



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jim Pearman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Assistant City Manager/Parks & Recreation Director Pete Mayer and eGov Alliance Executive Director John Backman recognized City Manager Rich Conrad for his perseverance and leadership in getting the eGov Alliance off the ground and guiding the organization through inception to a mature, mainstay of collective public service delivery systems.

APPEARANCES:

Myra Lupton, 3443 72nd Place SE, would like the Council the conversation about a small sailboat fleet at Luther Burbank Park that could start this summer.

Judith Roan, 7365 SE 38th Street, is a Park Levy Committee alternate and has been pleased with the collaboration the committee has had between parks and sports fields. She would like to see open space acquisition as part of the levy.

Sue Stewart, 3205 84th Avenue SE, Co-Chair of Citizens to Preserve Upper Luther Burbank Park, presented copies of the position paper from the Friends of Luther Burbank Park authored during the Luther Burbank Park Master Planning process to the Council. She reminded the Council that that majority of the citizens involved in the master planning process did not want major changes to Luther Burbank.

Rod Johnson, 7804 SE 40th Street, supports a small boat sailing fleet at Luther Burbank and would like to see that implemented before the Parks Levy process.

L.E. Hardisty, 2283 72nd Avenue SE, a climate change education volunteer with the Climate Project, has given the "Inconvenient Truth" slideshow eight times on Mercer Island. She passed out information to the Council for their discussion of sustainability at the annual planning session. She spoke about the carbon footprint and

Lisa Tiedt, 6950 93rd Avenue SE, has been working to education the Mercer Island community on global warming. She urged the Council, during the annual planning session to prioritize the sustainability initiatives to meet the 5% reduction of 2005 levels by 2012. She also asked the Council to develop a reporting process of sustainability goals.

Kim Kendall, 6731 West Mercer Way, she stated that there are a lot of good examples of websites and public outreach about tracking the City's sustainability progress.

Joe Wallis, 8730 SE 48th Street, Co-Chair of Friends of Luther Burbank Park, asked the Council to verify that any improvements to Luther Burbank Park with funding now under study by the Council and stakeholders will conform to the Master Plan adopted by the Council.

Ira Appelman, 6213 83rd Place SE, objects to consideration and passages of the accessory dwelling amendment that was proposed by Mr. Thorpe as he believes it was not properly submitted to the City.

Callie Ridolfi, 3432 72nd Avenue SE, supports the sailing fleet and class at Luther Burbank starting in 2008.

MINUTES:

- (1) It was moved by Councilmember Grady; seconded by Deputy Mayor Jahncke to:
Approve the Study Session & Regular Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2008 as written.
Motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- (2) Payables: \$1,140,621.26 Payroll: \$591,465.14
- (3) AB 4257 Sunset Ridge Final Long Plat Approval. Motion: Authorize the Mayor to sign the final plat map for the Sunset Ridge long plat, as depicted by Exhibit 1 to Agenda Bill 4257.

It was moved by Councilmember Litzow; seconded by Councilmember Grady to:
Approve the Consent Calendar and the recommendations contained therein.
Motion passed 7-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- (4) AB 4260 Park Levy Stakeholder Briefing

Assistant City Manager/Parks & Recreation Director Pete Mayer presented information on the Park Levy process in preparation for the discussion at the Council's Annual Planning Session.

Parks Levy Stakeholders Committee Chair Don Cohen presented the preliminary report of the work completed to date. He spoke about the prioritized list of projects the committee has developed in such a short period of time.

Deputy City Manager Londi Lindell presented the timeline for the Park Levy and introduced Ian Stewart, Vice-President of EMC Research who provided information on the public opinion survey being conducted in February to gather data about the Park Levy process. He spoke about the difference of having the levy on a May special election or a November general election.

- (5) AB 4258 Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan Update: Budget Authorization

Development Services Director Steve Lancaster presented a proposed a scope of work and budget for updating the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

The key policy issues identified to date include:

- Pedestrian/bicycle/vehicle conflicts
- East and West Mercer Way shoulder use options
- Town Center connectivity
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Relationship to sustainability goals
- "Centerline" vs. "Routine Accommodation" approach to transportation improvements
- Relationship to Parks and Recreation Plan

It was moved by Councilmember Grausz; seconded by Mayor Pearman to:
Appropriate \$75,000 from REET funds in the Street Fund for completion of an update to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan and authorize staff to proceed with the Scope of Work.
Motion passed 6-1 (Councilmember Litzow dissented).

- (6) AB 4256 2007 Development Code Amendments (3rd Reading)

Principal Planner George Steirer presented the Development Code Amendments for the third reading.

It was moved by Councilmember Grausz; seconded by Councilmember Grady to:
Adopt Ordinance No. 08C-01, amending Mercer Island City Code Title 19.

It was moved by Councilmember Cero; seconded by Councilmember Litzow to:
Amend Ordinance No. 08C-01 by deleting the proposed language “or piped” from 19.07.07(B)(1).
Motion failed 3-4 (Proponents of motion: Councilmember Cero, Deputy Mayor Jahncke, Mayor Pearman).

It was moved by Councilmember Litzow; seconded by Deputy Mayor Jahncke to:
Amend Ordinance No. 08C-01 as follows:
19.06.020(A)(6)
e. A temporary sign, other than a political sign, may only be erected for a maximum of 90 days during any 365 day period.
Motion passed 6-1 (Councilmember Grady dissented).

Main motion passed 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Absences:

Councilmember Litzow will be absent from the 2008 Planning Session.

Planning Schedule:

There were no changes.

Board Appointments:

It was moved by Councilmember Bassett; seconded by Councilmember Grady to:
Appoint Elliot Newman to Position 4 (expiring May 2009) on the Open Space Conservancy Trust and Susan Gurlanick to Position 7 (expiring May 2011, if continued past one-year trial basis) on the Senior Commission.
Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Pearman distributed the 2008 Council Liaison Appointments. They are as follows:

- Councilmember Bassett: Arts Council, Disability Board, Utility Board, Parks & Recreation Council Sub-Committee, Suburban Cities Alternate
- Councilmember Cero: Disability Board, Senior Commission, Public Safety Council Sub-Committee, Suburban Cities
- Councilmember Grady: Public Safety Council Sub-Committee, Park Levy Stakeholder Committee, City-School Financing Committee, Sustainability Committee
- Councilmember Grausz: Design Commission, Open Space Conservancy Trust, Public Safety Council Sub-Committee, Park Levy Stakeholder Committee, City-School Financing Committee
- Deputy Mayor Jahncke: Planning Commission, I-90 Steering Committee, Parks & Recreation Council Sub-Committee, MISD – “Big Idea” Committee
- Councilmember Litzow: Public Safety Council Sub-Committee, Park Levy Stakeholder Committee, City-School Financing Committee, Sustainability Committee, Eastside Transportation Partnership
- Mayor Jim Pearman: Youth & Family Services Advisory Board, I-90 Steering Council Sub-Committee, Park Levy Stakeholder Committee, Eastside Transportation Partnership, Puget Sound Regional Council, Suburban Cities Association

Councilmember Reports:

Council member Grady reported on the WRIA 8 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:10 pm to discuss potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and for approximately 60 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:30 pm.

Jim Pearman, Mayor

Attest:

Allison Spietz, City Clerk