



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MARCH 7, 2016

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, and Benson Wong were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:02 pm, Mayor Bassett convened an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential or pending litigation for approximately 60 minutes.

At 6:58 pm, the Mayor adjourned the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:02 pm.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Weiker to:

Approve the agenda as published.

Passed 7-0

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Police & Fire Departments Annual Reports

Police Chief Ed Holmes presented the 2015 Mercer Island Police Department's Annual Report. Services Commander Leslie Burns spoke about records, property, and dispatch, investigations and special programs, training, emergency management, and jail contracts. Operations Commander David Jokinen spoke about crime statistics, patrol/traffic key performance measures, the marine patrol unit, and special teams. Chief Holmes also spoke briefly about police recognition and the Lock It or Lose It campaign.

Fire Chief Steve Heitman presented the Mercer Island Fire Department's Annual Report. He spoke about administration, operations, community risk reduction, and training.

APPEARANCES

Kevin Peck, 6825 84th Ave SE, spoke in support of the off-leash area of Pioneer Park.

Alan Boeker, 7204 76th Ave SE, Operations Manager for Conner Homes, spoke about the Trellis Long Plat.

Carv Zwingle, 6250 E Mercer Way, spoke about the SEPA checklist for MICA.

Elma Borbe, 2438 71st Ave SE, spoke on behalf of the Concerned Citizens for Mercer Island Parks about the protect our parks initiative.

Michelle Goldberg, 2212 78th Ave SE, spoke about the Town Center visioning process and the bi-annual citizens'

survey. She noted that increased density will not change restaurants or retail.

Tom Acker, 2427 84th Ave SE, spoke about the value of the Island Market property and questioned whether Mercer Island is really getting the retail that it wants out of its high rise developments.

Ira Appelman, 4436 Ferncroft Road, spoke about the converting of parks and open space to non-park purposes and about the no net loss principle.

Tom Hildebrandt, 6880 W Mercer Way, spoke in support of the off-leash area of Pioneer Park.

Brett Studholme, 7300 Island Crest Way, spoke in support of the off-leash area of Pioneer Park.

Councilmember Dan Grausz, as the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee Chair, provided a quick update on the Pioneer Park off-leash area issue.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Payables: \$286,581.07 (02/17/16), \$841,008.48 (02/25/16), & \$327,067.30 (03/02/16)

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

Payroll: \$712,871.74 (02/19/16) & \$748,999.22 (03/04/16)

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

Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2016

Recommendation: Adopt the February 22, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Wong 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 5160 Review of the Proposed Trellis Final Long Plat (SUB15-021)

Principal Planner Shana Restall presented the proposed Trellis Final Long Plat. She spoke about the long plat review process and provided a summary of the Trellis long plat. She also spoke about the bonding for plat improvements, provided clarification on engineering condition #7, and noted the four areas of bonded improvements which the applicant has requested. She also reviewed the items that must be completed by the applicant prior to recording the final plat.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Wong to:

Pass Resolution No. 1512 granting final approval to the Trellis long plat.

Passed 7-0

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

AB 5161 Review of the Proposed Coval Final Long Plat (SUB13-009)

Principal Planner Shana Restall presented the proposed Coval Final Long Plat. She provided a summary of the plat, spoke about the plat improvements, and reviewed the items that must be completed by the applicant prior to recording the final plat.

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Wisenteiner to:

Pass Resolution No. 1513 granting final approval to the Coval long plat.

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 Steve Lancaster noted that on April 4, the Island Crest Park Field Improvement and Groveland Beach Park Renovation Projects will be converted from a Study Session item to a Regular Business item because an Executive Session has been added to the beginning of the meeting.

Board Appointments

There were no appointments.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Wong spoke about the Public Safety Committee meeting, the Pathfinder Award Committee, the King County Regional Water Quality Committee meeting, and the Healthy Youth Initiative Stakeholders meeting. He also noted that he will be participating in the Map Your Neighborhood program as part of the City's emergency management plan.

Councilmember Weiker attended the Girl Scouts annual banquet and noted that the Town Center Visioning Public Hearing is this coming Wednesday, March 9.

Councilmember Grausz spoke about the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee meeting in which the Island Crest Park lights and ballfield improvements project and the Groveland Park beach improvements were discussed. He noted that there was also discussion of the Ballfield User Group policies. He also spoke about his upcoming appointment as Vice-Chair of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Committee and encouraged other Councilmembers to become involved in regional committees.

Councilmember Wisenteiner spoke about the Cascade Bicycle Club introducing a bicycle safety program in schools.

Deputy Mayor Bertlin spoke about a vision and strategy for bike traffic and about commuter parking at the MICEC. Mayor Bassett spoke about Lakeridge Elementary's bike rodeo. He attended a YTN fundraising dinner, encouraged attendance at the Town Center Visioning Public Hearing on Wednesday, and noted that he will be participating in a meeting with the EPA director this coming Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:

Karin Roberts, Deputy City Clerk