



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Medina City Hall, Council Chambers
501 Evergreen Point Road, Medina
Monday, October 10, 2016
5:30 PM

MAYOR
ALEX MORCOS

DEPUTY MAYOR
SHEREE WEN

COUNCIL MEMBERS
CYNTHIA ADKINS
PATRICK BOYD
DAVID LEE
JOHN MAFFEI
CURT PRYDE

ACTING CITY MANAGER
ROBERT GRUMBACH

CITY ATTORNEY
KATHLEEN J. HAGGARD

CITY CLERK
AIMEE KELLERMAN

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Morcos called the special meeting to order at 5:30 pm and adjourned to executive session in the Medina Council Chambers at 5:31 p.m.

Council Members Present: Adkins, Boyd, Lee, Maffei, Pryde, Wen (in at 5:40 pm, and Mayor Morcos

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Grumbach and Haggard

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ES-1: RCW 42.30.110 (1)(f)

To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge.

ACTION: No action was taken following Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morcos adjourned the executive session and special meeting at 6:25 p.m.

1. REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Morcos called the regular meeting to order in the Medina Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Adkins, Boyd, Lee, Maffei, Pryde, Wen (in at 5:40 pm, and Mayor Morcos

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Grumbach, Haggard, Adams, Burns, and Osada

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the pledge.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Council Member Boyd pulled Agenda Item 8.6 out of Consent for further discussion.

ACTION: Motion Adkins second Boyd and carried by a 7:0 vote; Council approved the meeting agenda as amended

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Presentation regarding Medina bridges by Steve Wilson of Otak.

Otak engineer Steve Wilson gave a brief presentation to Council regarding bridge railings in Medina, why they need to be replaced, what they're proposing, and an estimated cost.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Morcos opened the public comment period at 6:49 p.m. The following individual addressed the Council:

- David Langworthy commented on the SR-520 bridge noise measures and felt that lowering the speed limit during peak hours would be an effective mitigation.

Mayor Morcos closed the public comment period at 6:51 p.m.

6. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 Commissions, Boards, and Advisory Committee Reports.

Emergency Preparedness Chair Kay Koelema congratulated Council on the special presentation with speaker Eric Holdeman at St. Thomas Church. There were approximately 78 in attendance. She also announced that next week on October 20th is the Great American Shakeout and the Great Washington Shakeout, which will be at 10:20 a.m.

Planning Commission Vice Chair Shawn Schubring reported that the Planning Commission is continuing to work on the noise ordinance, sign ordinance, and working on a proposal for changing the setbacks on the sports courts.

Council Member Boyd attended the grand opening of the new Bellevue Boys and Girls Club and he did the "Walk to School" event with the Police Chief, Captain, and Medina officers.

Council Member Adkins attended the State Auditors Exit Conference and thanked Director of Finance, Nancy Adams for another clean audit. She also thanked Police Chief Burns for hosting another well attended community outreach forum.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7.1 Police, Development Services, Finance, Central Services, Public Works

Acting City Manager Robert Grumbach gave a brief introduction of Soundview Strategies and Mike Groesch who contracts with Kelly Evans to help with the SR 520 bridge noise issues.

Mike Groesch provided Council with his background and some of the work he and Kelly have already been involved with. He noted that they will be working on what the message will be to the legislators and the Department of Transportation. The message will be that this is their project and they need to fix it and move forward with the studies to analyze what the problems are and what the potential fixes are and the cost.

Strategies 360 consultant, Paul Berendt gave an update to Council on their outreach efforts and other work progress since the last attended City Council meeting.

Acting City Manager Robert Grumbach reported that WSDOT is looking to have a Committee of the Whole meeting at the end of October or beginning of November and will potentially provide some information on the measurements that they recently took. Grumbach asked Council to provide dates for the meeting. A majority of the Council confirmed that November 1, 2016, was acceptable.

Grumbach also reported that staff is working on rescheduling the Sustainable Airport Master Plan presentation after there was some confusion with the original date. He also reported that staff sent out a postcard notice for an open house on the Medina Tree Management Stewardship Plan, set for Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Motion Adkins second Pryde and carried by a 7:0 vote; Council approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item 8.5, which was pulled for a separate discussion and vote in Other Business.

- 8.1 **Subject:** Approved August 15, 2016 Park Board Minutes
Recommendation: Receive and file.
Staff Contact: Sunita Hall, Deputy City Clerk
- 8.2 **Subject:** Approved July 26, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Recommendation: Receive and file.
Staff Contact: Kristin McKenna, Development Services Coordinator
- 8.3 **Subject:** City Council Minutes:
a) September 12, 2016 Special and Regular Meeting; and
b) September 26, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes
Recommendation: Adopt.
Staff Contact: Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk
- 8.4 **Subject:** September 2016, Check Register
Recommendation: Approve.
Staff Contact: Nancy Adams, Finance Director
- 8.6 **Subject:** Strategies 360 Contract
Recommendation: Approve.
Result of Recommended Action: Approval will authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Strategies 360 for professional services in support of the SR 520 Expansion Joint Noise Issue.
Staff Contact: Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director

9. PUBLIC HEARING

- 9.1 **Subject:** 2017 Preliminary Budget Discussion
Recommendation: Review and hold a public hearing.
Result of Recommended Action: Receive public testimony to be discussed under Item 10.1.
Staff Contact: Nancy Adams, Finance Director

Director of Finance Nancy Adams commented that the City Council and staff previously held a study session and completed a thorough review of each department's budget at the September 26 special meeting. She made a presentation and did a brief summary of the 2017 budget assumptions and 2017 expenses based on the information received during the study session.

Council discussed the preliminary budget.

Mayor Morcos opened the public hearing period at 8:46 p.m. The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Matt Rossmeissl thanked Council Member Boyd for attending the Boys and Girls Club grand opening event and thanked all of Council for the \$100,000 donation with five annual payments of \$20,000. He reinforced the importance of Council's decision to donate to the club.
- Joe Sabey, Mayor of Hunts Point commented that at the last Hunts Point meeting, the Council discussed the additional police officer. They are in support of it and will include it in their budget next year.

Mayor Morcos closed the public hearing period at 8:48 p.m.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Consent Agenda Item pulled for separate discussion and action.

8.5 **Subject:** Soundview Strategies Contract

Recommendation: Approve.

Result of Recommended Action: Approval will authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Soundview Strategies for professional services in support of the SR 520 Expansion Joint Noise Issue.

Staff Contact: Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director

Council Member Boyd commented that he would like to utilize this consultant for long-term solutions rather than the short-term stuff that WSDOT is focusing on.

ACTION: Motion Pryde second Adkins and carried by a 7:0 vote; Council authorized the City Manager to sign an agreement with Soundview Strategies for professional services in support of the SR 520 Expansion Joint Noise issue.

10.2 **Subject:** NE 24th Street / 84th Avenue Project Discussion - Next Steps

Recommendation: Discussion item; action only required if a TIB acceptable design is resurfaces as a preferred alternative.

Result of Recommended Action: Direction on whether Council wishes to proceed with a variation of Alternative 1.5 and split the full cost with Clyde Hill.

Staff Contact: Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director

Acting City Manager Robert Grumbach clarified to Council the misunderstanding of the City Engineer's position on Alternative 1.5 clarifying that the City Engineer Consultant did not sign off on the alternative because the design did not meet adopted standards by the City or the State.

Director of Public Works Ryan Osada gave a brief presentation on alternatives for the NE 24th Street / 84th Avenue Project.

Council discussed options.

ACTION: Motion Adkins second Pryde to open the discussion for public comment. There were no objections.

Mayor Morcos opened the public comment for the NE 24th Street / 84th Avenue Project discussion at 9:30 p.m. The following individual addressed the Council:

- Mayor Joe Sabey of Hunts Point felt that reducing the width of the road and add a bike lane is a safety concern, especially for the southbound lane. If the city were to add a bike lane, the best thing to do is to utilize the right-of-way and create a bike lane. However, cost should be considered if the decision is for the one or two people who actually use the bike lanes.
- Bob Zook commented that property lines were defined by the placement of fences and to move the fences, in the eyes of the homeowners, would be taking away property.
- Roger Frey commented that he felt Council is not yet ready to make a decision and felt that some Council Members have more information than others. He cautioned Council to take their time and study the options more to make a better decision.

Mayor Morcos closed the public commented period at 9:45 p.m.

ACTION: By consensus Council Members decided not to hold an open house and will start over with the design process.

At this point (9:48 p.m.) Council took a brief recess. The full Council reconvened at 9:59 p.m.

10.1 **Subject:** 2017 Preliminary Budget Discussion

Recommendation: Council and staff will review the proposed 2017 budget and 2016 year-end forecast and make suggested changes.

Staff Contact: Nancy Adams, Finance Director

Director of Finance Nancy Adams gave a brief presentation on the 2017 preliminary budget. Discussion included property tax increase, adding an additional office to the police department, and utility tax increase.

Council directed staff to move the Comprehensive Plan to 2018, pay down the City debt obligation incurred from the Post Office purchase and bring to Council at the next regular meeting, an amended financial policy, increase property tax by one percent, and increase utility tax by two percent.

10.3 **Subject:** Council Leadership

Recommendation: Discussion about Council leadership and following rules, guidelines, and policies.

Staff Contact: None. Placed on agenda by Council Members Boyd, Maffei, and Pryde

ACTION: Motion Pryde second Boyd to remove Alex Morcos as Mayor.

Council discussed.

ACTION: Motion Lee second Adkins to amend the motion to include public comment and carried 4:3 (Boyd, Maffei, and Pryde dissented).

Mayor Morcos opened the public comment period at 11:13 p.m. The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Roger Frey expressed disappointment on the motion to remove Council Member Morcos as mayor.
- Heija Nunn also expressed disappointment on the motion to remove Council Member Morcos as mayor.
- Drew Blazey concurred with Heija Nunn's statements.
- Nayla Morcos supported Mayor Morcos' leadership.

Mayor Morcos closed the public comment period at 11:21 p.m.

ACTION: Mayor Morcos called for the vote on Council Member Pryde's motion by roll call and failed by a 3:3 vote (Adkins, Lee, and Morcos dissented) (Wen abstained).

ACTION: Discussion ensued regarding Deputy Mayor Wen's abstention. City Attorney Kathleen Haggard commented that under the City Council guidelines that Council Members have a duty to vote unless there is a conflict of interest. Otherwise, an abstention is counted as a "no" vote.

10.4 **Subject:** City Council Agenda Calendar

Recommendation: Discussion item only; no action needed.

Result of Recommended Action: Council and staff will review upcoming meetings and make necessary changes as needed.

Staff Contact: Robert Grumbach, Acting City Manager

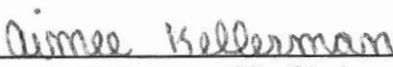
11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Maffei second Adkins; Council adjourned the Special and Regular Meeting at 11:29 p.m.



Alex Morcos, Mayor

Attest:



Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk