

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers  
Monday, March 9, 2009; 6:00 pm*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The March 9, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:00 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council met in Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g), for the purpose of labor negotiations, and pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or 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.

All city council members, city manager and city attorney were present. Council recessed from Executive Session at 6:50 pm and no action was taken.

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Lucius Biglow, Drew Blazey, Bret Jordan, Jim Lawrence, Mark Nelson, Bob Rudolph, and Shawn Whitney

City Staff Present: Donna Hanson, City Manager; Wayne Tanaka, City Attorney, Ogden Murphy Wallace; Jeff Chen, Chief of Police; Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor presented Eagle Scouts Matthew Lee and John Koch certificates in honor of their accomplishments.

Police Chief Chen recognized the service of Officer Michael Girias and provided details of Officer Girias' response to crimes and the ultimate arrests of crime suspects on February 9 and February 14.

Arthur Sullivan, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), introduced ARCH restructuring and 2009 budget and work plan.

Mayor read Appreciation for City Employees proclamation into the record recognizing public service provided by employees during December 2008 snow events.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

The following agenda items were moved on the agenda: COPS Hiring Grant moved to position OB 1 and Discussion: Park and Ride at SR-520 and Evergreen Point Road moved to position OB 2. The amended agenda was approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor opened floor to public comment at 7:10 pm.

Medina resident Donna Shuman proposed the city council consider a traffic calming measure on Lake Washington Boulevard between First and Twelfth to the five corner intersection, such as installation of a "residential area" sign. Ms. Shuman said the city of Clyde Hill is working on a planned development project on 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE in preparation for changes projected as a result of SR-520 construction. She shared the project manager name and contact information: Brian Casey, 425-452-6867.

Medina resident Joann Bienenfeld spoke about the burglary that occurred at her home. Chief Chen played the 9-1-1 call. Ms. Bienenfeld said the police responded exceptionally and asked council to continue to support the department and to find new ways to draw officer candidates to the city. Resident thanked council members for all the hard work they do.

Medina resident Katie Phelps stated her home was broken into last week. She said the police did a thorough job and as a result of neighbor requests, Chief Chen will conduct neighborhood public safety meetings. Ms. Phelps said the public safety camera project needs to move forward and installation needs to get done.

Medina resident Mike Higgins shared that he has been the victim of theft twice in the last few months. He said it would help to define the city as a residential community because many that enter the community are using Medina as a cut through access to SR 520 and are not residents. Mr. Higgins supported efforts for traffic calming on both 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast and Northeast 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

Medina resident Anne-Marie Ryan, speaking on behalf of herself and her mother, Marian Zabel, commented about fast traffic on Lake Washington Boulevard between Northeast 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets. She said it is difficult to cross street to get her mail. Resident said neighbors on Northeast First between Northeast 10<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets have similar complaints. Ms. Ryan suggested the following calming measures: a strip of trees down center of road, a speed bump, or crosswalks. Ms. Ryan later added comments related to noise, traffic and trash in the area.

Medina resident Dave Martin addressed Council on the subject of noise related to the SR 520 bridge, specifically the use of air brakes, rumor of quiet pavement discontinuance due to project failure, and future trucking of debris across SR 520 and through Medina as

a result of Metro tunnel construction on west side of bridge. Mr. Martin urged Council to continue to support quiet pavement on SR 520.

Medina resident Doug Perry expressed concern about drivers exceeding speed limit when entering Medina, especially area on Lake Washington Boulevard and Northeast 12<sup>th</sup> Street between Northeast 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast. Mr. Perry said the road in front of his home is dangerous to cross and to make a turn into his driveway. He added that traffic has gotten worse and even rattles his home.

Medina resident Alex Hoag stated it is difficult to exit his driveway and it is dangerous to ride bicycles in bike lane in front of his home to the park. He said action should be taken.

Medina resident Amy Itkin said she has witnessed speeding vehicles on Lake Washington Boulevard with drivers using cell phones. She expressed that drivers do not seem to respect the place she lives and do not seem to show concern for safety. Ms. Itkin said the traffic noise has gotten worse and her house shakes because of it.

Medina resident Kathleen Higgins commented that many of her neighbors could not be here tonight, but are just as passionate about the traffic concerns expressed this evening. Ms. Higgins stated that one neighbor is tired of cleaning up trash in the area.

Medina resident Debra Perry inquired if the bus route could be eliminated. She expressed that the bus riders leave their cars parked on the street all day and litter which leaves the area unattractive.

Mayor closed comment period at 7:56 pm.

## **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Rudolph polled Council whether or not to hold a Special Meeting concerning floating bridge tolling. Council elected to notice a Special Meeting to take place at Chinook Middle School with state legislators on March 14 at noon.

Council Member Whitney thanked staff for mailing and emailing letters opposing HB 2211 regarding bridge tolling.

Willis summarized traffic mitigation for Northeast 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Northeast 12<sup>th</sup> Street and answered Council inquiries. Council authorized Willis to return in April with a consultant agreement for traffic engineering services. Chen summarized traffic emphasis patrol conducted in area.

Willis summarized current status of ALPR camera project.

Willis recommended city request qualifications for city hall architect and council was in agreement.

Grumbach summarized process for SR 520 project permitting and indicated a consultant with specialized expertise would be of assistance to protect the city's interest during environmental review of project.

## CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND BIGLOW TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AND MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:42 PM.

1. Approval of February 9, 2009 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of February 2009 Checks/Finance Officer's Report  
*Claim Check Numbers 74965 through 75071 in the amount of \$253,472.39 and Payroll Checks Numbers 25166 through 25235 in the amount of \$204,829.64. Voided Payroll Check Numbers include: 25230, 25233, and 25234 and Voided Claim Check Numbers include: 75052 and 75062*
3. Approval of 2009 ARCH Budget and Work Plan
4. Approval of 2009 Planning Commission Work Plan

## OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda items taken out of order to accommodate availability of staff.

### Park and Ride at SR-520 and Evergreen Point Road (8:42 pm)

Grumbach summarized history, and city policies and goals related to park and ride and transit stop.

Mayor opened floor to public comment at 8:50 pm.

Medina resident Matt Kochel spoke about SR 520 expansion and finalization of designs. He shared information he collected from a March 5 survey of park and ride users, since the only other data is ten and 25 years old. Mr. Kochel expressed his opinions regarding future park and ride use. Resident advocated for removal of the park and ride in its entirety and urged council to consider parking alternatives, such as permit parking at Fairweather Nature Preserve for Medina residents and recommended council conduct a study of park and ride use.

Medina resident Kay Koelemay-Dicharry claimed that the park and ride may not have been at capacity due to storm drainage work planned for the week of March 1. Resident said that supported mass transit can make a community better and a park and ride can be and currently is a benefit to Medina.

Medina resident Penny Martin inquired if the state could purchase Bellevue Christian School and plan high density housing for low income families along SR 520. Ms. Martin remarked about speeding vehicles that travel Evergreen Point Road.

Grumbach addressed Ms. Martin's concerns.

Medina resident Heija Nunn asked if there are ways to guarantee against the acquisition of Bellevue Christian School. Ms. Nunn stated Medina is not the right spot for a park and ride to serve the region, since other locations are more logical and would be less of an impact.

Medina resident Johnny Kim proclaimed he opposes the park and ride and is concerned about safety. He said the majority of park and ride users are not Medina residents.

Medina resident Eric Oeltjen agreed with Mr. Kim's comments and added that use by non-residents will increase in the future. He said that he is against park and ride, but at a minimum any increase in parking at the park and ride.

Medina resident Connie Gerlitz reminded everyone of heavy park and ride use during Husky games, especially by Medina residents.

Medina resident Dave Martin commented to historical claims of park and ride and added that residents in the area were opposed to it when it was originally proposed. He said the object at the time was only to have a "kiss and drop", which is currently sited north of the highway. Mr. Martin said the park and ride is being used by non residents and is an intrusion into the community.

Medina resident Doug Dicharry expressed that one unintended consequence of removing the park and ride would be an increase in street traffic and parking and increased traffic on SR 520, thereby increasing noise. Mr. Dicharry supported the park and ride, even an expanded facility. He said that the council should stay true to the city's comprehensive plan and support transit access.

Medina resident Wilma Edmonds favored keeping park and ride, but not to increase the number of users, since that would increase traffic impacts in front of her home.

Mayor closed public comment period at 9:19 pm.

Council discussed matter. Hanson conveyed staff would keep council informed of progress and Grumbach asked if council's intent is to keep facility, but not to expand it.

*Motion Whitney and second Jordan to extend meeting to 10:00 pm and motion carried 6-1 (Lawrence opposed) at 9:47 pm.*

COPS Hiring Grant Program (9:48 pm)

Chen summarized program and requested permission to apply for grant. Chen answered council questions.

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND WHITNEY FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO DIRECT THE POLICE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR TWO POLICE OFFICER FUNDED POSITIONS WITH THE CHRP GRANT, AND IF AWARDED TO THE CITY AND WITH A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT, WILL ACCEPT THE GRANT. MOTION CARRIED 4-3 (BIGLOW, BLAZEY, AND LAWRENCE OPPOSED) AT 10:05 PM.

Draft City Council Retreat Agenda (10:06 pm)

Council approved agenda.

2009 Fee Schedule and Adoption of 2009 Fee Schedule Resolution

Item postponed to April 13, 2009 due to lack of time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

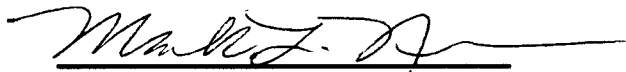
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Following a motion and second to adjourn, the March 9, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 10:50 pm.

The City Council will hold a Special Meeting, Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 12:00 pm and will hold a Special Meeting to conduct a retreat on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 3:00 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday, April 13, at 6:30 pm.

  
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Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:   
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Rachel Baker, City Clerk