

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers*  
*September 8, 2008; 6:00 pm*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The September 8, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:07 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Council Members Absent: Bret Jordan (*excused*)

City Staff Present: Mike Caldwell, Interim City Manager; Wayne Tanaka, City Attorney, Ogden Murphy Wallace; Jeff Chen, Chief of Police; Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:00 pm for an estimated time of one-hour to review a confidential list of candidates for the position of city manager, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g), and for the purpose of labor negotiation discussions, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g).

City Council Members Biglow, Blazey, Lawrence, Nelson, Rudolph, and Whitney; Dick Cushing, Waldron and Company; City Attorney; and Interim City Manager were present. Executive Session adjourned at 7:37 pm. No action was taken.

Following a recess, the Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:49 pm.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The City Hall site considerations topic was removed from the agenda and Council accepted the meeting agenda as modified at 7:51 pm.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor opened floor to public comment at 7:51 pm.

Resident Henry Paulman spoke about police enforcement on SR-520. He said he received a copy of the police department's policy regarding pursuits, but didn't see that patrolling of SR-520 was included. Mr. Paulman suggested the council consider setting a policy regarding patrolling of SR-520, because there is a safety concern for Medina if SR-520 is being patrolled instead of the streets of Medina.

Staff responded that SR-520 is in the city's jurisdiction and the police department is responsible for patrolling SR-520 out to the mid span.

Mayor closed public comment period at 7:54 pm.

## **REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor announced a community open house will be held for St. Thomas School on September 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Biglow requested a follow up be provided when a matter is raised at a meeting by a member of the public and the concern cannot be answered during the meeting. Mayor conveyed responses could be given during remarks and announcements, if not covered in staff reports.

Chief Chen provided a verbal report to the Council regarding the concerns resident Dawson Yee raised during the August 11 meeting. Chief explained why Medina officers were unable to respond to the incident Mr. Yee reported to the dispatch center, and he described the department's goals and methods of policing. Following his report, the Chief answered questions from council members.

Chen summarized an incident which occurred in Clyde Hill on September 7 and required a response from Medina. Chen stated for the record that crime rates have remained at a safe level or have decreased during the seven years he has been with the Medina police department, due in part to the great work of the officers in Medina.

## **PRESENTATION**

Mayor introduced 48<sup>th</sup> legislative district representative Ross Hunter. Mr. Hunter presented a slideshow he obtained from the SR-520 tolling and implementation committee website, [www.build520.org](http://www.build520.org). The slides identified various tolling scenarios. Mr. Hunter spoke of construction date projections, funding requirements, traffic impacts, and tolling options.

Mr. Hunter responded to questions from the council and audience.

## CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION WHITNEY AND SECOND RUDOLPH TO APPROVE AUGUST 11, 2008 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, AND A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CLEARWIRE DONATION; MOTION CARRIED 4-2 (BLAZEY AND LAWRENCE OPPOSED AT 9:23 PM.

MOTION WHITNEY AND SECOND LAWRENCE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2008 BUDGET AMENDMENT E; AND MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 9:23 PM.

### Approval of July 2008 Checks/Finance Officer's Report (9:23 pm)

Whitney remarked the finance committee reviewed the general fund voucher checks, minus voided claim checks as listed in the agenda, and found no discrepancies, and recommended the checks and finance officer's report be approved as presented. Whitney stated the payroll checks were not reviewed by the committee.

MOTION WHITNEY AND SECOND BIGLOW TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2008 CHECKS/FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: CLAIM CHECKS 74366 THROUGH 74387, 74389 THROUGH 74398, 74400 THROUGH 74463, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$199,116.43; AND PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 24733 THROUGH 24810, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$206,867.29 (CLAIM CHECKS 74388 AND 74399 WERE VOIDED). MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 9:31 PM.

Biglow volunteered to join the finance committee. The committee is comprised of three council members: Biglow, Lawrence and Whitney.

Whitney reported the finance committee met with Beth Mauch and Wendy Wang from the state auditor's office on September 4. She said the annual financial audit and accountability audit have concluded, and there were no findings or further issues to discuss.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Tolling Policy Statement (9:32 pm)

Council members discussed proposal and agreed to endorse Clyde Hill statement, and added the following additional points: tolling to end when bonds paid in full, equal tolls for all communities, no segment tolling, begin tolling when construction starts, and not use tolls for maintenance.

City manager was directed to draft Medina's statement for presentation to Clyde Hill.

### Schedule Date for Special Meeting (9:46 pm)

Council discussed item, but did not confirm a special meeting date. City manager expressed he would determine whether a special meeting would be necessary.

## **COUNCIL INITIATIVE**

### 2008 Study Session Calendar (9:49 pm)

Council postponed topic to the October regular meeting, since council member Jordan was absent.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### City Manager's Monthly Activity Report (9:49 pm)

The police chief presented the police department report during announcements, the public works director answered questions pertaining to the public works report, and the city manager highlighted a staffing reassignment for human resources duties. Reports were received and filed.

### Agenda Calendar (9:53 pm)

During Chief Chen's report, the council requested an October 13 agenda item pertaining to the consolidation of the Clyde Hill and Medina police departments for the purpose of gathering public input and council discussion. Council member Biglow requested a discussion regarding the comprehensive plan and council opted to include item after appointment of a new city manager.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

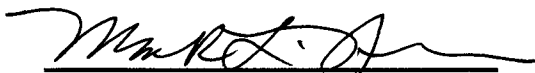
MOTION RUDOLPH AND SECOND NELSON TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g); FOR THE PURPOSE OF LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, FOR AN ESTIMATED TIME OF THIRTY MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 9:57 PM.
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Council recessed from executive session at 10:49 pm. No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The September 8, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 10:49 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 13, 2008, at 6:30 pm.

  
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Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:   
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Rachel Baker, City Clerk