



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JULY 7, 2014

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### STUDY SESSION

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the Study Session to order at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Councilmembers Jane Brahm, Mike Cero, Tana Senn (arrived 6:07 pm), Benson Wong, Deputy Mayor Dan Grausz, and Mayor Bruce Bassett were present. Councilmember Debbie Bertlin was absent.

#### AB 4977 2015 Water System Plan

Utilities Engineer Rona Lin introduced Eric Habermeyer from HDR who provided an overview of the draft 2015 Water System Plan for Mercer Island. He noted that the Water System Plan guides water utility planning, water supply needs, system capacity analyses, operations and maintenance, capital improvement program, and financial program review. He provided information about Mercer Island's water system and highlighted the demand forecast, system capacity and water use efficiency. He also spoke about the City's water emergency response plan and the capital improvement plan for the water system.

The Council discussed meeting versus exceeding the State's minimum requirements for the plan, rate increases, and setting a conservation goal for Mercer Island in the City's Sustainability Plan.

The Study Session adjourned at 6:51 pm.

### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Councilmembers Jane Brahm, Mike Cero, Tana Senn, Benson Wong, Deputy Mayor Dan Grausz, and Mayor Bruce Bassett were present. Councilmember Debbie Bertlin was absent.

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

#### 2013 Citizen of the Year Award

Mayor Bassett spoke about Councilmember Bertlin's nomination, and the Council's selection, of the Mercer Island Preschool Association for the 2013 Citizen of the Year award. He stated that in October of 2013, the City had the privilege of opening a very special playground which celebrates the importance of play, celebrates children of all physical abilities, and encourages exploration and self-challenge. The Mercer Island Preschool Association is the organization that deserves much of the credit for the newly renovated Luther Burbank playgrounds' design and funding.

Typically referred to as "MIPA," the Mercer Island Preschool Association was founded in the 1920's, was one of the first community groups to organize on the Island, and has maintained an enduring focus on education and advocacy, community building, and parks. As a group of volunteers, its guiding principle is an unswerving commitment to the education and well-being of children from birth through Kindergarten. Mayor Bassett noted many of MIPA's services and accomplishments: funding pre-school scholarships for families in need, supporting emergency preparedness in the preschools, annually recognizing an outstanding preschool teacher, and sponsoring the Preschool Fair, Halloween Party, Toy Swap, and Circus.

Mayor Bassett also recognized MIPA's commitment to parks and the power of play. They have helped with the establishment and renovation of Deane's Children's Park, supported the opening of the "Train Park" at Mercerdale, supported the Adventure Playground at Deane's, and provided design assistance and almost \$100,000 in donations toward the renovation of the Luther Burbank playground.

Co-Presidents Carla Perla and Erin Siranni accepted the award on behalf of the Mercer Island Preschool Association. They thanked the Council for the recognition and thanked all of their volunteers and sponsors.

## APPEARANCES

The following individuals spoke about the KCLS Mercer Island Library Renovation Project. They noted their disappointment in how KCLS has handled the process of public input and the requests of citizens to maintain certain elements of the library. Many asked the Council to form a library board and consider taking back the library by de-annexing from KCLS:

- Tami Szerlip, 7804 SE 40th Street
- Ira Appelman, 4463 Ferncroft Road
- Bob Still who read a statement from Meg Lippert, 4052 90th Ave SE
- Jerry Gropp, Mercer Island Resident
- Gary Robinson, 6026 East Mercer Way
- Carv Zwingle, 6250 East Mercer Way
- Dick Winslow, 3761 77th Ave SE
- Larry McWilliams, 6020 86th Ave SE
- Eric Swenson, Mercer Island Resident
- Sarah Petrie, 4640 East Mercer Way

Lay Brother Stephen Gerard, visiting from San Diego, provided a progress report on a citizen overlay zone concept, which offers the realizations of life and peace.

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2014

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Wong to:

**Adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2014 as written.**

Passed 5-0

FOR: 5 (Bassett, Brahm, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Bertlin)

ABSTAIN: 1 (Cero)

### Study Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2014

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Senn to:

**Adopt the Study Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2014 as written.**

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Brahm, Cero, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Bertlin)

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### Payables: \$353,969.69 (06/12/14) & \$1,098,621.01 (06/19/14)

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

### Payroll: \$757,253.79 (06/27/14)

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

**AB 4978 ARCH 2014 Out of Cycle Trust Fund Recommendation**

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution No. 1485, authorizing the duly-appointed administering agency for ARCH to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to enter into Agreements on behalf of the City to fund the King County Housing Authority Bellevue Manor and Patricia Harris Manor in an amount not to exceed \$3,022.00.

**AB 4979 2015-2017 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County Regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program**

**Recommendation:** Authorize the City Manager to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Mercer Island and King County regarding the Community Development Block Program for the 2015-2017 funding years.

**AB 4983 Set Public Meeting Date for the Coval Long Plat (SUB13-009)**

**Recommendation:** Set the public meeting date for the proposed Coval Long Plat to July 21, 2014.

It was moved by Senn; seconded by Wong to:

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

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Brahm, Cero, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Berlin)

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**AB 4985 Mercer Island Library Advisory Board Creation and Appointments**

Assistant City Manager Kirsten Taylor presented a resolution to create a Mercer Island Library Board. The resolution contains a charter for guiding the Board and a sunset date. She noted that the Ad Hoc Mercer Island Library Renovations Committee, that was formed earlier this year, was not fully satisfied with the decisions of KCLS staff and Board of Trustees regarding the MI Library remodel even though the agreed upon process and meetings were completed. She stated that the Committee and other community members would like the community to have additional input in library decisions regarding the remodel and also programming the space within the completed library, and therefore, made a request to the Council to reinstate a Mercer Island Library Board.

Deputy Mayor Grausz and Councilmember Wong noted that KCLS is unwilling to engage in further communications with the City or recognize outstanding issues regarding the Library Renovation Project. They noted that KCLS would have to consult with the Mercer Island Library Board, if established as part of the interlocal agreement.

The Council discussed:

- continuing with the Ad Hoc Mercer Island Library Renovations Committee;
- forming a Mercer Island Library Board and the authority of the Board under the interlocal agreement with KCLS;
- the implications of de-annexing the Mercer Island Library from KCLS; and
- using communication staff resources to make the media aware of the issues with KCLS and the MI Library remodel plans.

It was moved by Senn; seconded by Grausz to:

**Adopt Resolution No. 1486 authorizing the creation of the Mercer Island Library Board.**

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Cero to:

**Amend previous motion as follows:**

**Extend sunset period to December 31, 2016.**

Motion to Amend Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Brahm, Cero, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Berlin)

Amended Motion Passed 6-0  
FOR: 6 (Bassett, Brahm, Cero, Grausz, Senn, Wong)  
ABSENT: 1 (Bertlin)

There was consensus from the Council to have staff research possible remedies for default on the interlocal.

#### **AB 4942 Resolution to Surplus a Portion of Clarke Beach Park**

Natural Resources Coordinator Paul West presented a resolution declaring a portion of Clarke Beach Park at 7700 East Mercer Way as surplus to the City's public parks and recreation needs. He noted that if the Council declares the property to be surplus, it may then direct the City Manager how to dispose of the property. He stated that once the surplus property is sold, the proceeds must be used to purchase property of equivalent or greater value and recreational function as the property that was sold.

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Senn to:

**Pass Resolution No. 1482 declaring a portion of Clarke Beach Park (7700 East Mercer Way) to be surplus property.**

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Bassett, Brahm, Cero, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

ABSENT: 1 (Bertlin)

#### **AB 4986 2013 Mercer Island Dashboard Report**

Finance Director Chip Corder presented the 2013 Mercer Island Dashboard Report, which encompasses 35 "top tier" performance indicators for the City. He highlighted the following indicators: Crime Prevention Effectiveness, Traffic Safety Effectiveness, Fire Suppression Effectiveness, Community Issues, Risk Management, Court Operations, Environmental Stewardship, Street Pavement Condition, Water Utility Condition, Sewer Utility Condition, Development Activity, and Volunteerism & YFS Funding.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Councilmember Absences**

Councilmember Bertlin's absence was excused.

#### **Planning Schedule**

City Manager Treat reviewed the Planning Schedule. He noted that there are currently no items scheduled for the August meetings. Council discussed possible items for the August 4 meeting.

City Attorney Katie Knight noted that she ask appearance of fairness questions of the Council again before the closed record hearing for the Coval Long Plat on July 21.

Council canceled the August 18 meeting.

#### **Board Appointments**

There were no appointments.

#### **Councilmember Reports**

Mayor Bassett noted that the rules of the City Council-School Board ad hoc committee require approval from the entire Council and entire School Board for topics to be discussed by the ad hoc committee. Mayor Bassett asked for the Council's approval for the committee to discuss the following topics: SE 40th Street improvements (YES), collaboration on natural gas buses, vehicles, and fueling station (YES), and participation in a community solar program on high school building (YES).

Councilmember Cero spoke about the plans for a high voltage line on the train tracks along Lake Washington (east side of Mercer Island) and the possibility of clear cutting, which could create a noise issue.

Councilmember Senn stated that she would look into it.

Councilmember Brahm spoke about attending the AWC conference in Spokane. She commended Chief Tubbs and the Fire Department on the ceremony for the arrival of the World Trade Center artifacts. She attended the Freehold Theatre production at Luther Burbank. She spoke about the tour of Sound Transit light rail stations to look at art. She asked the Council to consider becoming an in-kind sponsor of the Art Uncorked event being put on by the Chamber of Commerce and MIVAL on Friday, September 12 from 6-9 in the Town Center. Council agreed to discuss being a sponsor at the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Grausz noted that the Sound Transit Light Rail Station Design Open House will be held July 10 at the Community & Event Center. He also noted that Summer Celebration! is this weekend. Mayor Bassett invited the Council to walk with him in the parade on Saturday morning at Summer Celebration! Councilmember Senn noted that the ceremony for the arrival of the World Trade Center artifacts was moving. She spoke about the Light Rail Station Design Open House on July 10 and Summer Celebration! this weekend. She spoke about a Seattle Times article about bringing events to the downtown area. She noted that Youth Theatre Northwest had their last night in the old building and did a look back at YTN through the years. Councilmember Wong spoke about the Mercer Island Radio Operators (MIRO) event at Luther Burbank park. He noted that it was interesting to see all of the HAM radio operators at work.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**To discuss negotiations and proceedings related to collective bargaining agreements pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for approximately 15 minutes.**

At 10:18 pm, Mayor Bassett convened the Executive Session to discuss negotiations and proceedings related to collective bargaining agreements pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for approximately 15 minutes.

At 10:33 pm, Mayor Bassett extended the Executive Session for an additional 10 minutes.

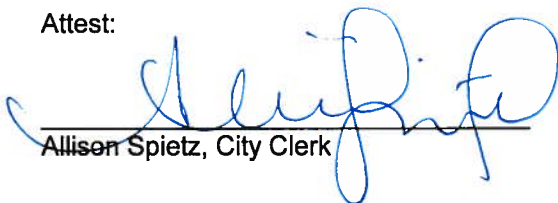
At 10:42 pm, Mayor Bassett adjourned the Executive Session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:42 pm.

  
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Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Allison Spietz, City Clerk