



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 21, 2014

STUDY SESSION

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the Study Session to order at 6:04 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

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

AB 4915 WSDOT, Sound Transit, and King County Metro Briefing Regarding R8A, East Link, Commuter Parking and Bus Intercept Proposal

Mike Cotton (Assistant Regional Administrator for King and Snohomish Counties) and Doug Haight (Design Project Engineer for the R8A Project) from the Washington State Department of Transportation presented an update on the status of the R8A project, which involves adding transit and HOV lanes to I-90 in anticipation of the closure of the center lanes for the East Link Project. They also spoke about the R8A project status and schedule for Stage 3.

Ron Lewis (East Link Executive Project Director) and Don Billen (East Link Deputy Project Director) from Sound Transit provided an update on the East Link Project and schedule planning.

King County staff, Diane Carlson (Regional Initiatives Director for the King County Executive's Office) and Victor Obeso (Manager of Service Development for King County Metro Transit), briefed the Council on bus service issues including possible service reductions. They also spoke about King County's proposal to fund transit through a new transportation benefit district funded by a potential annual vehicle fee of up to \$100 and a temporary sales tax of up to two-tenths of a cent.

Sound Transit staff discussed the current demand for the Island's park-and-ride lot as well as Sound Transit's commitment to provide funding (at least \$6.3 million) to address the City's loss of mobility to and from Mercer Island as a consequence of the I-90 center lane closure.

Sound Transit and Metro Transit staff then briefed the Council on a recent proposal made by Sound Transit to implement a "bus intercept" on Mercer Island. They explained that the bus intercept would involve certain I-90 corridor Metro and Sound Transit bus routes turning around on Mercer Island and meeting East Link passengers at the Island's light rail station instead of proceeding to Seattle for such purposes.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

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

APPEARANCES

The following people expressed concern about King County Library System's (KCLS) remodel proposal for the Mercer Island Library:

Marcia Mellinger, 4630 90th Ave SE
Bryan Cairns, 7628 79th Ave SE

Kim Kendall, 6731 West Mercer Way
Dick Winslow, 3761 77th Ave SE

Suzanne Sanderson, 9320 SE 57th Street
Barbara Halliday, 2452 60th Ave SE
Carv Zwingle, 6250 East Mercer Way
Bart Dawson, 8812 SE 77th Place
Meg Lippert, 4052 94th Ave SE
Peggy Sue Juergens, 9130 SE 72nd Place
Michaela Brostrom, 7821 SE 71 St

Daniel Paull, 4120 94th Ave SE
Ida Woo, 6868 83rd Ave SE
Dave Myerson, 4260 Shoreclub Drive
Al Tyrrill, 7525 86th Ave SE
Joel Wachs, 7635 SE 29th Street
Ira Appelman, 4436 Ferncroft Road
Tom Imrich, 6231 Island Crest Way

Many of the speakers also asked that Council adopt a resolution which:

- Asks KCLS to delay proceeding with final designs and permit requests for at least 90 days, to provide opportunities for additional discussion and community participation concerning the scope and content of the proposed library remodel.
- Immediately appoints a City Council representative and/or a library advisory board to provide adequate opportunities for input and community participation concerning the scope and content of the proposed library remodel and to work cooperatively with KCLS to help guide and plan library improvements.
- Includes a request that City staff be directed to help with traffic impacts from KCLS moving to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church during school construction slated for this summer if the school bond passes.
- Asks KCLS to follow the guidelines in the strategic plan and 2004 bond measure.

Mayor Bruce Bassett informed the audience that KCLS will be presenting to the Council at the Planning Session.

Sue Stewart, 3205 84th Ave SE, on behalf of the Friends of Luther Burbank Park, congratulated the Parks & Recreation staff on the updates plan. She spoke about Friends involvement with the Parks & Recreation Department and their work in the Park.

MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2013

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Grausz to:

Adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2013 as written.

Passed 6-0

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

ABSTAIN: 1 (Wong)

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2013

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Brahm to:

Adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2013 as written.

Passed 6-0

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

ABSTAIN: 1 (Wong)

Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2013

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Bertlin to:

Adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2013 as written.

Passed 6-0

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

ABSTAIN: 1 (Wong)

Regular Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2014

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Bertlin to:

Adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2014 as written.

Passed 7-0

FOR: 7 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Cero, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Cero requested removal of AB 4914: Transportation Consultant Contract - SE 40th St Cumulative Impacts Analysis from the Consent Calendar. Mayor Bassett moved AB 4914 to the first item of Regular Business.

Payables: \$449,963.60 (01/09/14)

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

Payroll: \$744,772.52 (01/10/14)

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

It was moved by Bertlin; seconded by Brahm to:

Approve the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.

Passed 7-0

FOR: 7 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Cero, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 4914 Transportation Consultant Contract - SE 40th St Cumulative Impacts Analysis

Councilmember Cero asked about the possible decrease in traffic on SE 40th Street since more people would be walking and the need for a consultant for the SEPA analysis. Deputy Mayor Grausz asked about the need to award a contract before the school bond has passed. City Engineer Patrick Yamashita responded.

It was moved by Brahm; seconded by Senn to:

Appropriate \$45,000 from the Street Fund for the SE 40th Street cumulative impacts analysis.

Passed 5-2

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

AGAINST: 2 (Cero, Grausz)

AB 4911 2014-2019 Parks and Recreation Plan Update (2nd Reading & Adoption)

Parks Natural Resources Coordinator Paul West presented the revised Parks and Recreation Plan for adoption. He spoke about the public process for gathering comments and the changes to the Plan since the first draft. The Council asked questions and provided additional comments and changes to the Plan.

It was moved by Senn; seconded by Brahm to:

Pass Resolution No. 1476 adopting the 2104-2019 Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Plan as amended.

Passed 7-0

FOR: 7 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Cero, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

AB 4913 Development Services Group Budget Authorization

Development Services Director Scott Greenberg presented information requesting an additional 2014 budget appropriation of \$203,000 for an additional on-call building plan reviewer and inspector, additional planning services, an on-call utility/street inspector, and a Permit Coordinator. He noted that this request would increase staff's capacity to review and process permits for the proposed Mercer Island School District projects if the school bond measure passes in February 2014 and provide additional staff to handle the higher than expected permit activity levels. He stated that these requests would be funded by the Mercer Island School District permit fees and increased permit activity revenue.

Finance Director Chip Corder responded to questions from the Council regarding the staff request from last fall and this proposal. City Manager Treat noted that these requests are being proposed incrementally as needed.

It was moved by Senn; seconded by Brahm to:

Appropriate \$60,000 for on-call building plan review and inspection services, \$50,000 for planning services, and \$20,000 for on-call utility and street inspection services in 2014, contingent upon voter approval of the Mercer Island School District's February 2014 bond measure.

It was moved by Grausz; seconded by Cero to:

Amend the previous motion as follows:

...and reflect in the 2014 budget offsetting revenue increases to pay for these additional costs.

Motion to Amend Passed 7-0

FOR: 7 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Cero, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

Amended Motion Passed 7-0

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The final language of the motion is as follows:

Appropriate \$60,000 for on-call building plan review and inspection services, \$50,000 for planning services, and \$20,000 for on-call utility and street inspection services in 2014, contingent upon voter approval of the Mercer Island School District's February 2014 bond measure and reflect in the 2014 budget, offsetting revenue increases to pay for these additional costs.

It was moved by Senn; seconded by Brahm to:

Appropriate \$30,000 for on-call utility and street inspection services and \$43,000 for a part-time Permit Coordinator in 2014, which will be funded by revenue from increased permit activity.

Passed 7-0

FOR: 7 (Bassett, Bertlin, Brahm, Cero, Grausz, Senn, Wong)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences

Deputy Mayor Grausz will be absent March 31.

Planning Schedule

2014 Planning Session will be January 24-26 at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center.

Board Appointments

Mayor Bassett passed out the 2014 City Council liaison appointments.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Cero spoke about the Renton Airport Advisory Committee's recommendation about the new flight procedures. He expressed concern about parking requirements as the parking garage at The Islander (Aviara Building) was very full at dinnertime, even though there are still three open storefronts.

Councilmember Senn noted that she also had the same experience with parking in the Aviara Building.

Councilmember Brahm spoke about the January Arts Council meeting: a new online library detailing all of the City's public art; call for artists for a mural for the tennis wall at Luther Burbank Park; first gallery show of 2014 is at the Community Center.

Councilmember Bertlin noted that Councilmembers would no longer be attending Planning Commission and Design Commission meetings as liaisons.

City Attorney Katie Knight provided information about the change. Councilmember Cero requested that the Council have the opportunity to weigh in on the decision.

Councilmember Bertlin spoke about the KCLS MI Library remodel proposal. She asked for further information about what role the Council can have in this process. She thanked Fire Chief Chris Tubbs for his help in gathering information about the new fire station.

Councilmember Wong spoke about attending workshops for newly elected officials over the past couple of weeks.

Mayor Bassett asked Councilmember Wong, Councilmember Bertlin and Deputy Mayor Grausz to get together frame the discussion after the KCLS presentation at the planning session. He noted that he would be attending City Days at the legislature next week. He spoke about the recent SCA training conference and meeting.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bruce Bassett convened the Executive Session at 10:05 pm to discuss negotiations and proceedings related to collective bargaining agreements pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for approximately 30 minutes.

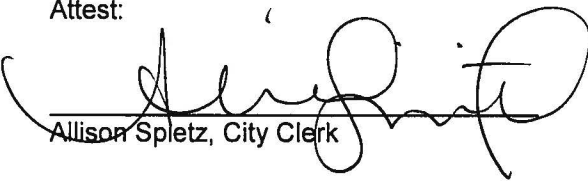
The Mayor adjourned the Executive Session at 10:35 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 pm.


Bruce Bassett, Mayor

Attest:


Allison Spletz, City Clerk