

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers
January 12, 2009; 6:00 pm*

CALL TO ORDER

The January 12, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Council Members Absent: Lucius Biglow (excused), Bob Rudolph (excused)

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; Jan Burdue, Finance Officer; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council recessed into executive session at 6:00 pm for an estimated time of thirty minutes for the purpose of labor negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g), and 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.

City Council Members Blazey, Jordan, Lawrence, Nelson, and Whitney; City Manager and City Attorney were present. Executive Session adjourned at 6:45 pm. No action was taken.

CALL TO ORDER

Following a recess, the regular meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm.

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

Mayor proposed discussing SR-520 topic at beginning of meeting. Council accepted amended meeting agenda at 7:01 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor opened public comment period at 7:04 pm.

Resident Doug Dicharry read from a written statement summarizing public service radio communications during the December snowstorm and thanked staff and volunteers for their efforts.

Resident Heija Nunn complimented staff, council members, and volunteers for efforts contributed during snowstorm. Ms. Nunn requested the city coordinate an email distribution list in order for interested parties to receive updates from the city. Resident endorsed her approval of emergency pay for police chief.

Ms. Nunn addressed the following concerns regarding SR 520:

1. Need for an ad hoc committee regarding SR 520
2. Need for a community open house regarding SR 520
3. The proposed park and ride
4. Traffic flow and capacity on 84th
5. Need to consider a contract with WSDOT regarding what community has consented to

Resident Michael Higgins specified his concerns regarding traffic flow, speed control and noise mitigation on 84th and 12th in relation to SR-520. Mr. Higgins expressed support to upgrade equipment, such as the acquisition of a four-by-four backhoe and a four-by-four truck to increase the city's ability to maintain streets during a snowstorm.

Resident Henry Paulman commented on police emergency pay matter and asked council to establish procedures regarding overtime pay to salaried employees.

Resident Matt Kochel suggested a study be performed to determine who uses the park and ride. Mr. Kochel expressed concern that a larger park and ride and bridge tolling could increase traffic and park and ride demand in the community. Resident supported overtime pay for Chief Chen.

Mayor closed comment period at 7:23 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding SR 520 Eastside Community Design Collaboration (7:23 pm)

Mayor and public works director summarized designs of current lid, sound and retaining walls, Metro transit flyer stop, quiet pavement, regional path, Points Loop Trail, and park and ride.

Questions presented during council discussion were related to:

1. Park and ride access: entrance and exit locations
2. Park and ride size and amount of expansion outside of state right of way into Medina
3. Future use of proposed transit stop, lid, and park and ride
4. Reason for size of proposed transit stop
5. Sound mitigation, lighting, safety, and security at Metro flyer stops for pedestrians and transit users

6. Jurisdictional responsibility for patrolling of transit stop
7. Size of crash barrier between general traffic and bus lanes
8. Bus service in Medina: frequency, bus size, and surface street use and connections
9. Agreement/memorandum of understanding for permitted uses and maintenance of lid space
10. Expected future Metro and Sound Transit ridership

Council will hold an open house for the community prior to its next regular meeting of February 9, 2009, regarding SR 520. WSDOT, Metro and Sound Transit representatives will be invited to attend in order to answer questions from the community.

REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff summarized results of December snow event and responded to council inquiries.

Emergency preparedness volunteers were applauded for their commitment to providing successful radio communications during the nine-day event. Volunteers in police service members Marc Sidell and Rich Martinez were recognized for their assistance during the snow storm.

Mayor questioned if local gas stations have ability to deliver gas in the case of a power outage, and Chen indicated he would check into it.

Mayor said a resident offered use of his generator-operated signs during an emergency and he would forward name to police chief.

Chief noted the city's emergency preparedness line is 425-233-6408 and was created for citizens to receive updates. Mayor suggested city create magnets to advertise the number. Mayor thanked citizen email tree that spread information during the snow event. Council discussed ideas for increased radio use in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor expressed absent council member Biglow requested page two of December 8, 2008 meeting minutes be amended, changing: "Council member Biglow proposed amending the November 24, 2008 special meeting minutes to reference document he distributed during the meeting," to: "Council member Biglow *requested* amending the November 24, 2008 special meeting minutes to reference document he distributed during the meeting *and the council agreed.*" Council agreed to the amendment.

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND WHITNEY TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AND MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 8:44 PM

1. Amended December 8, 2008 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Preliminary December 2008 Checks/Finance Officer's Report
Claim Checks 74711 through 74821 in the amount of \$177,126.12; and Payroll Check Numbers 25016 through 25096 in the amount of \$231,667.25 (excluding voided claim check 74741).
3. Bid Award: Public Safety Camera System
4. Eastside Transportation Partnership Interlocal Agreement

OTHER BUSINESS

2009 City Council Retreat and Meeting Schedule (8:44 pm)

Council set retreat time and date as Monday, March 16, 2009, at 3:00 pm, and conveyed it would plan for an estimated four hour meeting, including a light dinner, at a location to be determined.

2009 Draft Legislative Agenda (8:48 pm)

Council discussed draft document and recommended changing term "illuminate" to "eliminate" under public safety item, and to add general government item: "support legislation that will assist cities in recovering cost of public records requests and provide protection from repeated and abusive records requests".

MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE 2009 CITY OF MEDINA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 8:55 PM.

Planning Commission Work Program: Memorandum on Pitch Roof Incentives Direction (8:55 pm)

Grumbach introduced topic and noted planning commission chair, Judie O'Brien was present. Council discussion ensued. Grumbach and O'Brien responded to council questions.

Council direction was to further study concept and accepted moving subject down the planning commission's priority list for the year. Council favored an approach to reduce bulk for non-pitched roofs.

Motion and second to extend meeting fifteen minutes and motion carried 5-0 at 9:46 pm.

Planning Commission Work Program: Memorandum on Measuring Building Height on Sloping Lots (9:47 pm)

Grumbach and O'Brien initiated discussion and council discussion followed.

Council direction was to test the "May Concept" and compare it to Clyde Hill.

Motion and second to extend meeting ten minutes and motion carried 5-0 at 10:01 pm.

Resolution for Police Emergency Pay (10:01 pm)

City manager summarized item and council discussion followed.

MOTION LAWRENCE AND SECOND JORDAN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PAY FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS AND MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 10:20 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION LAWRENCE AND SECOND JORDAN TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 12, 2009
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 10:20 PM.

The January 12, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 10:20 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday,
February 9, 2009, at 6:30 pm.


Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

Attest:


Rachel Baker, City Clerk