

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers  
November 10, 2008; 6:00 pm*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The November 10, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Council Members Present: 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).

City Council Members Biglow, Blazey, Jordan, Lawrence, Nelson, and Whitney; City Manager and City Attorney were present. Executive Session adjourned at 6:40 pm. No action was taken.

Following a recess, the Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council accepted the meeting agenda at 6:53 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor opened floor to public comment at 6:55 pm.

Resident Henry Paulman expressed appreciation for council member Whitney's efforts on the finance committee. Mr. Paulman commented on a public records request he made and suggested the city digitize all its finance records to ease reference and disclosure tasks.

## REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor introduced newly appointed city manager, Donna Hanson.

Mayor announced the SR-520 tolling implementation committee briefed eastside mayors today and information regarding open houses will be posted to city's website when it becomes available.

Council member Whitney said she attended the Association of Washington (AWC) Annual Regional Meeting and summarized the legislative issues AWC is tracking.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Biglow proposed amending October 13, 2008 regular meeting minutes, suggesting changing the word "responded" to "commented" on page three. The council unanimously accepted the amendment.

### MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND JORDAN TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

*Amended October 13, 2008 regular meeting minutes  
October 16, 2008 special meeting minutes  
October 27, 2008 special meeting minutes  
Contract award for fence enclosure of city hall emergency generator  
Labor contract for Local 763, office-clerical employees*

MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 7:09 PM.

### Approval of September 2008 Checks/Finance Officer's Report (7:09 pm)

Council member Whitney stated she reviewed the checks and recommended the checks and finance officer's report be approved as presented.

MOTION WHITNEY AND SECOND JORDAN TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2008 CHECKS/FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: *(Claim checks 74544 through 74651 (voided 74577, 74587, 74649) in the amount of \$611,926.46 and payroll check numbers 24881 through 24926 in the amount of \$182,927.64).* MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 7:10 PM.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 2009 Budget (7:11 pm)

Mayor opened public hearing. City manager summarized budget.

Mayor opened floor to public comment at 7:14 pm.

Rachel Krefetz, representing the Housing Development Consortium in Seattle, spoke to the 2009 budget allocation to the ARCH housing trust fund and asked council to reconsider its 2009 allocation.

Resident Julie Barrett requested council consider funding for an employee or for mitigation enforcement to reasonably monitor construction sites to ensure mitigation is being followed and to enforce penalties.

Council elected to continue discussion regarding construction mitigation plans on a future agenda.

Resident Wilma Edmonds pointed out there is an adequate tax base in Medina to provide citizens with superior services, police protection and above average salaries. Ms. Edmonds stated her desire for council not to raise the tax levy, acceptance of using the city's reserves, if necessary, and opposition to imposing LID's in city. Ms. Edmonds spoke about city hall improvements, police department staffing and expenses, and city-wide storm water drainage.

Mayor closed floor to public comment and the public hearing at 7:37 pm.

#### 2009 Property Tax Levy (7:40 pm)

Mayor opened public hearing. City manager introduced item, indicating levy options were demonstrated in city manager report and the proposed 2009 budget includes a levy without an increase or banked amounts, with only new construction added.

Mayor opened floor to public comment at 7:40 pm.

Resident Wilma Edmonds asked if council has option to change budget during the year. Council responded a budget amendment could be approved during the year.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:47 pm.

#### Ordinance Amending Medina Municipal Code, Chapter 17.76 Relating to Fences and Walls (7:47 pm)

Mayor opened public hearing and Grumbach summarized ordinance and the planning commission recommendation. Grumbach responded to council inquiries.

Mayor opened floor to public comment at 8:00 pm, no comments were presented and the floor was closed.

Mayor closed public hearing at 8:00 pm.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 2009 Budget and Budget Ordinance (8:00 pm)

City manager answered questions pertaining to 2009 preliminary budget asked during the October 27 meeting. Willis answered additional questions concerning CIP, security camera project, and public works salaries.

Council recommended adding the following to the 2009 budget: \$10,000 for hearing examiner services, \$10,000 for ARCH, and \$7,200 to the street fund. Council expressed interest in reviewing salary comparables during the December 8 meeting, prior to adopting a salary schedule.

Council discussed police officer staffing and Chief Chen responded to council inquiries. Council requested the city manager provide staffing options and related expenses regarding an over-hire in the police department during the December 8 meeting.

Mayor allowed comment from resident Henry Paulman. Mr. Paulman suggested council compare cost figures for adding an officer versus paying officers more in overtime, because offering overtime to officers is an incentive to hiring.

MOTION BIGLOW AND SECOND WHITNEY TO CONTINUE ADOPTION OF 2009 BUDGET AND BUDGET ORDINANCE TO DECEMBER 8. MOTION CARRIED 5-1 (LAWRENCE OPPOSED, RUDOLPH ABSENT) AT 9:05 PM.

### 2009 Property Tax Levy Ordinance (9:06 pm)

Council discussed levy options.

MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND LAWRENCE TO ADOPT 2009 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,247,183, INCLUDING AMOUNT FOR ESTIMATED NEW CONSTRUCTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 9:14 PM.

### Adoption of Fence and Wall Ordinance (9:14 pm)

Council discussed ordinance.

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND LAWRENCE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17.76 OF THE MEDINA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FENCES AND WALLS. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 9:19 PM.

## REPORTS – CITY MANAGER

### City Manager's Monthly Activity Report (9:19 pm)

Chen responded to council inquiries pertaining to department report and ALPR camera system. Gene Morgan, Secur Focus, answered questions regarding project.

Willis and Grumbach responded to inquiries concerning department reports.

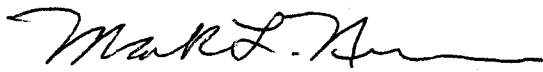
## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND BLAZEY TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 10, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEDINA CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 9:58 PM.

The November 10, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 9:58 pm.

The City Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, November 24 at 6:30 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday, December 8, 2008, at 6:30 pm.

  
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Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

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Rachel Baker, City Clerk