



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Medina City Hall, Council Chambers
501 Evergreen Point Road, Medina

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014

6:30 PM

MAYOR
MICHAEL LUIS

DEPUTY MAYOR
DAVID LEE

COUNCIL MEMBERS
PATRICK BOYD
JAY DECKER
JOHN MAFFEI
ALEX MORCOS
CURT PRYDE

CITY MANAGER
MICHAEL SAUERWEIN

CITY ATTORNEY
KARI SAND

CITY CLERK
AIMEE KELLERMAN

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Luis called the Executive Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Boyd, Decker, Maffei, Morcos, Pryde, Lee, and Mayor Luis.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sauerwein, Sand, Grumbach and Kellerman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RCW 42.30.140 (4) To review the progress of collective bargaining negotiations; and

RCW 42.30.110 (b) To consider the minimum price at which real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the Executive Session to the Regular meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:15 p.m.

1. REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Council Members Present: Boyd, Decker, Maffei, Morcos, Pryde, Lee, and Mayor Luis.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sauerwein, Sand, Grumbach, Willis, Yourkoski and Kellerman.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Council Member Alex Morcos moved to amend the agenda and take up Agenda Item 9.1 prior to the City Manager's Report due to the amount of attendees for the Tree Code item. Motion by Decker second by Maffei and carried by a 7:0 vote; Council approved the meeting agenda as amended by Morcos.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Luis opened the public comment period at 6:31 p.m. There were no speakers. Mayor Luis closed the public comment period at 6:32 p.m.

6. COUNCIL / BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

6.1 Mayor and Council Member Reports.

Mayor Luis reported that he attended the Points Mayor meeting on Wednesday, May 7 and the main topic of discussion was the 520 lid.

Council Member Maffei commented on the slow progress of the lid project and asked City Manager Sauerwein to follow up with WSDOT regarding the progress.

Council Member Boyd attended training on Risk Management and discussed technology as a risk to Council. He suggested to Council that if anyone receives email in their personal email about City business then it should be sent to the City Clerk for distribution to the full Council.

6.2 Commissions, Boards, and Advisory Committee Reports.

Planning Commission Chair Heija Nunn welcomed new Commissioner Jeanne Carlson to the Planning Commission.

Park Board Chair Miles Adam reported that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Medina Park on April 19 was very successful. He noted that donations of Easter eggs and candy have gone down, and asked that the Council consider adding a budget line item for this for the 2015 budget. He also noted that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new picnic shelter at Medina Park is scheduled for May 24th at 11:00 a.m. and invited the Council Members to attend.

The following Public Hearing Agenda Item 9.1 was moved up on the agenda.

9.1 **Subject:** Ordinance repealing and readopting the Medina Tree Code

Recommendation: Place on June 9 meeting agenda.

Result of Recommended Action: Public hearing and deliberations only – pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, adoption of ordinance cannot occur before May 30, 2014.

Staff Contact: Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director

Development Services Director Robert Grumbach presented on the Phase One Tree Code Update which included a summary of the current update process and policy background behind the tree code. He introduced Bob Rudolf, former Council Member, who gave a brief history of the 2003/2006 tree code updates, Tom Early, Medina Tree Consultant and Tina Cohen, City Arborist, who gave brief backgrounds on their duties with the city, and Scott Baker with Tree Solutions who gave a presentation on TRACE vs TRAQ methods for rating tree hazards.

Mayor Luis opened the hearing to public testimony at 8:13 p.m. The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Denise Lane read a letter from Suzanne Hutchinson disagreeing with the tree code mitigation.
- David Yee expressed a dislike for the TRAQ method and suggested adopting Bellevue's Tree Code on a temporary basis.
- Steve Burnstead commented on the tree code having a negative effect on property values and his feeling that the tree code has gone ballistic.
- Sheree Wen voiced her concerns for tree safety.
- Miles Adam commented on how an earlier council tried to find a balance between view and light and recommended following the current Phase One before proceeding with Phase Two.
- Donn Foreman conveyed that property owners' dislike being told what they can do with their property.
- Mark Nelson commented on previous efforts to update the tree code and a desire to preserve smaller trees as well as bigger trees. He recommended moving forward with phase one and then phase two.
- Patrick Moran voiced a dislike with the tree code and the cost of removing trees.
- Heija Nunn agreed with Miles Adams's comments and stated she doesn't want Medina to be the first using TRAQ in their tree code. She also expressed

- concerns about the cost of tree mitigation on residents with average incomes.
- Kris Moran voiced displeasure with the tree code and wants people to receive as much credit as trees.
- Hau Sun spoke about the number of trees on her property and the cost of removing trees.
- Doug Hutson believes the tree code is too restrictive, but also wants to preserve the sylvan character of the community.
- Jeff Spengler communicated that the current regulations don't make sense and wants the city to look at a different route.

Mayor Luis closed the public hearing period at 9:01 p.m. Before closing the hearing, the Mayor announced that written comments could be submitted and that all of the council members would receive it.

ACTION: Two actions were placed on the table for discussion: (1) Council Member Boyd suggested moving forward with the draft ordinance as presented; (2) Council Member Maffei suggested moving forward with the draft ordinance with the TRAQ changed to TRACE. After polling the council members, the mayor directed staff to move forward with the second suggestion and to place it on the June 9 meeting agenda. Additionally, staff was asked to provide a budget for support for the phase two public process, and finally the council set an objective to have the phase two update completed by the next storm season.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7.1 Department Directors: Police, Development Services, Finance, and Public Works.

Council Member Boyd asked for an update on the 28th Place pedestrian bridge. Public Works Director Joe Willis reported back that the expected completion date is in June.

7.2 City Manager

8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION: Motion by Morcos second by Decker and carried by a 7:0 vote; Council approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

These items will be acted upon as a whole unless called upon by a Council Member.

8.1 **Subject:** March 17, 2014 Park Board Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Staff Contact: Kristin McKenna, Deputy City Clerk

8.2 **Subject:** March 25, 2014 Planning Commission Minutes

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Staff Contact: Donna Goodman, Development Services Coordinator

8.3 **Subject:** April 14, 2014 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Adopt.

Staff Contact: Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk

- 8.4 **Subject:** April, 2014 Check Register
Recommendation: Approve.
Staff Contact: Nancy Adams, Finance Director
- 8.5 **Subject:** Confirmation of Appointment to Medina Park and Recreation Board
Recommendation: Appoint Collette McMullen.
Result of Recommended Action: Action on this item will appoint Medina resident Collette McMullen to Medina's Park and Recreation Board, effective immediately. Following appointment, Collette McMullen will attend her first meeting as a Board Member on Monday, May 19.
Staff Contact: Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk
- 8.6 **Subject:** Resolution Approving the Employee Wellness Program
Recommendation: Adopt resolution.
Result of Recommended Action: Adoption of this resolution will encourage city staff to participate in the Association of Washington Cities Wellness program and apply for future WellCity awards. If city staff is successful in completing the required standards, the City will get a 2% reduction in medical premiums for each year that staff completes the program.
Staff Contact: Michael Sauerwein, City Manager

9. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- 9.2 **Subject:** Ordinance amending R-30 and SR-30 Maximum Impervious Surface Standard
Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance.
Result of Recommended Action: Adoption of this ordinance will increase the maximum impervious surface within the R-30 zoning district to 52.5 percent for lots less than 30,000 square feet.
Staff Contact: Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director

ACTION: Mayor Luis opened the Public Hearing period at 9:46 p.m. There were no speakers. Mayor Luis closed the Public Hearing period at 9:47 p.m.

ACTION: Motion by Pryde second by Morcos and carried by a 6:1 vote (Boyd dissented); Council adopted the ordinance.

10. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

- 10.1 **Subject:** Adopting New Medina Official Zoning Map
Recommendation: Adopt ordinance.
Result of Recommended Action: Adoption will repeal the current zoning map and adopt a new official zoning map that will adjust zoning district boundaries and rezone certain properties.
Staff Contact: Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director

ACTION: Motion by Morcos second by Boyd and carried a 7:0 vote; Council adopted the ordinance.

- 10.2 **Subject:** Draft 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan and Transportation Improvement Program
Recommendation: Discuss item and schedule a Public Hearing.
Result of Recommended Action: Action on this item will set a public hearing at the June 9, 2014 City Council meeting to consider the 2015 through 2020 Capital Improvement Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.
Staff Contact: Joe Willis, Public Works Director

ACTION: Motion by Boyd second by Pryde and carried by a 7:0 vote; Council set the Public Hearing date for Monday, June 9, 2014.

- 10.3 **Subject:** City Council Calendar
Recommendation: Discussion item only; no action needed.
Result of Recommended Action: Council and staff review upcoming meetings and make necessary adjustments as needed.
Staff Contact: Michael Sauerwein, City Manager

ACTION: Council and staff discussed the City Council Calendar and Council directed staff to add the discussion of Solid Waste to the calendar.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Luis opened the second Public Comment period at 9:59 p.m. The following individual addressed the Council:


- Mark Nelson regarding the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on Evergreen Point Road and asked Council to consider doing the same sidewalk improvement on other streets in Medina
- Sheree Wen regarding tree code ratings
- Wilma Edmonds regarding the tree code

12. COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pryde second by Boyd and carried by a 7:0 vote; Council adjourned the regular meeting of the Medina City Council at 10:02 p.m.


Michael Luis, Mayor

Attest:


Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk