

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers  
August 10, 2009; 6:30 pm*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:36 pm.

**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; Diana Beach, Interim Finance Officer; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor noted there would be no executive session. Council unanimously approved agenda as presented at 6:37 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor opened public comment period at 6:38 pm.

Resident Henry Paulman suggested council form a committee to address the replacement of Medina's electronic accounting system and to involve citizens on the committee.

Mayor asked city manager to follow up with Mr. Paulman regarding current status of project.

Comment period closed at 6:40 pm.

**PRESENTATION**

On behalf of the Medina Police Department, Chief Chen bestowed resident Bruce McCaw as an honorary police officer to recognize him for the support and philanthropic contributions he has generously provided to state and local law enforcement.

Mr. McCaw expressed thanks for the honor and articulated his belief that a cooperative citizenry is required for a successful law enforcement department. He suggested use of technologies to improve department efficiencies and described the Law Enforcement Memorial license plate program. Mr. McCaw complimented the efforts of the Medina Police Department.

## **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor stated he, and council members Whitney and Jordan reviewed the revised scope of work provided by the architects for the city hall project. He added the architects properly responded to the committee's revision suggestions and the committee recommended proceeding with the contract as identified in the scope of work.

Mayor remarked Medina Days was a fun and successful event. Council member Rudolph agreed and added the fireworks were enjoyable and appreciated by the crowd.

Council member Biglow reported on the undergrounding of power distribution and cable lines. He summarized conversations he had regarding utility undergrounding with Jim Hutchinson and Andy Swayne at Puget Sound Energy and Mitch Wasserman at the city of Clyde Hill. He commented that he will compose a written review of the information and present to council at a future meeting.

Council member Biglow stated the opening Pledge of Allegiance has been a welcome addition to council proceedings since 2008 and recommended adding an appropriate opening prayer, similar to Congress. He said he would present a prayer in writing for council to consider.

Robert Grumbach spoke about the State Route 520 maintenance facility and dock summary, available in agenda materials. Council members expressed discontent over conceptual design and requested cost information for hiring an outside consultant to keep abreast of project developments and protect the city's interests. Mayor requested a status report at September council meeting and conveyed council's desire that a visit by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) be deferred until additional information about the project is obtained.

Joe Willis reported phase one of the Automatic License Plate Recognition program is functioning and project acceptance is forthcoming. Concerning the viewing pier at Medina Beach Park, Willis explained he has had discussions with the city of Bellevue to lower the sewer line in conjunction with a current permit open between the city of Bellevue and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Willis conveyed an update will be provided in September.

Willis introduced present Transpo Group representatives Scott Lee and Tim Hedges. Mr. Lee and Mr. Hedges described three concepts developed for Lake Washington Boulevard and Northeast 12<sup>th</sup> Street in response to concerns to slow speeding and improve safety along the corridor. Transpo representatives conveyed they would look into suggestion to regulate corridor with additional stop sign at 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast. Mayor summarized public opinion would be gathered prior to action changing intersection at Northeast 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast.

Steve Victor summarized issue concerning FAA flight path over Medina and conveyed staff will monitor published path records. Victor said it preliminarily appears the matter has been resolved.

Council member Rudolph voiced his opinion that full compliance has not been achieved and believes south flow jets over Medina should continue to be tracked. He reported complaints can be filed by calling 206-433-5393 and requested the number be published in the city newsletter. Rudolph explained the Port of Seattle will begin a Part 150 Study in November and that will be the only time flight paths can be changed. Mayor requested staff provide an update at the September meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND JORDAN TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.  
MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 8:24 PM.

- Approval of July 13, 2009 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of July 2009 Checks/Finance Officer's Report  
*Claim check numbers 75537 through 75621 in the amount of \$293,141.19, and payroll check numbers 25539 through 25612 in the amount of \$222,252.50.*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

King County Flood Control District Sub-Regional Opportunity Fund Interlocal Agreement  
(8:25 pm)

Willis summarized staff report.

MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND JORDAN TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 7-0  
AT 8:25 PM.

2009 Budget Amendment Ordinance (2) (8:26 pm)

Donna Hanson summarized staff report.

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND WHITNEY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE AMENDING  
2009 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,509. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 8:29 PM.

2009 Budget Savings (8:29 pm)

Hanson summarized staff report and council discussion followed.

2010 Budget Instructions and Priorities (8:50 pm)

Council discussed item.

Council member Whitney requested a schedule of major equipment items over \$10,000, including needed and deferred items and a general and emergency replacement plan, specifically detail for postponed equipment purchases.

Ground Rules for Council Feedback to City Manager (9:10 pm)

Council members discussed past practices and requested sample evaluations in order to review format at September meeting. Blazey and Rudolph conveyed they could provide samples from previous evaluations. Council discussion resulted in decision to finalize evaluation format and criteria in September with intent to set an evaluation schedule and provide a self evaluation form to the city manager.

Council members elected to provide individual feedback directly to the city manager and performance issues to be raised during an executive session.

Council discussed September agenda items. Council members discussed schedule conflicts with September 28 study session and teleconferencing options. Council resolved to leave special meeting as scheduled but to cancel if not needed.


**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND BLAZEY TO ADJOURN AUGUST 10, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AND MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 9:45 PM.
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The August 10, 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, September 14, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

  
Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

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Rachel Baker, City Clerk