

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers
February 9, 2009; 6:00 pm*

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

The Mayor and City Council hosted a community open house from 4:00 to 6:00 pm to allow Medina residents an opportunity to review and comment on State Route 520 (SR-520) project design concepts. Representatives from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and King County Metro provided conceptual information for the proposed freeway lids, transit stop, park and ride lot, sound walls, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

CALL TO ORDER

The February 9, 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; 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.

PRESENTATION

Mayor introduced Julie Meredith, WSDOT Program Director, who provided an overview of the SR-520 Program and Eastside Transit and HOV Project, including tolling, traffic and transit management, and community design in the SR-520 corridor. Ms. Meredith briefly commented on pontoon construction and summarized program schedule.

Daniel Babuca, SR-520 Program Engineering Manager, spoke to community design efforts regarding the eastside corridor and pointed out major components of project, including construction of transit facilities and lids at 84th and 92nd Avenues and highway access connection at 108th Avenue in Bellevue. He said expanding the highway and completing construction of the HOV system would be major features of the program. He added that the lids were sited and will be designed to provide community continuity and to enhance usability and functionality. Mr. Babuca provided information about noise mitigation efforts, including proposed noise walls and provided information about storm

water management systems, including proposed retention facilities. He commented that the department is working with appropriate regulating agencies regarding fish passageways.

Davidya Kasperzyk, SR-520 Urban Design Manager, spoke of design elements regarding roadways, highway interchanges, transit stop locations and facilities, park and ride specifications, conceptual lid designs, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, continuation of regional trail, and floating bridge maintenance facility. Mr. Kasperzyk provided information regarding proposed elements for Evergreen Point Road lid and transit station.

Michael Horntvedt, SR-520 Transportation Manager, spoke about traffic operations and concerns regarding proposed lid and highway access reconfigurations at 84th Avenue. His presentation included models identifying existing and future traffic situations.

The SR-520 project team responded to questions from the council. Questions posed related to lid size and design, process for reconsideration of lid length, safety and security considerations and jurisdictional responsibilities for lids, noise mitigation in corridor, staging during construction, neighborhood impacts of maintenance facility, Medina residents' access to SR-520, tolling models, accessibility to Medina Circle neighborhood with addition of carpool lane on 84th Avenue, HOV lane design, mitigation considerations for increased transit and passenger vehicle traffic, park and ride design and agreements and predictions for future use, storm water retention facility designs, traffic management plans during corridor construction, and property acquisitions.

The SR-520 Project Team completed its presentation at 8:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Council requested to pull Vigilant Video Licensing Agreement from consent agenda for discussion under other business and council approved meeting agenda as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor opened public comment period at 8:35 pm.

Residents Kathleen and Michael Higgins submitted to council a signed statement from residents requesting the city to implement traffic calming and noise abatement measures on Northeast 12th Avenue and 84th Avenue Northeast to maintain residential character of community and to make community safer for families and children and to recover the quality of life prior to the increase of SR-520 cut-through traffic. Ms. Higgins stated she and neighbors anticipate the SR-520 project will magnify an already existing problem regarding cut-through traffic.

Mr. Higgins commented that the issue should be addressed and controlled before traffic increases. He suggested the speed sign should be relocated, and suggested installing flashing speed signs and crosswalk. Mr. Higgins also advocated for moving intersection slightly to encourage safer driving and for the consideration of vehicle stickers for local resident access only to SR-520 during peak times.

Council requested item be placed on March agenda.

Resident Deborah Perry spoke to safety concerns regarding cut-through traffic on Lake Washington Boulevard and Northeast 12th Street. Ms. Perry suggested restricting parking hours on Northeast 12th Street to prevent transit users from leaving vehicles on street all day.

Resident Don Skillman echoed traffic concerns addressed by previous residents.

Resident Henry Paulman spoke about December snow storm and suggested council recognize the four individuals that plowed the streets.

City manager responded that the four individuals are a part of the Teamsters bargaining unit in the public works department and each received additional compensation in the form of overtime pay for time worked outside of regular working hours, per the labor agreement.

Mr. Paulman suggested city officials recognize the employees' efforts in a written format and file in the personnel records.

Resident Wendy Yee notified the council she and her family were without water for eight hours and were not notified of the shut off. Ms. Yee said it was caused as a result of hydrant repair work by the city of Bellevue and urged the city to consider having a more active role in notifying residents of water shut off rather than relying on other agencies alone. Ms. Yee conveyed she lives on a private lane and suggested to the city of Bellevue that better notification be provided to residents on private lanes. Resident suggested the city utilize an email alert system or sign system to allow affected residents time to prepare for future outages.

Public works director conveyed he will communicate with the city of Bellevue regarding matter.

Mayor closed comment period at 8:58 pm.

REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor announced he, Robert Grumbach and Matt Kochel, and representatives from Hunts Point, Yarrow Point and Clyde Hill will attend the eastside design committee meeting for SR-520 on February 13.

Mayor announced he will attend a meeting on February 19 with Governor's office staff.

Council member Whitney announced she will attend the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Conference in Olympia on February 18 and 19.

City manager reported on recent communication system outages and remarked staff is considering phone and email host and equipment options to avoid a future recurrence.

Council members expressed concerns regarding phone and email outages experienced at city hall and commented on the current voice over Internet protocol-based phone system.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND BLAZEY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS, AND MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 9:06 PM

1. *January 12, 2009 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes*
2. *December 2008 Checks/Finance Officer's Report*
Claim check numbers 74822 through 74929, and 74959 through 74960 in the amount of \$397,802.99, excluding voided claim check number 74879
3. *January 2009 Checks/Finance Officer's Report Claim check numbers 74930 through 74958, and 74961 through 74964 in the amount of \$140,509.50; and payroll check numbers 25097 through 25165 in the amount of \$210,741.35, excluding voided claim check number 7495 and voided payroll check numbers 25129, 25157, 25159.*

OTHER BUSINESS

SR-520 Discussion (9:07 pm)

Council discussed proposed 84th Avenue lid size and design. Council discussed condition and permitting requirements with development services director.

Council asked Grumbach to list for council, permitting issues not addressed by the Medina Municipal Code.

City attorney suggested council discuss its concerns with WSDOT and implement an interlocal agreement to address issues.

Council considered the notion for a consultant to review the Environmental Impact Statement document and the traffic impacts in Medina as a result of project. Council elected to continue discussion at March meeting.

Motion Blazezy and second Jordan to extend meeting thirty minutes and motion carried 6-1 (Lawrence opposed) at 9:34 pm.

Authorization for Licensing Agreement with Vigilant Video (9:53 pm)

Council discussed agreement. City manager conveyed agreement costs were not included in the 2009 budget and a budget amendment may be needed later.

Council member Whitney requested a summary report identifying project costs, such as equipment, licensing, software, etc., and how records will be accessed and maintained.

City attorney and public works director responded to council inquiries.

Gene Morgan from Secur Focus was present and answered questions from the council.

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND WHITNEY TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VIGILANT VIDEO TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF MEDINA ENHANCED PUBLIC SAFETY ALPR CAMERA SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF A \$4,500 ONE TIME FEE AND \$3,000 ANNUALLY THEREAFTER (BASED ON \$500 PER CAMERA). MOTION CARRIED 6-1 (BIGLOW OPPOSED) AT 10:11 PM.

Mayor called for a three-minute break at 10:12 pm and called the meeting back to order at 10:15 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council recessed into executive session at 10:15 pm for an estimated time of thirty minutes for the purposes of labor negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g), and 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, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i).

City Council Members Biglow, Blazey, Jordan, Lawrence, Nelson, Rudolph and Whitney; City Manager, Development Services Director, and City Attorney were present. Executive Session adjourned at 11:00 pm. No action was taken


ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion and second to adjourn, the city council unanimously voted to adjourn the February 9, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council, at 11:00 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