

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers
February 25, 2008; 6:30 pm*

CALL TO ORDER

The February 25, 2008 Special Meeting of the Medina City Council was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:33 pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Lucius Biglow (*via telephone*), Drew Blazey, Bret Jordan, Jim Lawrence, Mark Nelson, and Shawn Whitney

Council Members Absent: Bob Rudolph (*excused*)

City Staff Present: Mark Weinberg, City Manager; Wayne Tanaka, City Attorney, Ogden Murphy Wallace; Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

Mayor Nelson led those in attendance in a flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Nelson opened the floor to public participation at 6:34 pm. No comment was presented and the comment period was subsequently closed.

PRESENTATION

Nelson introduced Dick Cushing from Waldron and Company. Mr. Cushing described Waldron's city manager recruitment process and the relationship the company would have with the Council during the process. He explained Waldron's interim city manager service and the contract process for interim services.

Mr. Cushing proposed that the fee for basic recruitment services would be reduced to half the amount assessed during the last city manager recruitment and fees for expanded consulting services at the beginning of the process, including teambuilding work, would be billed at a rate of \$200 per hour, not to exceed \$7,500.

Interim City Manager applicant Michael Caldwell introduced himself to the Council and audience members. Mr. Caldwell described his professional and educational background.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:51 pm for an estimated time of one-hour to:

1. Evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and regarding professional negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4).
2. To discuss with legal counsel pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).
3. To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(d).

Council Members Biglow (*via telephone*), Blazey, Jordan, Lawrence, Nelson, and Whitney; City Manager; City Attorney; and City Clerk were present. Stephanie Croll, attorney with Keating Bucklin & McCormack, was also in attendance. Executive Session adjourned and the Special Meeting was called back to order at 8:39 pm.

Council Member Biglow exited the meeting immediately following Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Temporary City Hall Facilities (8:39 pm)

City Manager summarized need and estimated costs for temporary facilities due to the impending City Hall building repairs and outlined three recommended options.

Public Works Director described staff needs and projected costs for temporary space and answered Council inquiries.

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND WHITNEY TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS TO EXECUTE A LEASE FOR TEMPORARY PREMISES WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMERCIAL LEASE SPACE TO BE FIRST ON PRIORITY LIST AND NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:52 PM.

Interim City Manager Services Action

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND LAWRENCE TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO ENGAGE MIKE CALDWELL AS THE CITY'S INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:53 PM.

Pending Litigation Action

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND LAWRENCE TO AUTHORIZE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE THE LEE LITIGATION AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:54 PM.

City Manager Search Action

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND LAWRENCE TO MOVE CITY MANAGER SEARCH CONTRACT TO MARCH 10, 2008 AGENDA AND FOR MAYOR TO CONDUCT PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION ON CONTRACT AMOUNTS PRIOR TO THAT MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:54 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND JORDAN TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 25, 2008 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:55 PM.

The February 25, 2008, Special Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 8:55 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday, March 10, 2008 at 6:30 pm.



Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

Attest: 

Rachel Baker, City Clerk