

THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

THE CITY COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

December 10, 1979



CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Werner presiding, the meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. in the Conference Room of the School Administration Building, 4160 86th Avenue S.E.

ROLL CALL: Present: Councilmen Bland, Horn, Lewis, Rasmussen and Mayor Werner
Absent: Councilmen Sutherland and Stewart (present at 8:45 p.m.)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: It was moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Bland, to accept the minutes of the November 26, 1979, meeting.

The question was called for,

Motion passed. Voice vote: 5-0.

EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

The City Clerk swore in the newly elected and re-elected Councilmen, James Horn, Fred Jarrett, Verne Lewis and Ben Werner.

SENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Lewis, seconded by Rasmussen, to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented including the recommendations therein.

The question was called for,

Motion passed. Voice vote: 5-0.

PUBLIC MEETING

AB 894

Preliminary Plat-Appleblossom Lane

Staff received a letter from Eldridge Co.; the engineers and owners of the plat, requesting that the plat be remanded back to the Planning Commission for reapplication.

It was moved by Horn, seconded by Rasmussen, that the preliminary plat of Appleblossom Lane be remanded back to the Planning Commission.

The question was called for,

Motion passed. Voice vote: 5-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 888

City/State Water & Sewer Agreement

AB 890
CUP for Herzel Ner Tamid

The Principal Planner reviewed the application by Herzel Ner Tamid for a conditional use permit stating the application was a resubmission and reviewing the changes made from the original application. The new application would allow moving the caretaker's cottage and construction of an asphalt play area to be blocked off not to allow parking.

Councilman Stewart was present at 8:45 p.m.

Speaking in favor of the application was Lewis Weiner who stated that the caretaker's cottage was not being relocated, but was being torn down and rebuilt in a different location.

It was moved by Bland, seconded by Horn, *that the City Council affirm the recommendation of the Planning Commission in that the Conditional Use Permit request of Herzel Ner Tamid meets the required showing in Section 19.02 of the Zoning Code.*

The question was called for,

Motion passed. Voice vote: 5-0. (Stewart abstained as he was not present for the entire discussion.)

Letter from Woodlake
Apartment Owners

Lloyd G. Cochran, President of the Woodlake Apartments Owners' Association, presented a letter to the Council from the Association outlining the recent automobile accidents which have been safety hazards to Woodlake and requesting that action be taken in the near future to place a barrier along Island Crest Way between 32nd and 35th to protect the apartments from potential accidents on Island Crest Way.

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 895
Ordinance 488

The City Attorney presented Ordinance 488, which amends Ordinance 396 and provides for partial reorganization of the Department of Public Safety, per direction by the Council at the November 13, 1979, meeting. A change was made by the City Attorney to the text of the ordinance to Section 2, Paragraph 2, last line - ...the duties of the director shall be assumed by the City Manager or his designee.

Dennis Wheeler, Mercer Island Police Association, spoke against the proposed action stating that it violates Washington State Civil Service laws. Mr. Dickinson and the Council discussed the organization of the Department of Public Safety and how the organization applies to the State Civil Service laws.

It was moved by Lewis, seconded by Rasmussen, *to pass Ordinance 488, an ordinance establishing a Department of Public Safety; establishing positions; defining the functions and duties of the Director; providing for the furnishing of a bond and amending Section 2, City of Mercer Island Ordinance 396 as amended.*

The question was called for,

Motion passed. Voice vote: 6-0.

Memo From Civil Service
Commission

The City Attorney presented a memo to the Council from the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission requesting funding for independent legal advice on a direct basis. Appeals have been filed with the Commission by the Mercer Island Police Association and six individuals within the Department of Public Safety regarding the action taken on November 13 regarding the Department. The City Attorney was directed to write a letter to the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission outlining that the City Council has been informed of the request and that the Commission should address the issue to the City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Beth Bland

Mayor Beth Bland

ATTEST:

Jack Bunnell

JACK BUNNELL, CITY CLERK