

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers
June 8, 2009; 6:30 pm*

CALL TO ORDER

The June 8, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:32 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; Wayne Tanaka, City Attorney, Ogden Murphy Wallace; Jeff Chen, Chief of Police; Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council member Lawrence requested removal of item CA-4, Approval of Professional Services Agreement for City Planning Consultant, from the consent agenda and it was placed on agenda as other business. Council member Rudolph corrected notation in item CA-9, Approval of Facilities Committee Recommendation for City Hall Architect, to reflect that the facilities committee, not the city council, interviewed city hall facilities architect finalist Group Mackenzie. Mayor Nelson requested adding Bellevue heliport issue to agenda for discussion.

PRESENTATION

Keith McDonough, Mercer Island Marine Patrol, delivered a twenty-five minute presentation summarizing 2008 activities and 2009 activities to date. McDonough spoke about buoys, waterside security during dignitary visits, Seafair and special event patrols, educational outreach and mandatory licensing requirement. McDonough responded to inquiries from council members and audience members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment period opened at 6:57 pm.

Resident Bob Romano informed McDonough of a missing buoy near his home that has been gone for some time and requested its immediate replacement. McDonough explained buoy installment process and asserted the buoy would be replaced as soon as time and conditions allow.

Resident Charles Hotes spoke to proposed original grade changes in the R-16 zoning district. He said homes in his neighborhood have been built in pits in order to comply with original grade requirements and the new proposal will not change the result of homes being developed in pits or preserve the character of R-16. Mr. Hotes suggested more precise terms and definitions for "steep enough slope" and "located on a slope".

City attorney informed council Mr. Hotes' testimony could be considered under the public hearing for proposed ordinance amending MMC 17.20.010 relating to the measurement of height in the R-16 zoning district since matter is not quasi-judicial.

Comment period closed at 7:12 pm.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor reported the facilities committee reviewed thirteen submittals from architectural firms for the city hall project, interviewed the top five candidates, and recommends Mackenzie Group as successful finalist on consent agenda. Council member Jordan added the top five candidates were sent a supplemental questionnaire to respond to and a second written submittal was received from each firm prior to the interview process.

Mayor reported four applications were received for three open positions on the park board and one application was received for two open positions on the planning commission, noting one applicant applied for a position on both boards. He said following interviews and careful consideration of selection criteria, the personnel committee recommends Marelaine Dykes to park board position three, reappointment of Gabriele Dickmann and Susan Flagg to park board positions one and four, respectively, and the appointment of Heija Nunn to planning commission position number one.

Mayor reported he and city manager attended Points Communities' mayors meeting and King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg delivered a presentation on area crime and spoke about his focus on reducing auto theft.

Council member Rudolph reported a letter was mailed to the FAA under the mayor's signature on May 13 concerning arrival jet pattern not in accordance with FAA regulations and stated no response has been received. Council determined a second letter would be sent to the FAA via certified mail.

Staff summarized department reports and provided updates regarding SR-520 project, ALPR camera project, NORCOM conversion, and traffic engineer consultant.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND WHITNEY TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WITH EXCEPTION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CITY PLANNING CONSULTANT AND CORRECTION TO FACILITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION STIPULATING THE SECOND MEETING HELD WITH CITY COUNCIL FACILITIES COMMITTEE AND NOT FULL CITY COUNCIL AND MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 7:53 PM.

- Approval of May 11, 2009 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of April 2009 Checks/Finance Officer's Report
Claim check numbers 75176 through 75280 in the amount of \$263,479.92: and payroll checks numbers 25310 through 25378 in the amount of \$218,203.92.
Voided payroll checks: 25310, 25311; Voided claim checks: 75181, 75190, 75213, 75215, 75219, 75262
- Approval of May 2009 Checks/Finance Officer's Report
Claim check numbers 75281 through 75368 in the amount of \$540,041.94 and payroll checks numbers 25379 through 25464 in the amount of \$214,132.09.
Voided payroll checks: 25406, 25408, 25410 and 25428 through 25444
- Approval of Professional Services Agreement for City Landscape Consultant
- Approval of Revised Planning Commission Work Plan
- Proposed Ordinance to Update MMC 2.40 & 2.44 Related to Advisory Boards and Commissions
- Advisory Board Appointments, Park Board Positions 1, 3 and 4 and Planning Commission Position 1
- Approval of Facilities Committee Recommendation for City Hall Facilities Architect
- Proposed Ordinance Designating an Agent Responsible to Receive Claims for Damages

PUBLIC HEARING

2010 Budget Gain Public Feedback (7:53 pm)

Public comment period opened at 7:53 pm.

Resident Katie Phelps urged council not to cut planned projects important to citizens, such as the city hall renovation and the next phase of the surveillance camera project, even though revenues will continue to decline but to instead utilize reserve funds to keep projects on time and on track.

Resident Connie Gerlitz inquired about budget process and priorities. Council members responded and provided Ms. Gerlitz a copy of the strategic plan. Resident asked for clarification of park expansion and underground utilities on strategic plan and council members conveyed that developing a long term plan for parks in Medina is a goal for the council.

Resident Doug Dicharry stated his hope that council's top priority would be safety, including life safety in the renovation of city hall and public safety.

Resident Roger Ngouenet suggested council provide a budget chart before asking for citizen ideas.

Resident Michael Higgins asked if street modifications on 12th and 84th would be included in the 2010 budget and expressed desire to have funding allocated for streets in that area. Council members responded by speaking to the budget, capital improvement and transportation improvement plans, and engineer consultant processes.

Resident Pat Boyd said there should be more opportunities later in the year for citizens to provide input for next year's budget. Council members explained tonight's public hearing is an additional hearing scheduled to allow citizens more opportunity to participate in the budget process.

Resident Janie Lee commended council for allowing citizens to participate on an ad-hoc committee for strategic planning and added that safety was a top concern at that meeting. Ms. Lee suggested public hearings concerning the budget be noticed and communicated to the residents to notify citizens of their opportunity to speak.

Resident Bruce Hand urged council to build into budget contingency planning and to prioritize projects if expenditures cannot be aligned with revenues.

Resident Julie Barrett spoke to an incident concerning toxic chemicals being sprayed onto the exterior of the home and concrete next door to hers. She said there is no plan to handle an unpredictable situation such as this and expressed her concern about the harmful impact it had on neighbors and the environment.

Public hearing closed at 8:30 pm.

Ordinance Amending MMC 17.20.010 Relating to the Measurement of Height in the R-16 Zoning District (8:31 pm)

Grumbach explained the planning commission's recommendation and responded to council inquiries. Mayor opened public hearing at 8:47 pm.

Resident Charles Hotes voiced that houses will be built in pits and spoke against passage of ordinance. He suggested council further study existing grade versus original grade.

Judie O'Brien stated she was speaking as a resident and not on behalf of the planning commission. Ms. O'Brien spoke in favor of the ordinance. She articulated her disagreement of 25 foot walls and pointed out which properties would be affected by the code change.

Roger Ngouenet remarked the way of establishing original grade is not good for Medina. Mr. Ngouenet had no comment pertaining to building height.

Public hearing closed at 9:08 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ordinance Amending MMC 17.20.010 Relating to the Measurement of Height in the R16 Zoning District (9:08 pm)

Council discussed proposed ordinance.

MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND RUDOLPH TO APPROVE ORDINANCE AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 9:16 PM.

City Attorney Contract Authorization (9:17 pm)

Hanson summarized recommendation. Council members discussed selection process.

MOTION LAWRENCE AND SECOND JORDAN TO DIRECT COUNCIL PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW TOP THREE CANDIDATES. MOTION CARRIED 4-3 (NELSON, RUDOLPH, WHITNEY OPPOSED) AT 9:28 PM.

Approval of Professional Services Agreement for City Planning Consultant (9:30 pm)

Grumbach explained interview and selection process.

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND RUDOLPH TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH OTAK TO PROVIDE PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES WITH THE CITY. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 9:35 PM.

Heliport (9:35 pm)

Following discussion, council elected to take no position on the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:44 pm, for an estimated time of ten minutes, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or 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.

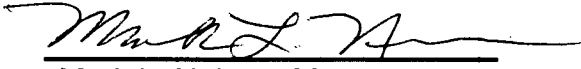
City Council Members Biglow, Blazezy, Jordan, Lawrence, Nelson, Rudolph, and Whitney; City Manager and City Attorney were present. Executive Session adjourned and Council resumed its Regular Meeting at 9:57 pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further council business to discuss, the June 8, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 9:57 pm.

The City Council will hold a Special Study Session, Monday, June 29, 2009, at 6:30 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held, Monday, July 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm.



Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

Attest: 

Rachel Baker, City Clerk