



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bryan Cairns called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL: City Councilmembers Sven Goldmanis, Mike Grady, Dan Grausz, El Jahncke, Steve Litzow, Deputy Mayor Jim Pearman and Mayor Bryan Cairns were present.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Bryan Cairns read a resolution commending Sven Goldmanis for his service to the citizens of Mercer Island. He spoke of the accomplishments of the Council during Councilmember Goldmanis' tenure. Deputy Mayor Pearman spoke about working with Councilmember Goldmanis on the Community Center project.

Deputy Mayor Pearman read a resolution commending Bryan Cairns for his service to the citizens of Mercer Island. He spoke of the accomplishments of the Council during Mayor Cairns' tenure. Mayor Cairns thanked the citizens, council and staff for the support over the last 10 years.

APPEARANCES:

Diane Pottinger, 13626 Main Street, Bellevue, Advancement Committee Chairman for the Cascade District, Chief Seattle Council Boy Scouts. She introduced 2007 Cascade District Eagle Scouts (Bellevue, Mercer Island and North Renton). Each of the scouts introduced themselves as well as the project they completed on Mercer Island. She also stated that the scouts have donated over 1100 hours to the community in 2007.

Sue Cairns, 7628 79th Ave SE, thanked the Mercer Island staff and Council for making the lives of those on Mercer Island better. She spoke about the hard work the staff does to keep the Island looking beautiful in the parks and on the roads as well as the amount and quality of programs that are offered to the citizens.

MINUTES:

- (1) It was moved by Councilmember Goldmanis; seconded by Councilmember Grady to:
Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2007 as written.
Motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- (2) Payroll: \$567,748.16

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

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- (3) AB 4248 Town Center Streetscape Manual

Deputy City Manager Londi Lindell presented the Town Center Streetscape Manual to the Council. The purpose of the Manual is to more clearly convey the requirements for reconstruction of Town Center street improvements to developers working within a Town Center right of way.

The Council did not propose any specific changes to the manual. Councilmember Grady wanted to make sure that the issues related to bike and pedestrian access to and through the Town Center that will be dealt with in the updated Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, will be consistent with the Streetscape Manual. Councilmember Grausz wanted to make sure that the issues related to the selection and placement of art in the streetscape be considered and determined by the Arts Council, Design Commission and the City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Absences:

There were no absences.

Planning Schedule:

There were no changes.

Board Appointments:

There is still one vacant citizen-at-large position on the Parks Capital and Operations Levy Citizen's Stakeholder Group.

Councilmember Reports:

There were no reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:12 pm to discuss potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and for approximately 60 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:15 pm

Bryan Cairns, Mayor

Attest:

Allison Spietz, City Clerk