

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers
November 9, 2009; 5:00 pm*

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the November 9, 2009 Special Meeting of the Medina City Council to order at 5:05 pm. The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to RCW 42.30.080.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Lucius Biglow, Drew Blazey (*arrived at 5:58 pm*), Bret Jordan, Jim Lawrence, Mark Nelson, Bob Rudolph, and Shawn Whitney

City Staff Present: Donna Hanson, City Manager; Steve Victor, City Attorney, Kenyon Disend; Jeff Chen, Chief of Police; Joe Willis, Public Works Director; Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director; Nancy Adams, Finance Director; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The city council recessed into executive session at 5:05 pm, for an estimated time of forty minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency pending litigation and potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party.

City council members Biglow, Jordan, Lawrence, Nelson, Rudolph, and Whitney; city manager; city attorney; Stephanie Croll, Keating Bucklin & McCormack, Inc.; and Wayne Tanaka, Ogden Murphy Wallace were present. Executive session adjourned at 5:40 pm. No action was taken.

Following a recess, council resumed its special meeting at 5:45 pm. Council member Blazey arrived at 5:58 pm.

DISCUSSION

2010 Budget Discussion

City manager reviewed background information provided in response to questions raised by city council during the October 12 budget discussion. Staff responded to council inquiries.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned special meeting at 6:25 pm and called a five minute recess.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the November 9, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council to order at 6:34 pm.

Council members and city staff present at special meeting remained in attendance.

Mayor Nelson led council, staff and audience members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion Jordan and second Nelson to add Hae Lee release agreement to the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-1 (Lawrence opposed) at 6:36 pm. Mayor declared item added to the consent agenda.

Nelson announced proposed ordinance to amend the 2009 budget for police staffing has been withdrawn from consideration and is no longer needed.

The agenda was approved as amended by council consent.

PRESENTATION

Mayor acknowledged council member Whitney's accomplishment of receiving the Association of Washington Cities certificate of municipal leadership which was awarded for completing over 30 hours of credits gained by attending numerous conferences and training sessions related to municipal leadership. Mayor thanked council member Whitney for her time and dedication to the city.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor opened public comment period at 6:39 pm.

Resident Janie Lee spoke about current Medina comprehensive plan survey, inquiring what citizen response rate has been and what methods were used to gain public feedback. Additionally, Ms. Lee expressed her concerns related to the 2010 budget, including forecasting models and presentation of proposed expenditure cuts.

Resident Heija Nunn commented on release of preliminary survey results and suggested the survey response deadline be extended to garner additional responses.

Mayor closed public comment period at 6:43 pm.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor summarized agenda topics discussed at Points mayors' meeting, including King County animal control services, noting King County plans to discontinue the service and requested a future report on the city's animal control program. Nelson added the mayors discussed the Comcast franchise agreement and State Route 520.

Mayor highlighted discussion from SR 520 work group meeting concerning bridge tolling and two new design options for bridge project. Mayor encouraged residents to write to legislators to support economic project options and option to toll both I-90 and SR 520.

Mayor acknowledged citizens that campaigned for office on the city council and thanked them for being in attendance at the meeting.

Council member Rudolph described flight tracks distributed to council members and asked city attorney to summarize the Federal Aviation Administration's response to the city's correspondence concerning flight paths. City attorney commented the FAA acknowledged receipt of the letter, has agreed flight paths have not been what they should be, and reported the agency is preparing its formal response to the city.

City attorney conveyed he and the police chief are working on a final version of the ALPR camera policy and anticipated a final draft may be available by the next meeting.

Public works director distributed and explained recommended phases one and two of the Northeast 12th Street traffic improvement plan to council members.

Development services director described the developing public outreach program planned for the city's comprehensive plan update, provided a brief summary of results received to date, and efforts taken to advertise the survey. Council recommended extending survey deadline until January and to delay creation of citizen committee until January.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND WHITNEY TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 7:24 PM.

- Approval of October 12, 2009 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of October 2009 Checks and Finance Director's Report
Claim check numbers 75848 through 75936 in the amount of \$120,490.56 and payroll check numbers 25768 through 25838 in the amount of \$233,698.83. Voided claim checks includes number 75915 in the amount of \$269.90.
- Approval of Additional Services Agreement with Group Mackenzie for Undergrounding of City Hall Emergency Generator
- Approval of Release Agreement with Hae Lee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & OTHER BUSINESS

2010 Property Tax Levy (7:25 pm)

City manager summarized proposed levy. City council discussed matter.

Mayor opened public hearing at 7:30 pm and subsequently closed it as no public comment was presented.

MOTION LAWRENCE AND SECOND NELSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2010 PROPERTY TAX LEVY SETTING FORTH THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT AS PROVIDED IN THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-1 (BLAZEY OPPOSED) AT 7:32 PM.

Proposed 2010 Budget (7:26 pm)

City manager provided a summary of the proposed budget. Council discussion followed.

Mayor opened public hearing at 7:45 pm.

Medina resident Janie Lee spoke to the increase in expenditures and wondered aloud if each expenditure has been reviewed and whether or not deferral of any expenditure has been considered. She said that as a citizen she is not comfortable that enough thought has been given to this aspect and expressed that she hopes the council has given its due diligence to the matter.

Mayor and city manager responded to citizen's concerns.

Mayor closed public hearing at 7:52 pm.

Council members continued budget discussion.

MOTION WHITNEY AND SECOND NELSON TO APPROVE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2010 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MEDINA SETTING FORTH THE SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR EACH FUND AND THE 2010 SALARY SCHEDULE WHILE ALLOWING BUT NOT ENCOURAGING A DIP INTO RESERVES IN 2009 AND HOPE STAFF WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REDUCE USE OF RESERVES WHEREVER POSSIBLE. MOTION CARRIED 6-1 (LAWRENCE OPPOSED) AT 8:02 PM.

PRESENTATION

The Washington State Department of Transportation began its presentation of the environmental assessment for the State Route 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project at 8:05 pm and concluded at 8:57 pm.

Julie Meredith, program director for the Washington State Department of Transportation for the State Route 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project, introduced key project staff members: Daniel Babuca, engineering manager for the eastside project; Michael Horntvedt, transportation program manager; and Bill Blaylock environmental manager for the eastside project.

The SR 520 project team members presented a slide show providing an overview of the project and answered questions posed during the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The city council recessed into executive session at 8:58 pm, for an estimated time of thirty minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) to evaluate and review the performance of a public employee. No action was anticipated. City council members Biglow, Blazey, Jordan, Lawrence, Nelson, Rudolph, and Whitney were present.

Executive session was extended an additional thirty minutes at 9:23 pm and extended another ten minutes at 9:53 pm. Members of the public were not in attendance awaiting executive session to transpire. Executive session adjourned and council resumed its regular meeting at 10:03 pm. No action was taken.


ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WHITNEY AND SECOND LAWRENCE TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 9, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AND MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 10:03 PM.

The November 9, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 10:03 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held, Monday, December 14, 2009 at 6:30 pm.


Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

Attest: 
Rachel Baker, City Clerk