

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 3, 2009; 6:30 pm*

CALL TO ORDER

The March 3, 2009, Special Meeting of the Medina City Council was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:35 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; Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

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

DISCUSSION

Bridge Tolling

David Dye, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Deputy Secretary of Transportation; and David Hopkins, WSDOT Director of Government Relations and Communications, Urban Corridors Office, were present. Mr. Dye provided a summary of legislative and governor actions concerning State Route 520 and answered council inquiries regarding project.

Council Member Rudolph presented a letter, drafted by Council Members Blazey, Whitney and himself, concerning concurrent tolling of I-90 and SR-520 floating bridges and opposing House Bill 2211. Council Member Rudolph read draft letter into the record and recommended mailing letter to legislators as soon as possible.

Mayor Nelson responded to comments addressed to house transportation committee and read into the record an email communication from Representative Deb Eddy dated March 3. Mayor Nelson introduced and read into the record two revised drafts of letter proposed by Council Member Rudolph.

Mayor opened floor to public comment regarding council tolling position at 7:33 pm.

Medina resident Heija Nunn questioned whether 2.5 million dollars would cover mitigation recommendations for diversion related to tolling and park and ride costs, and also asked if there is a funding gap with the urban partnership which funds buses rather than operations. Ms. Nunn inquired if Judy Clibborn publicly stated she was open to potential

I-90 tolling and concluded by expressing her desire to see Medina hire independent contractors to study diversion traffic and other impacts. She supported the city's effort to portray a strong voice regarding such matters.

Town of Hunt's Point Mayor, Fred McConkey, explained why he supported House Bill 2211. Mr. McConkey stated a letter from the Medina City Council would fracture the alliance of the Points Communities and such a statement would not make a difference in Olympia. Mr. McConkey corrected the record to reflect that he is in support of tolling both bridges, but not concurrently.

Medina resident Penny Martin expressed her concern for not tolling both floating bridges concurrently and supported Council's effort for concurrent tolling.

Medina resident Kay Koelemay-Dicharry voiced her worry why the tolling issue has not been addressed as a regional issue requiring a regional solution. Ms. Koelemay-Dicharry supported the spirit of proposed letter and council's effort to oppose House Bill 2211 without concurrent tolling of both I-90 and SR 520 bridges.

Mayor closed comment period at 7:45 pm.

Council discussion followed. Council Member Whitney read Judy Clibborn's statements from the February 19 transportation committee hearing and Mayor Nelson's February 19 testimony into the record.

The Council agreed to remove "unanimous decision" from letter if Council action is not unanimous. Mayor declared he would sign letter. Council directed staff to mail and email letter March 4 to all recipients on distribution list.

MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO LETTER CONCERNING BRIDGE TOLLING. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 8:31 PM.


1. End of first paragraph remove word "his" and replace with "Medina's"
2. Last entry of paragraph change date to February 19
3. Last sentence of last paragraph of letter, add: "Medina would support an amended HB 2211 only if tolling commences concurrently on both I-90 and SR 520 floating bridges as early as 2010."
4. Distribution list updated to include all council members, rather than just mayors, to cities on list.

MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND WHITNEY TO APPROVE AMENDED LETTER AS WRITTEN, AND MOTION CARRIED 6-1 (NELSON OPPOSED) AT 8:31 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND LAWRENCE TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 3, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEDINA CITY COUNCIL, AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:35 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday, March 9, at 6:30 pm.


Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Rachel Baker, City Clerk