

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2007
6:30 pm

Medina City Hall
501 Evergreen Point Road

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened in Executive Session at 6:30 pm to hold discussions per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b). All City Councilmembers; Wayne Tanaka, City Attorney; Mark Weinberg, City Manager; and Joseph Gellings, Director of Development Services were present. Executive session adjourned at 7:15 pm and no action was taken.

CALL TO ORDER

Miles Adam called the March 26, 2007, Medina City Council Meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

City Staff Present: Mark Weinberg, City Manager; 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

Council approved agenda as written with addition of new business item. Phelps requested new business to discuss City Council meeting agenda format.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor declared that this summer a test would be conducted of quiet pavement on both sides of State Route 520 in the location just east of Evergreen Point Road to just west of Bellevue Way. Rudolph voiced concern that the City should send a letter to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to encourage the test area to be extended west to the water. Adam conveyed he would add the concern to Medina's priority list during the next meeting with WSDOT and there was a consensus of the council to do so.

Weinberg announced the Streamlined Sales Tax measure was passed by both houses and was signed by the Governor earlier this week. He also stated that the National Arbor Day Foundation recently named the City of Medina as a "2006 Tree City USA". Weinberg confirmed a letter was mailed to residents to notify them of the tree removal and replacement project along 84th Avenue. He also provided city manager recruitment

figures to the council per Phelps's earlier request, and indicated the \$20,000 contract fee was paid in full in addition to \$6,062.71 for pass through fees.

Following council discussion, Weinberg agreed it would be good customer service to acknowledge receipt within 24 hours of correspondence addressed to the Council, and noted it would depend upon whether research would need to be conducted in response to the letter or not.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Resident Wilma Edmonds asked if WSDOT would fund a mitigator to represent the City of Medina as it did the city of Seattle. Mrs. Edmonds added she had spoken with Representative Deb Eddy about the noise reduction pavement bill before the Legislature and she was told that the bill failed because of the way it was presented. Representative Eddy indicated the pavement would be approved for SR-520.

Adam conveyed mitigator candidates have been identified and WSDOT will fully fund a mitigator dedicated to eastside communities within the next 30 days.

Lawrence stated a letter was entered into the record as audience participation from citizen Shawn Fitzpatrick as she was unable to attend the meeting. Weinberg said she had already received a response from the City.

OTHER BUSINESS

City Hall Restoration (7:38 pm)

Willis distributed architectural renderings to Council. The drawings identified the existing floorplan, the proposed addition to the north side of the building, and an attic expansion with eyebrow dormers. Willis summarized the three options for the proposed City Hall restoration/expansion project and answered Council inquiries.

Weinberg indicated a quick study was conducted for using the Green Store as office space and provided that it would cost approximately \$30-65 per square foot for lease improvements, amounting to about \$322,000.

There was general Council consensus not to proceed with eyebrow dormers for attic space as it would not be an efficient use of funds or space and would detract from the existing building character. Council comment produced the idea to discuss with staff how expansion/relocation would appease current working restrictions and affect service. Council requested a report from staff connecting: productivity, space availability at both an expanded City Hall and Green Store; and associated expansion/relocations costs.

MOTION BIGLOW/SECOND ADAM TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF \$18,462 FOR ARCHITECTURAL FEES FOR PHASE TWO. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 8:18 PM.

Overhead Utility Line Conversion Report (8:18 pm)

Willis summarized report including design and construction phases and cost sharing. He estimated conversion would be at least a two year process and he informally calculated that approximately 50% of the City currently has underground service.

Council discussed bond measure for a 2007 ballot and the resulting tax increase to property owners. Weinberg suggested the next step to be taken would be to hire a financial advisor to determine costs, to develop ballot language and to plan a public education campaign in order to inform citizens of both sides of the issue. Lawrence indicated he would like to be involved in the selection process for a financial advisor.

Willis conveyed he would confer with engineers in the trade to verify engineering estimates.

Weinberg indicated he would begin preliminary review for financial advisors, confirm engineering costs, draft preliminary ballot language and then report back to Council.

Draft Ordinance to Repeal Existing View and Sunlight Ordinance (8:48 pm)

Gellings summarized direction he received to repeal ordinance and noted that if Council repealed ordinance he would regularly educate residents through newsletter articles how to resolve view and sunlight issues. Council discussion followed.

MOTION PHELPS/SECOND BLAZEY TO ADOPT ORDINANCE PREPARED BY STAFF REPEALING ORDINANCE 575, AND MOTION AMENDED TO INCLUDE THAT GUIDELINES BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. MOTION CARRIED 6-1 (ADAM OPPOSED) AT 9:00 PM.

Water Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA-8) Interlocal Agreement (9:01 pm)

Gellings summarized agreement and recommended Council approval.

MOTION LAWRENCE/SECOND BLAZEY TO APPROVE THE WRIA-8 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 9:05 PM.

Council Agenda Calendar (9:07 pm)

Council discussed agenda calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

City Council Meeting Agenda Format (9:05 pm)


Phelps requested and Council concurred to list Executive Session descriptions in laymen terms, in addition to RCW citing, on City Council meeting agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION VALL-SPINOSA/SECOND PHELPS TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 26, 2007 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING. MOTION PASSED 7-0 AT 9:19 PM.

The March 26, 2007, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 9:19 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday, April 9, 2007 at 7:00 pm.



Miles R. Adam, Mayor

Attest:



Rachel Baker, City Clerk