STUDY SESSION

The Study Session began at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers Debbie Bertlin, Jane Brahm, Mike Cero, Mike Grady (arrived 6:05 pm), Tana Senn, Deputy Mayor Dan Grausz, and Mayor Bruce Bassett were present.

AB 4710 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget Kick-Off

Finance Director Chip Corder and Deputy Finance Director Francie Lake presented the preliminary 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process and revenue forecast. The Council and staff discussed the following key policy issues to determine initial Council direction:

- CIP project organization;
- CIP revenue forecast (including REET, motor vehicle fuel tax, and utility rates);
- 2011 year-end, “available” (i.e. neither reserved nor committed) fund balances;
- 2013-2014 CIP funding summary by fund;
- CIP-related results of the 2010 biennial citizen survey; and
- Significant CIP issues: CIP-related budget policies, South Fire Station replacement, Fire Apparatus Replacement Sinking Fund, sustainability investments in public buildings, sewer clean-outs, additional Sewer Lake Line Project savings, and available Beautification Fund balance.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL, 7:00 PM

Mayor Bruce Bassett called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Motorists, Pedestrians and Cyclists Best Practices Proclamation

Mayor Bassett postponed the proclamation to a future meeting.

Recognition of Award for City Clerk

City Manager Rich Conrad spoke about City Clerk Ali Spietz receiving the 2012 Clerk of the Year award from the Washington Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) at the groups’ annual conference last week. He spoke about City Clerk Spietz’s duties at the City as well as her involvement in WMCA over the past 10 years.

APPEARANCES

Stephen Whyte, 8381 SE, Merit Badge Counselor for Boy Scout Troop 624, spoke about the Troop learning more about how the City of Mercer Island works. He stated that he is opposed to tobacco usage in City parks because of the litter it creates and exposure to second hand smoke. He introduced Boy Scouts Devin Nelson, Eric Dubofsky, and Gary Dubofsky who gave their opinions about tobacco use in the parks.