

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Medina City Hall Council Chambers
February 11, 2008; 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

The February 11, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

City Staff Present: Mark Weinberg, City Manager; Wayne Tanaka, City Attorney, Ogden Murphy Wallace; Jeff Chen, Chief of Police; Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:30 pm to discuss two items of pending litigation and potential litigation, including but not limited to discussion of legal risks of a proposed action, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Council Members Biglow, Blazey, Jordan, Lawrence, Nelson, Rudolph, and Whitney; City Manager; City Attorney; and City Clerk were present. Executive Session adjourned at 7:11 pm. No action was taken.

Following a break, the Regular Meeting was called back to order at 7:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager requested to pull item CA-7, *Resolution Authorizing Donation of a Flagpole and Communication Services*, and informed the Council Sergeant Keith McDonough of the Mercer Island Marine Patrol would not be present; however the Marine Patrol presentation was included in the agenda packet.

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended by the Council following a motion by Jordan and a second by Whitney.

PRESENTATION

City Manager introduced Jane Hague, King County Council Member from Council District Six. Council Member Hague spoke of her involvement with the Budget Leadership Team and Transportation Committee and added she is Chair of the Utilities and Parks Committee and Vice Chair of the Growth Management and Natural Resources Committee. She welcomed contact from constituents regarding needs at the

regional level and spoke of regional transportation issues including the importance of speaking as one voice regarding the State Route 520 corridor and tolling.

Mayor Nelson announced he would begin opening Council meetings with a flag salute and then led the Council, staff and audience members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor opened floor to public comment at 7:24 pm.

Resident Vance Mylroie addressed article published in the Seattle Post Intelligencer. Resident spoke of personal safety for individuals and loved ones. Mr. Mylroie expressed Medina is more protected now than in the past, thanked Chief Chen for his constant and extraordinary service and that he and his department should be given all technological advantages needed to protect the City. Resident expressed his delight in the flagpole and his opinion that the communication technologies within would someday save lives in Medina. He concluded saying the bickering regarding the installation has been a waste of time.

Resident Henry Paulman asserted he did contribute to the PI article and inquired if Council had any questions regarding the report he submitted to the City. He conveyed that final action has not yet been taken in response to complaints filed against Chief Chen during 2007.

Resident Kathleen Higgins spoke of traffic that speeds and cuts through to and from State Route 520 on NE 12th and 84th Avenue NE and stressed it has increased to an intolerable and unsafe level. Resident requested Council implement traffic calming measures on NE 12th Street and 84th Avenue NE, stop signs on 86th Avenue NE, a stop sign on 12th Avenue NE and 84th Avenue NE, an alteration of the curved lane to 84th Avenue NE to accommodate buses only, a reduction in the speed limit on 84th Avenue NE to 30 miles per hour, a crosswalk on 84th Avenue NE and 20th Avenue NE, and to coordinate policing with Clyde Hill. Resident expressed issue must be addressed to protect school children and community character. Ms. Higgins said she has noticed an increase in litter due to the cut through traffic.

Resident Mary Odermat proclaimed support for Chief Chen and Mark Weinberg and supported their professionalism and willingness to serve the City of Medina. She addressed Mayor Nelson saying she would hope he would stand firm and be independent and not be drawn into the "good old boys' club". She stated her hope the Council will be one where individuals would be acknowledged for the value each brings to the group. She said she has known Mayor Nelson to be a gentleman with great ethics and that he has always been interested in the best interests of the City. Mrs. Odermat voiced that she looks forward to the next two years watching the Mayor build bridges and thanked him for serving in the position.

Resident Dave Hedequist said the issue in the PI article was embarrassing, particularly reader replies. Mr. Hedequist suggested the City investigate Mr. Paulman to determine why so much trouble has been caused and to look into why audits were done. He asserted Chief Chen and the police department are superior and he is proud to have

worked with them on committees during the past three years. He expressed he is glad to see a new group of council members and urged the mayor and council members to stand up to the older group of council members, to not be puppets and to get beyond personal agendas.

Mayor Nelson announced that his personal goal is to build bridges with the Council and to keep Medina as a top rated City and one all will continue to enjoy and to live in.

Resident Pat Boyd said he is in favor of what the police department needs to protect the City and urged everyone to move on.

Resident Heija Nunn conveyed she would hope the Council would review the donation policy and increase the current limit in an effort to not turn down what may be offered for the public good. She inquired if a dedicated school resource officer would be funded in the near future.

Mayor closed participation period at 7:39 pm.

REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor summarized meetings attended and issues discussed. Council Member Whitney remarked about shooting in Kirkland, Missouri and recommended people pause and be cautious and consider unintended consequences.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Rudolph requested and Council support was received to pull item CA-10, *Remote Teleconference*, from the consent agenda in order to allow for Council discussion.

MOTION LAWRENCE AND SECOND BIGLOW TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AND MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 7:44 PM.

- Approval of January 14, 2008 City Council Minutes
- Approval of January 2008 Checks/Finance Officer's Report
- Approval of Final December 31, 2007 Checks/Finance Officer's Report
- Year End 2007 Financial Report
- Ordinance Revising MMC 2.04.010 and 2.04.020, City Council Meeting Time
- Agreement for Professional GIS and AutoCAD Design Services
- Federal Homeland Security Grant Award (LETPP)
- City Hall Restoration Call for Bids
- City Council Guideline Amendment Adding Section 8.45, Remote Teleconference
- 2008 Legislative Issues

OTHER BUSINESS

Remote Teleconference (7:44 pm)

Item introduced by City Manager and Council discussion followed.

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND WHITNEY TO ADOPT SECTION 8.45, DELETING PARAGRAPH "E", INTO CITY COUNCIL GUIDELINES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:54 PM.

ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) Work Plan (7:54 pm)

Weinberg summarized recommendation and introduced ARCH Program Manager Arthur Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan referred to packet materials which described the annual process and defined ARCH goals, strategies and priorities.

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND BIGLOW TO APPROVE THE 2008 ARCH BUDGET AND WORK PLAN AND AUTHORIZE CONTRIBUTION OF \$2,500 TO FRIENDS OF YOUTH NEW GROUND PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 7:58 PM.

Council Communications (8:06 pm)

Weinberg introduced item and summarized report findings. Council discussion followed.

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND BIGLOW TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO RESEARCH SERVICE OPTIONS AND COSTS. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 8:32 PM.

Advisory Appointment Process (8:32 pm)

Weinberg opened discussion of item and Council discussion followed.

MOTION RUDOLPH AND SECOND WHITNEY TO FORM A PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR PLANNING COMMISSION AND PARK BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE COMPOSED OF THREE PERSONS, INCLUDING THE MAYOR, TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES THEN MAKE A PROPOSAL FOR ONE CANDIDATE TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE COUNCIL. IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT CONFIRMED THE PROCESS WILL GO BACK TO THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE SELECTED BY THE MAYOR. MOTION CARRIED 4-3 (BIGLOW, BLAZEY AND LAWRENCE OPPOSED) AT 9:04 PM.

Planning Commission Appointment, Position No. 4 (9:04 pm)

Council elected to postpone appointment to March 10, 2008 meeting in order to comply with Council guideline requiring Mayor to provide appointment recommendation to Council Members at least ten days in advance of appointment action.

City Manager's Monthly Activity Report (9:14 pm)

- A. Police Department
- B. Development Services
- C. Public Works
- D. City Manager

City Manager summarized reports and answered Council inquiries. Reports were received and filed.

Agenda Calendar (9:29 pm)

Agenda calendar discussed.

The Council voted 2-3-2 to further discuss the flag pole matter. As a result of the vote, the Council determined it would not further discuss the issue and the matter was closed.


(Blazey, Lawrence in favor; Jordan, Rudolph, Whitney opposed; and; Biglow, Nelson abstained)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION JORDAN AND SECOND WHITNEY TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 11, 2008 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 9:55 PM.
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The February 11, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 9:55 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday, March 10, 2008 at 6:30 pm.



Mark L. Nelson, Mayor

Attest: 

Rachel Baker, City Clerk