CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jim Pearman called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Bruce Bassett, Mike Cero, Mike Grady, Dan Grausz, Steve Litzow, Deputy Mayor El Jahncke and Mayor Jim Pearman were present.

STUDY SESSION:

(1) AB 4519 2010-2016 Capital Improvement Program Kick-Off

Finance Director Chip Corder and Deputy Finance Director Francie Lake presented the preliminary Capital Improvement Program (CIP) revenue forecast and key policy issues for initial Council direction, as follows:

- CIP project presentation (first by project category, then by project status);
- CIP revenue forecast (including REET, motor vehicle fuel tax, and utility rates);
- 2009 year-end, available (i.e. neither reserved nor committed) fund balances;
- 2011-2012 CIP funding summary by fund;
- CIP-related results of the 2010 biennial citizen survey; and
- Other significant issues: CIP related budget policies, CIP administrative overhead costs, South Fire Station re-construction, Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenue distribution, and prioritization of non-utility projects.

The Study Session adjourned at 6:57 pm. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:05 pm.

APPEARANCES:

Peter Donaldson, 3635 88th Ave SE: Spoke about Portland's bicycle plan as they are the most sustainable city in America and Seattle area as second most sustainable city in America. He would like to see all of the information that was taken out of the draft plan put back in. He trusts the Council to make good decisions on the final plan.

Greg Lipton, 9301 SE 46th Street: Most concerned about safety. He is a bicycle commuter. Believes there is an illegal situation that is dangerous at Homestead Park, which is creating liability for the City. Would like to see an educational section in the bicycle plan to address safety concerns, including bicycle lighting.

Dan Sommerfield, 7612 SE 34th Street: Advocates for the original plan. He would like to see the things that were removed from the plan inserted back before final plan is adopted. He is disappointed that all the bicycle lanes and sharrows have been removed from the plan. He believes the lanes are especially needed on SE 40th Street.

Jim Eanes, 2930 76th Ave SE: Shocked that the bicycle lanes have been removed from the draft plan, he would like the sharrows and bicycle lanes should be put back into the plan. Bike lanes should be put wherever there is enough room and sharrows should be put in where there is not enough room for bike lanes. He believes this is the least expensive and most effective ways to address safety.