



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Debbie Bertlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, David Wisenteiner, and Benson Wong were present. Mayor Bassett was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss potential or pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for one hour.

At 6:01 pm, Deputy Mayor Bertlin convened an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential or pending litigation for approximately 60 minutes.

At 6:55 pm, the Mayor adjourned the Executive Session. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:02 pm.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Bassett)

APPEARANCES

Gary Robinson, 6026 East Mercer Way, spoke about the biennial citizen survey results.

Tom Acker, 2427 84th Ave SE, spoke about height and density in the Town Center and the biennial citizen survey results.

Saralee Kane, 4816 West Mercer Way, spoke about the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine in relation to the Town Center Development Code and Comprehensive Plan Update.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Payables: \$565,838.61 (4/7/16)

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

AB 5171 Open Space Conservancy Trust Board Annual Report and Work Plan

Recommendation: Receive report.

AB 5170 Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation Donation to Fund the Purchase of a Used Box Truck for the Thrift Shop

Recommendation: Accept a donation of \$14,000 in funds from the MIYFS Foundation for the purchase of a used box truck for the Thrift Shop.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Sanderson 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 5169 2016 Biennial Citizen Survey Results

Assistant City Manager and Finance Director Chip Corder introduced Dominick Martin from EMC Research who presented the results from the 2016 biennial citizen survey. Mr. Martin noted the following:

- Overdevelopment and traffic related issues are the top mentions for most important problem.
- A strong majority of residents give positive ratings for the job Mercer Island City government does overall and for using tax dollars responsibly.
- Overall rating for using tax dollars responsibly continues to be positive, although down from 2014.
- A majority of residents support a potential levy lid lift measure; however, intensity of support is low.
- Providing police, fire, and medical aid services is the top priority with the greatest intensity, followed by maintaining streets, roadsides, and medians.
- The majority of residents have low levels of concern (1-3) around growth and development in neighborhoods on the Island. Of those who say they are concerned (5-7), the top mentions are around large homes and buildings too big for the lot, followed by high density/overcrowding.
- The majority of residents oppose a ban on fire works on Mercer Island.
- A majority support extending dog leash requirements to Mercerdale Park. There is division on extending dog leash requirements to the NW quadrant of Pioneer Park, though a plurality still support extension.

AB 5168 Madrona Crest West Project Construction Bid Award

Assistant City Engineer Anne Tonella-Howe presented information about the Madrona Crest West Project. She noted that the project combines the following four separate capital improvement projects into a single contract for construction in 2016 to provide an economy of scale and to minimize construction impacts in the neighborhood to a single season:

1. Madrona Crest West Water System Improvements
2. Sub-basin 6 Storm Drainage Extension
3. Safe Routes to School – Madrona Crest (86th Ave) Sidewalk
4. Residential Street Overlays (using a portion of the 2015-2016 budget for Residential Overlays)

Councilmembers asked staff about their process for and results of vetting the lowest responsible bidder as the contractor. Following the response from staff, Council expressed concern that more reference checking should be completed before awarding the bid.

Deputy Mayor Bertlin suggested moving to the next agenda item to give staff time to research whether or not there is enough time to push the bid award to the next meeting to allow staff to complete additional reference checks for the contractor. The Council concurred.

AB 5168 continued later in the evening after AB 5167.

AB 5167 2015 Construction Codes Update (1st Reading)

Building Official Don Cole presented an ordinance amending MICC Title 17, Construction Codes which adopts and enforces updated Construction Code editions as adopted and amended by the State of Washington. He noted that the ordinance also includes changes to the Administrative Provisions to remain consistent with Regional Model Code and the geographic limits referred to in certain sections of the 2012 International Fire Code to remain

consistent with the intent of the International Model Code.

Fire Marshall Herschel Rostov spoke about the definition of high-rise building for clarification, to address new design approaches, and to remain consistent with Regional Model Code.

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Weiker to:

Suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure 5.2 requiring second reading of all ordinances.

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Bassett)

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 16C-04, updating Title 17, Construction Codes, as required by the State of Washington with an effective date of July 1, 2016.

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Bassett)

City Manager Lancaster noted that staff will be bringing information to the Council in the near future regarding possible code changes to fire sprinklers regulations.

AB 5168 Madrona Crest West Project Construction Bid Award (continued)

Staff reported that there is enough time allowed in the bid documents to move this bid award to the May 2 meeting for final decision by the Council. Staff stated that they would conduct additional reference checks for the lowest responsible bidder in the next two weeks and include the data gathered in the agenda bill.

Councilmember Wisenteiner suggested creating a standard for checking references of contractors for projects. Staff concurred that this suggestion merits further consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

Mayor Bassett's absence was excused.

Planning Schedule

City Manager Lancaster noted the following: (1) the May 2 Study Session regarding the Town Center code update will start at 5:30 pm; (2) a Special Meeting will be added on May 9 for public comment on the Town Center code update; (3) the Maintenance and Fleet Audit Report will be moved to June 20 or the June 11 Mini-Planning Session; (4) the school bus cameras ordinance will be moved from August to June; and (5) a discussion about fire sprinklers will be added to a Study Session or the June 11 Mini-Planning Session.

Board Appointments

There were no appointments.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Wong noted the following (1) Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee is looking for feedback from cities regarding ST3; (2) Mercer Island Library will be closed on May 8 for renovations and service at the temporary location will begin May 11; and (3) the Alaskan Way Viaduct will be closed for two weeks starting April 29.

Councilmember Weiker commended staff for a great job on the Leap for Green event and noted the following events: (1) Eastside Race & Leadership Coalition's event, Reject the Rags of Racism and live into the Riches of Diversity, at City Hall at noon on April 20; (2) King County Library System's Eastside Cluster Manager meeting on April 21; (3) Mercer Island Schools Foundation breakfast on April 26; and (4) Island Books fundraiser for the Sister City Association on April 21.

Councilmember Sanderson noted that the Mercer Island Library Board will be proposing to the Council to extend their charter past the sunset date of December 31, 2016.

Councilmember Grausz spoke about a recent King County Regional Policy Committee meeting. Deputy Mayor Bertlin noted that the 50th anniversary of Circus put on by the Mercer Island Preschool Association will be held on Saturday, April 23.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:

Allison Spietz, City Clerk