



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

### APRIL 4, 2016

---

#### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Wendy Weiker, David Wisenteiner, and Benson Wong were present. Councilmember Jeff Sanderson was absent.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:02 pm, Mayor Bassett convened an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of applicants for public employment for approximately two hours.

At 6:58 pm, the Mayor adjourned the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:05 pm.

#### AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

**Approve the agenda as presented.**

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Sanderson)

Mayor Bassett noted that the revised agenda includes a second Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss potential or pending litigation.

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS

##### **Talk With Your Kids About Not Using Marijuana Day Proclamation**

Mayor Bassett read a proclamation declaring April 20, 2016 as Talk With Your Kids About Not Using Marijuana Day on Mercer Island and urged all parents and guardians to join in this important observance by having a frank family conversation about marijuana on 4.20 using straightforward, factual information.

Youth & Family Services Administrative & Professional Services Manager Derek Franklin spoke about the statewide initiative regarding Talking With Your Kids About Not Using Marijuana Day and noted that Mercer Island is the first City in the State of Washington to adopt this proclamation.

##### **Fire Chief Steve Heitman Recognition**

Mayor Bassett recognized Fire Chief Steve Heitman who recently received a Master's Degree in Security Studies through the Center for Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Fire Chief Heitman spoke about his thesis for the program on suicide in Fire Departments. He thanked the City for allowing him to participate in the program and thanked his staff for their hard work during his absence and for their support.

## APPEARANCES

Dick Winslow, 3761 77<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, spoke about the term vibrant as it relates to density in the Town Center Visioning and Development Code Update process.

Michelle Goldberg, 2212 78<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, stated that she wants the City to listen to what the community wants for the Town Center which is a small town feel with lower profile buildings.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**Payables: \$549,178.92 (03/17/16), \$456,161.67 (03/24/16), & \$196,152.71 (03/31/16)**

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

**Payroll: \$736,131.15 (03/18/16) & \$751,087.63 (04/01/16)**

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

**Minutes: 2016 Planning Session Minutes of January 23-24, 2016 and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2016**

**Recommendation:** Adopt the January 23-24, 2016 Planning Session Minutes and the March 21, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Bertlin to:

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

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Sanderson)

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### **AB 5159 Fireworks Sales Permit Requirements Code Update (1st Reading)**

Fire Chief Steve Heitman presented an ordinance regarding changing the process for approving fireworks sales permits from a City Council decision to an administrative process.

Following questions and discussion, there was consensus from the Council that the Fire Chief should issue fireworks sales permits instead of the Council. However, before adopting the code amendments to do so, they directed staff to:

- Determine if criteria be added to the code regarding the approval order of fireworks sales permit applications based upon an organizations status (non-profit versus commercials); and
- Research if the code can be amended to authorize the Fire Chief to ban the discharge and/or sales of fireworks in a given year due to drought.

The Council also decided to wait for the results of the biennial citizen survey to have the larger discussion about whether the City should ban the sale or discharge of fireworks.

### **AB 5165 Island Crest Park Field Improvement and Groveland Beach Park Renovation Projects**

Parks & Recreation Director Bruce Fletcher introduced Parks Superintendent Paul West who presented options to the Council regarding the field improvement projects at Island Crest Park and renovation projects at Groveland Beach Park. He noted that staff recommends moving forward with the Island Crest Park Ballfield Light Replacement and Synthetic Turf projects in 2017 and repairing the large dock, and removing the small dock at Groveland Beach Park, with work to commence immediately following the 2016 swim season.

The Council asked questions about the pros and cons of each of the projects, the timing of completing the projects, the impacts to the Capital Improvement Fund and the parameters for the grant funding for the ICP South

Field Improvements using the City funded Ballfield Lights Replacement project and private donations as the funding match.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Bertlin to:

**Direct staff to proceed with repair of the large Groveland dock and removal of the small dock in 2016.**

Passed 5-1

FOR: 5 (Bassett, Bertlin, Weiker, Wisenteiner, Wong)

AGAINST: 1 (Grausz)

ABSENT: 1 (Sanderson)

#### **AB 5166 4th Quarter 2015 Financial Status Report & Budget Adjustments**

Finance Director Chip Corder presented the Fourth Quarter 2016 Financial Status Report, which provides a summary budget to actual comparison of revenues and expenditures for the General Fund and all other funds and a comprehensive progress update on the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). He also noted that a budget amending ordinance is before the Council for budget adjustments that were previously approved by the Council and new budget requests, and the 2015 annual report for the Transportation Benefit District.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

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

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Sanderson)

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Wong to:

**Adopt Ordinance No. 16-03, amending the 2015-2016 Budget.**

Passed 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Sanderson)

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **Councilmember Absences**

Councilmember Sanderson's absence was excused.

Council moved the July 18 meeting to Tuesday, July 19, due to three councilmembers absences.

##### **Planning Schedule**

Interim City Manager Lancaster noted that the joint meeting with the MISD Board is on Thursday, that the community survey results will be presented on April 18, and that the community solar project update may be pulled as there was no legislative action. He also spoke about the Town Center review process.

Councilmember Grausz expressed concern about the new Town Center code becoming effective before the moratorium expires.

##### **Board Appointments**

Mayor Bassett spoke briefly about the annual recruitment process.

##### **Councilmember Reports**

Councilmember Wisenteiner spoke about meeting with the PTA group and the AED donation to the Parks Department.

Deputy Mayor Bertlin spoke about the Growth Management and Planning Committee meeting.

Councilmember Weiker noted that the Eastside Race and Leadership Coalition event will be moved due to spring break and that the Schools Foundation breakfast is being held on April 26.

Councilmember Wong spoke about the Sustainability Committee meeting and that Leap for Green will be on April 16 at the MICEC. He also noted that there is a new business in the town center; the Suzanne Zahr art gallery and architectural firm.

Mayor Bassett spoke about the Go Green conference in Seattle and the PSRC annual meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:27 pm, Mayor Bassett convened an Executive Session to discuss potential or pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 30 minutes.

At 10:59 pm, Mayor Bassett extended the Executive Session for an additional 15 minutes.

At 11:10 pm, Mayor Bassett adjourned the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:10 pm.

---

Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:

---

Allison Spietz, City Clerk