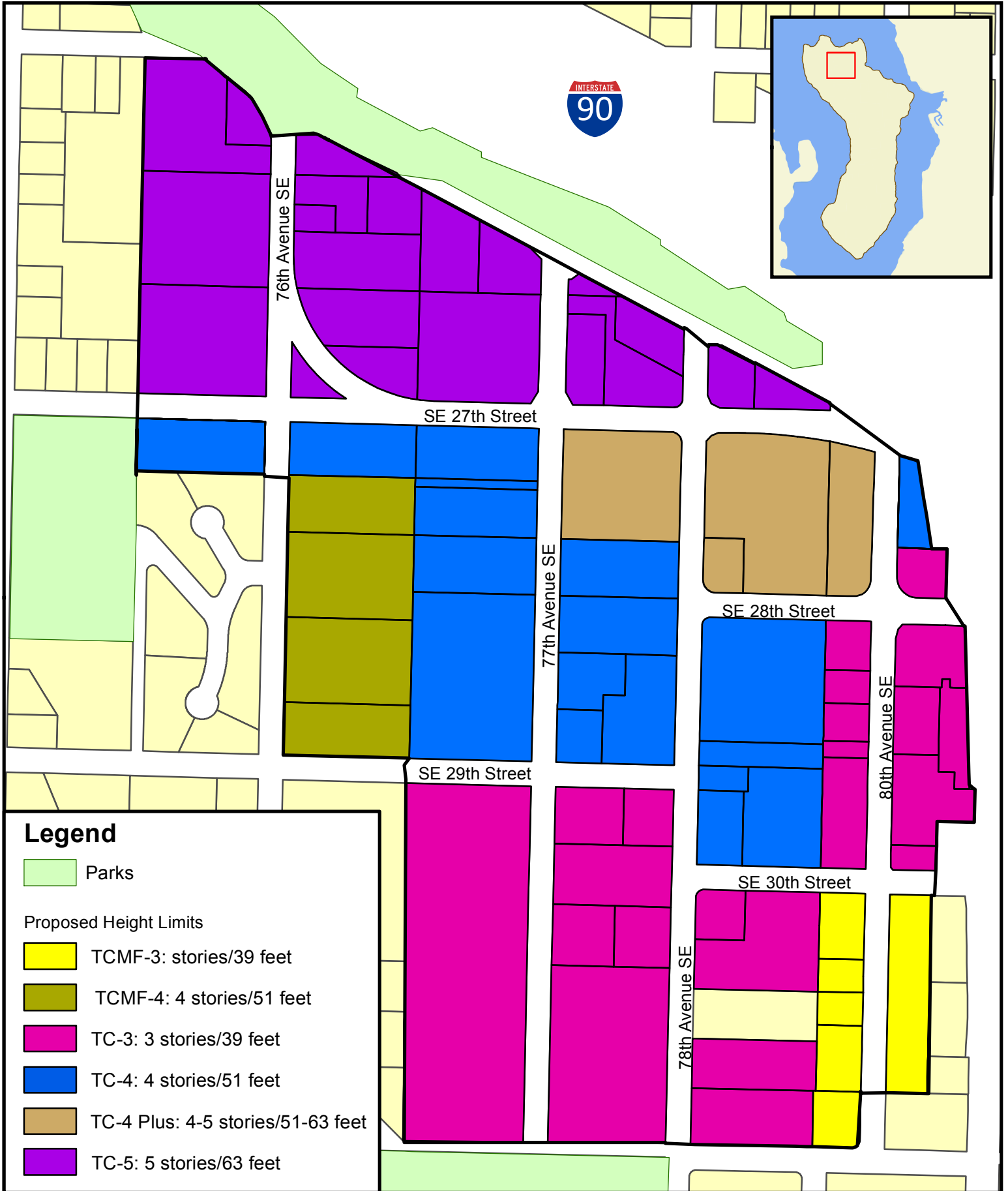
Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:

Karin Roberts, Deputy City Clerk

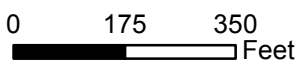
CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

Mercer Island Town Center Maximum Building Height



Legend

- Parks
- Proposed Height Limits**
- TCMF-3: 3 stories/39 feet
- TCMF-4: 4 stories/51 feet
- TC-3: 3 stories/39 feet
- TC-4: 4 stories/51 feet
- TC-4 Plus: 4-5 stories/51-63 feet
- TC-5: 5 stories/63 feet



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