

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers
May 28, 2008; 6:30 pm*

CALL TO ORDER

The May 28, 2008 Special Meeting of the Medina City Council was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:38 pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Bret Jordan, Jim Lawrence, Mark Nelson, Robert Rudolph, and Shawn Whitney

Council Members Absent: Lucius Biglow (*excused*) and Drew Blazey (*excused*)

City Staff Present: Mike Caldwell, Interim City Manager; Jeff Chen, Chief of Police; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor announced the SR 520 Project Team will brief eastside mayors on Friday, June 13 from 9:30 to 11:00 am at Clyde Hill City Hall and then the SR 520 mediation group will meet with representatives from the west side of the bridge. Mayor reported SR 520 community open houses are planned for June 24 and June 25 and more information will be provided later as it becomes available.

OTHER BUSINESS

City Hall Facility (6:41 pm)

Caldwell described presentation information which included a financial summary of 2008 revenues and expenditures to April 30, and a worksheet identifying strategy ideas gathered from council discussions, public comments and history files. Council discussion followed. Council identified goal: "To have adequate, cost effective, and efficient facilities and services for the City's needs." and the following list of strategies were identified:

1. Facilities located on property owned by the City of Medina preferred over leased property and facilities.
2. Facilities located within city limits of Medina.
3. Acquisition of new property for facilities preferred over consumption of existing park property for facilities.
4. Minimize impact to park properties and if current park space is used, develop a plan for additional park space and uses to offset consumption.

5. Minimize impact to residential areas surrounding facility.
6. Maintain city and police services in same building to accomplish operating efficiencies.
7. Central facility location preferred, but not required.
8. Minimize barriers for public access to facility.
9. Develop work spaces that allow for maximum employee efficiency.
10. Develop facility to efficiently serve the staff and the public now and into foreseeable future.
11. Develop flexible and adaptable technology systems to accommodate evolution of technology over time.
12. Fire and life safety conditions improved over existing.
13. Minimize facility operating costs.
14. Select green approach to facility when it meets goals of operating costs.
15. Preserve historical building regardless of future use.
16. Develop plan for long term use of existing City Hall building if city services are relocated.
17. Accomplish facility development without new tax is preferable, but not mandatory.
18. Preference to include council chambers in facility, but not a priority.

Mayor opened floor to public comment at 8:52 pm.

Resident Doug Dicharry complimented Council on discussion. He conveyed establishing criteria and pursuing those is the right approach.

Resident Kristen Edelhertz preferred to see a stronger statement in favor of preserving park space and voiced opinion that Medina's park spaces are different and the waterfront park is unique. For this reason, she expressed she would like to see a stronger statement regarding the offset of park space and suggested term "like property".

Ms. Edelhertz questioned use of Dustin property and stated preference for expansion to occur there if park consumption necessary.

Resident Miles Adam suggested discussions like the one that occurred this evening should be held during regular council meetings in order to include more citizens and the entire Council. Mr. Adam conveyed two members of the Council are absent from discussion and stated his belief there was no notice of the special meeting. Resident pointed out parking and traffic impacts should be included on strategy list.

Resident Kay Koelemay noted there was a discussion with neighbors east of Dustin property regarding use of acquired property at time of purchase. She asked for clarification regarding rumor of locating City Hall at public works shop area. Lawrence answered that years ago it was an idea brought forward and not explored.

Mrs. Koelemay stated community feedback is important on this issue. She expressed her concerns about delaying repairs to current facility and for missed opportunities by waiting to purchase property. Resident spoke of community center option as a place for all people to gather.

Comment period closed at 9:10 pm and Council discussion followed.

Council preferred to propose four test cases: 1. remodel existing structure with no added space, 2. remodel existing structure and add space to north end of building, 3. remodel existing structure and add space below street level on east side of building, and 4. purchase property and develop new City Hall complex.

Council discussed options to provide strategies and test cases to citizens to gain public input. Nelson asked Caldwell to provide cost details to Council within one month in order to include on July 14 meeting agenda. Council elected to determine public notice needs and open house dates during its June 9 meeting.

Council directed Caldwell to provide strategy list via email to each member and to allow time at the June 24 special meeting to discuss, if necessary.

Motion Jordan and second Nelson to extend meeting fifteen minutes and motion carried 4-1 (Lawrence opposed) at 9:39 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION AND SECOND TO ADJOURN THE MAY 28, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 9:53 PM.

The May 28, 2008, Special Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 9:53 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council is scheduled to be held Monday, June 9, 2008, at 6:30 pm.


Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

Attest: 
Rachel Baker, City Clerk