

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Medina City Hall Council Chambers
May 29, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Miles Adam called the May 29, 2007, Medina City Council Meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Miles Adam, Drew Blazey, Jim Lawrence, Katie Phelps and Pete Vall-Spinosa

Councilmembers Absent: Lucius Biglow (*excused*) and Robert Rudolph (*excused*)

City Staff Present: Wayne Tanaka, City Attorney, Ogden Murphy Wallace; Joseph Gellings, Director of Development Services; Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was requested by Vall-Spinosa and seconded by Lawrence to move Item G-5, Council Agenda Calendar, to the top of the agenda and the motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gellings acted in the absence of City Manager Weinberg at the dais. Gellings announced the Medina Store Historical Use Permit public hearing date before the Medina Planning Commission was postponed from May 23, 2007 to June 26, 2007 as a result of the applicant's request.

Phelps announced the candidate-filing period would open June 4, 2007. Phelps said she appreciated receiving the City Manager's letter regarding the Medina Beach Park restoration project and suggested that in addition to newsletter updates, the City regularly post updated public notices at the Beach Park throughout the project period to keep citizens informed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Hunts Point resident Morey Wetherald presented the City with an autographed copy of his book titled "When the Great Blues Came to Medina Park, 2003-2006" which chronicles a photographic history of the blue herons in Medina Park. Mr. Wetherald detailed the phenomenon of the species nesting in Medina. He also reported the tree the herons reside in was damaged during the December 2006 windstorm and that stabilization would be necessary to maintain the population nesting in the park.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Resident Don Hansen spoke on behalf of the group of Upland Road Street Vacation petitioners to request a reconsideration of the action taken by the City Council May 14, 2007. Mr. Hansen stated the reason for requesting the reconsideration would be to allow City Council the opportunity to be presented with background information including the history of street vacations in Medina and the precedents which exist as a result of said street vacations, and examples of best practices for street vacations by other municipalities in the State of Washington. Mr. Hansen added that the letter submitted to the city manager by the petitioners included alternate proposals for Council's consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Agenda Calendar (7:18 pm)

Council directed staff to gather additional information regarding street vacations and to return June 11 with a recommended public hearing date of either July 9 or July 23. Adam noted a public hearing would be scheduled June 11 for the purpose of adopting building code updates.

Adam requested a feasibility discussion on July 9 to propose with staff the possibility of reducing the speed limit from 25 miles per hour to 20 mph on all local access streets in Medina. Council consented to discussions of the recently repealed View and Sunlight Ordinance and a follow up report to the overhead utility line conversion project on July 9.

Phelps requested a follow up report to the King County Public Library issue on July 23. Phelps suggested a Medina Days update in July and it was determined Weinberg could meet the committee outside of agenda.

Undergrounding Utilities Financing (7:26 pm)

Lawrence conveyed that in an effort stemming from the results of the 2005 Citizen Survey, Council aims to get the undergrounding utilities measure on the November ballot. He noted the ballot measure must be filed with King County no later than August 14, 2007.

Lawrence stated that he, the mayor and city manager identified bond council, underwriters and financial advisors and requested those identified to submit capabilities summaries for consideration. He said finalists were interviewed based upon a review of documents submitted. Lawrence conveyed the recommendation to hire K & L Preston Gates Ellis.

Lawrence introduced Alan Daschen, Financial Advisor, with A. Daschen and Associates and Cynthia Weed, Bond Counsel, with K & L Preston Gates Ellis.

Alan Daschen summarized his firm is located in Bellevue and maintains a large share of the financial advisory business in State. Mr. Daschen distributed a handout to

councilmembers titled "Financing Options for Utility Undergrounding", dated May 29 2007. Mr. Daschen referred to the handout during presentation and disclosed information about the bond process and financing options for the City.

Cynthia Weed defined the decision-making and ballot measure process. Ms. Weed advised the Council that the City cannot promote project or finance a vote, but can put out information regarding the project. She explained that the City could appoint pro and con volunteer citizen committees to write the pro and con statements for official voters pamphlet and speak to citizens about the measure. She advised that councilmembers can take personal positions, can join a pro or con group as a citizen, but may not take a position for the City.

Henry Paulman inquired if the gross project cost and cost per household would be identified in ballot language. Adam indicated costs would be expressed up front according to the expert's recommendations.

Mark Nelson asked if cost would be determined based on King County assessed valuations and Adam answered it would be.

Council discussed recommendations outlined in Mr. Daschen's handout.

MOTION BLAZEY/SECOND ADAM TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION FOR VOTED GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND ISSUE AND MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 8:13 PM.

MOTION LAWRENCE/SECOND ADAM TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION FOR COMPETITIVE SALE FOR VOTED GO BOND ISSUE AND MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 8:14 PM.

MOTION LAWRENCE/SECOND ADAM TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF LEVEL DEBT SERVICE AND MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 8:16 PM.

Willis confirmed an outside engineering consultant would be providing an engineering cost estimate for the project.

Ms. Weed conveyed an ordinance would go before the City Council for action most likely in July in order to meet the August 14 King County filing deadline.

MOTION LAWRENCE/SECOND VALL-SPINOSA TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR CYNTHIA WEED OF K & L PRESTON GATES ELLIS AND ALAN DASCHEN OF A. DASCHEN AND ASSOCIATES, PROVIDED THAT THE FEES ARE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO FEES IN LETTERS: \$34,000 FOR K&L PRESTON GATES ELLIS AND \$25,000 FOR A. DASCHEN AND ASSOCIATES. MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 8:23 PM.

Police Wage Decompression (8:23 pm)

Gellings introduced item and summarized report in agenda packet. Council discussion followed including salary ranges for police chief and lieutenant positions and levels of supervision in the Police Department. Council determined further information would need to be presented before action could be taken, including job and salary descriptions, justification for the lieutenant position, and city manager's recommendation.

Living Fences (8:55 pm)

Discussion was led by Council Member Vall-Spinosa and included his suggestion for an ordinance to address and regulate living fences. He conveyed enforcement would be complaint driven. Tanaka summarized Clyde Hill's living fences ordinance that was the subject of a State Supreme court case where the validity of the ordinance was upheld. The majority of councilmembers present elected not to pursue item further.

Election Signs (9:13 pm)

Council Member Lawrence initiated and led the discussion. Tanaka enlightened Council of King County regulations and restrictions and court rulings. Following discussion Lawrence elected to withdraw from further discussion of item.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION VALL-SPINOSA/SECOND BLAZEY TO ADJOURN THE MAY 29, 2007 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0 AT 9:21 PM.

The May 29, 2007, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 9:21 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm.



Miles R. Adam, Mayor

Attest:



Rachel Baker, City Clerk