

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
*Medina City Hall Council Chambers*  
*September 24, 2007; 7:00 pm*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Miles Adam called the September 24, 2007, Medina City Council Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Miles Adam, Lucius Biglow, Drew Blazey, Jim Lawrence, Katie Phelps, and Pete Vall-Spinosa

Council Members Absent: Bob Rudolph (*excused*)

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

There was Council consensus to hold public comment, 2008 Budget discussion, and the Consent Agenda following the presentation.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor introduced Washington State Department of Transportation State Route 520 Bridge & HOV Replacement Project item. The presentation was given by Julie Meredith, Deputy Program Director; Michael Horntvendt, SR 520 Transportation Manager; and Lindsay Yamane, SR 520 Strategic Advisor.

The project team focused on community design, a general SR-520 update and shared videos and conceptual drawings. The presentation continued until 7:49 pm. Project team members addressed comments and questions from audience members and the Council until 8:27 pm.

Mayor recessed for a break at 8:28 pm and called the meeting back to order at 8:32 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor opened the floor to public comment at 8:32 pm.

Overlake Drive East resident Howard Maron requested if the public pier designed for Medina Beach Park could be repositioned further from their property line in order to have less of an impact on their property.

The City Manager responded that the design and permitting process has been completed and approval has already been obtained and stated the pier pilings are expected to be excavated this week. He expressed the City is working to address his concerns and there is not a great likelihood a significant change can be made at this late stage. Willis estimated there might be approximately thirteen feet to negotiate.

Heija Nunn questioned if the dock design would be changed or moved and asked why the dock would be moved. Weinberg answered that the City had taken an adjoining neighbor's concerns and engineering reasons into consideration.

Henry Paulman, 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast resident, suggested turning the angle of the pier to the north, rather than moving the base. Mr. Paulman inquired when the City Manager would report on the Police Chief's trip to Amsterdam and Weinberg replied he would be prepared to answer the inquiry upon direction from the City Council. Mr. Paulman asked why the City waited to bill Clearwire for clean up work until this month and Weinberg responded he would reply to his inquiries at the appropriate time.

Northeast 24<sup>th</sup> Street resident Wilma Edmonds inquired if the costs to underground overhead wires on 84<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> are included in the package and wondered how much it would cost the golf course on the 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue side.

Weinberg stated and Willis confirmed that transmission and distribution lines would not be undergrounded. Adam requested that the Q&A fact sheet be amended.

Bruce Hand, 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Northeast resident, inquired if the City Council had considered possible damages that could be incurred to the City's sewer and water mains during a disaster, such as during an earthquake, and if the City Council had thought if and how it would meet the water needs of the City during an emergency. Mr. Hand suggested that an ample water supply sits under Medina and could be accessed at not too great of a cost.

## **REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Phelps requested a copy of the con statement for undergrounding utilities. She indicated she had received the pro statement already, not the con statement.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 2008 Preliminary Budget (8:47 pm)

Weinberg summarized process, Council directives and guidelines. He noted a calculation error was located in the budget and a replacement page was placed at the dais before the meeting. He summarized revenue projections and expenditure highlights.

Weinberg answered City Council inquiries. Council requested the following items:

1. A list of items excluded from budget and consider expenses for such to come from reserves. Council recommended adding \$20,000 for finance software, \$12,000 for radar unit and \$10,000 for emergency preparedness.
2. A list of needs from the Emergency Committee and guidance on how to further fund program.
3. Determine City's policy for the level of service of emergency preparedness the City will provide.
4. Review non-union salary expenses, consider suggested amount of 7% versus proposed amount of 9.8%
5. Present three levels of property tax calculations (as done last year).
6. Review the park projects budget, to ensure \$50,000 was not entered twice.
7. Consider reviewing revenue projections, unless comfortable with what was presented.
8. Consider options, costs and level of service to dedicate to council communications and consider expenses to be funded from reserves.
9. Explore initiative of a possible consolidation of law enforcement services into a single "Points Communities Police Department." Weinberg responded he would prepare a "concept paper" on the idea before the conclusion of the calendar year.

Discussion followed.

*Motion Phelps and second Blazey to extend meeting fifteen minutes and motion carried 6-0 at 10:07 pm.*

## **COUNCIL INITIATIVES**

Initiative by Mayor Adam

Re: Process for Evaluating City Manager Performance (10:15 pm)

Adam introduced item and said an Executive Session will be scheduled on matter for October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The City Council desired Consent Agenda item: CA-1: Building Code Update, to be placed on October 8<sup>th</sup> agenda as a discussion item.

MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND PHELPS TO APPROVE HOMELAND SECURITY SUBGRANT AGREEMENT & BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE AND MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 10:16 PM.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement

Item not considered due to lack of time. Hearing carried to October 8, 2007.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND LAWRENCE TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b), TO DISCUSS LEASE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 10:18 PM.

The City Council anticipated it would meet in Executive Session for approximately fifteen minutes and action may follow.

The Council reconvened into open session at 10:29 pm.

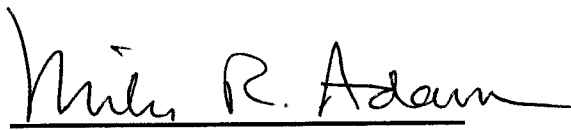
MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND BIGLOW TO CEASE AND DESIST FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH MRS. LEE ON THE GREEN STORE AND TO REJECT THE OFFER. MOTION CARRIED 5-1 (PHELPS OPPOSED) AT 10:30 PM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BLAZEY AND SECOND ADAM TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 10:30 PM.

The September 24, 2007, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 10:30 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday, October 8, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

  
Miles R. Adam, Mayor

Attest:   
Rachel Baker, City Clerk