

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Medina City Hall Council Chambers
October 12, 2009; 5:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the October 12, 2009 Special Meeting of the Medina City Council to order at 5:11 pm. The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to RCW 42.30.080.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Lucius Biglow, Drew Blazey, Bret Jordan, Jim Lawrence, Mark Nelson, Bob Rudolph, and Shawn Whitney

City Staff Present: Donna Hanson, City Manager; Steve Victor, City Attorney, Kenyon Disend; Jeff Chen, Chief of Police; Joe Willis, Public Works Director; Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director; Nancy Adams, Finance Director; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

DISCUSSION

2010 Preliminary Budget Discussion

City manager read through budget presentation. Council members discussed preliminary budget and city manager responded to inquiries.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned Special Meeting at 6:30 pm and called a ten minute recess.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Council members and city staff present at Special Meeting remained in attendance.

Mayor Nelson led Council, staff and audience members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor opened public comment period at 6:41 pm and subsequently closed it as no public comment was presented.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor noted the auditor's exit interview has been scheduled for 1:00 pm, October 20 at city hall. Mayor mentioned he attended a State Route 520 work group session and voiced that concerns will be raised with the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding vacant houses purchased by the state along the SR 520 corridor

City attorney said he received a call from the Federal Aviation Administration acknowledging receipt of the city's letter and was told that discussions with the Port have taken place and a formal response to the letter will be delivered.

City manager responded to inquiries from Jordan concerning the Comcast franchise agreement and Whitney regarding the city hall phone system.

Willis summarized discussion with Clyde Hill concerning NE 12th Street traffic improvements and conveyed Clyde Hill officials are willing to discuss entrance treatments only and such options will be forthcoming.

Arthur Sullivan, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) Program Manager, was present to respond to questions about the ARCH development funding request.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Rudolph pointed out the letter sent to the Federal Aviation Administration as noted on page two of the September 14, 2009 minutes was actually mailed Mr. Ron Fincher, Federal Aviation Administration Director, and copies were sent to Mark Reis, Port of Seattle Aviation Director, and Linda Pelligrini, SeaTac Assistant FAA Director, and not John Clancy, Federal Aviation Administration West Coast Director, as erroneously reported at the September 14, 2009 meeting.

MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND JORDAN TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 6:59 PM.

- Approval of September 14, 2009 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of September 2009 Checks/Finance Officer's Report
 - Claim check numbers 75723 through 75847 in the amount of \$262,233.50; payroll check numbers 25689 through 25767 in the amount of \$227,118.85; voided claim check number 75726; cancelled/reissued payroll check number 925683; (cancelled lost PR check); and number 25713 (reissued new payroll check).*
- Adoption of City Council Ground Rules
- A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) 2009 Budget and Annual Work Plan in the amount of \$15,000.

PUBLIC HEARING

Preliminary 2010 Budget (7:00 pm)

City manager delivered budget presentation to audience.

Mayor opened public hearing at 7:18 pm.

Resident Connie Gerlitz commented on the proposed budget and fund totals.

Resident Pat Boyd commented on NE 12th Street improvements and considered whether or not the expenditure would provide a satisfactory result for the budget impact. Mr. Boyd said he would like to hear discussion concerning the banked and unbanked one-percent property tax increase and the resulting impacts on the budget.

Resident Doug Dicharry requested council comment on projected impact of Initiative 1033.

Resident Janie Lee remarked the ten-year comparison was informative and asked if city staff considered preparing a forecast greater than one year. Ms. Lee inquired if consulting fees are included in price of software upgrades and questioned whether or not expense and revenue reports from five years ago were compared to current outlook.

Mayor closed public hearing at 7:27 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Preliminary 2010 Budget (7:27 pm)

Council members and staff responded to questions raised during public hearing. Council members discussed property tax options and concurred to not implement a utility tax.

Council member Jordan requested to see alternatives reducing expenditures and resulting service impacts.

Council member Rudolph requested \$20,000 for Part 150 Study in 2010 budget.

City manager summarized discussion, recapping that council would be presented in November with potential expenditure cuts alongside resulting service impacts, expanded forecasts, funds in budget for Part 150 Study, and a one-percent property tax ordinance with new construction and no banked capacity.

Proposed Ordinance Amending the 2009 Budget (8:29 pm)

Mayor said the item will be postponed until November.

Criteria for City Manager Evaluation (8:30 pm)

Council members agreed to recommend personnel committee review formats and present recommendation at next regular meeting.

Mayor announced a break between the regular meeting and executive session to wait for executive session participants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The city council recessed into executive session at 8:40 pm, for an estimated time of thirty minutes, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency pending litigation and potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party. No action was anticipated.


City council members Biglow, Blazey, Jordan, Lawrence, Nelson, Rudolph, and Whitney; city manager; finance director; city attorney; Stephanie Croll, Keating Bucklin & McCormack Inc; and Wayne Tanaka, Ogden Murphy Wallace were present. Executive session was extended an additional thirty minutes at 9:05 pm and extended another ten minutes at 9:35 pm. Council member Lawrence departed meeting at 9:35 pm. Members of the public were not in attendance awaiting executive session to transpire. Executive session adjourned and council resumed its regular meeting at 9:45 pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND JORDAN TO ADJOURN OCTOBER 12, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AND MOTION CARRIED 6-0 (LAWRENCE ABSENT) AT 9:45 PM.
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The October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 9:45 pm. The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held, Monday, November 9, 2009 at 6:30 pm.


Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

Attest: 
Rachel Baker, City Clerk