

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Medina City Hall Council Chambers
September 10, 2007; 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Miles Adam called the September 10, 2007, Medina City Council Meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Miles Adam, Lucius Biglow (*via telephone*), Drew Blazey, Katie Phelps, Robert Rudolph and Pete Vall-Spinosa

Council Members Absent: Jim Lawrence (*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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:36 pm to discuss lease negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b). Council Members Miles Adam, Lucius Biglow (via telephone), Drew Blazey, Katie Phelps, Robert Rudolph and Pete Vall-Spinosa; City Manager Mark Weinberg; City Attorney Wayne Tanaka; and City Clerk Rachel Baker were present. Chris O'Connell was present for Executive Session and left at 7:05 pm. Executive Session adjourned and the Regular Meeting was called back into session at 7:11 pm. No action was taken

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor opened floor to public comment at 7:16 pm. No public comment was presented.

REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weinberg introduced the Lifeguard Program presentation stating that the successful nine-week program concluded August 19th and included a total of seven lifeguards. He thanked Police Department Records Manager Linda Crum for her hard work.

Crum shared a slideshow with the audience and City Council. The presentation was an overview of the program, which included lake lessons, boat safety, and a movie night at the beach.

Crum answered Council inquiries regarding the program and program benefits, including drowning prevention and first aid availability to the greater community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Adam requested item CA-5: Hazard Mitigation Plan, be pulled from the Consent Agenda to allow for Council discussion and the item was added to New Business.

MOTION RUDOLPH AND SECOND PHELPS TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (absent Hazard Mitigation Plan) AND MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 7:32 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2007 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes from August 22, 2007 Special City Council Meeting
3. Approval of August 2007 Checks/Finance Officer's Report
4. NORCOM Agreement

PUBLIC HEARINGS

View & Sunlight Ordinance (continued)

Mayor opened floor to public comment at 7:33 pm.

Fred Neumann, 79th Avenue Northeast resident, spoke in favor of the ordinance saying that it may provide relief from his neighbor's overgrown Leland Cyprus and encouraged Council to support the ordinance.

Overlake Drive resident Larry Cole reminisced about his earlier efforts with Ordinances 575 and 743. He conveyed he would like to see the ordinance pass, as it would provide residents a tool to work with the neighbors. He stated that he and his neighbors signed a petition and it was submitted to the Council. Mr. Cole commented that a quality of life has been lost since he lost the view he had in 1988.

Overlake Drive West resident Shawn Blazey said she submitted to Council petitions from her neighbors residing on Overlake and 84th Avenue in her neighborhood. She referred to Clyde Hill's view obstruction ordinance and hoped the Council would pass the ordinance before them.

Overlake Drive West resident Lori Mach said her views have been blocked by hedges and would appreciate Council's consideration of the quality of life and view preservation. She pointed out that the ordinance would be a method for residents to approach neighbors.

Midland Road resident Sam Eastern said that as a former resident of Clyde Hill, he was familiar with its ordinance and looked forward to moving ahead with the ordinance presented to Council and would be in favor of Council's approval. Mr. Eastern commented that the issue would be of importance to all Medina residents and it would be a mechanism to encourage neighbors to resolve disputes.

Overlake Drive resident Bud Eschbach said he had a view of the lake in 1976, but the properties on the lakeshore have big trees and now he can no longer look at it because

it is hidden by the trees. Mr. Eschbach suggested that there are height restrictions on homes but not on the trees in Medina and the Council needs to pass the ordinance.

Midland Road resident Jan Brekke commented that the Council should take into consideration that trees are living things and change with time. He said it is time to get the ordinance.

Upland Road resident Martha Woodman remarked that the ordinance is fair and reasonable and hoped the Council would reinstate it.

Northeast Eighth Street resident Charles Pember questioned if it would be legally possible to ban planting of Leland Cypress in Medina. Gellings answered that removal of Leland Cypress does not require mitigation; however planting is not banned.

Evergreen Point Road resident Mark Nelson supported the ordinance and encouraged the Council to vote in favor of it.

Mayor closed comment period at 7:45 pm and Council discussion followed

MOTION VALL-SPINOSA AND SECOND BLAZEY TO ADOPT ORDINANCE AS WRITTEN AND MOTION FAILED 3-3 (PHELPS, RUDOLPH AND BIGLOW OPPOSED) AT 8:19 PM.

Meeting recessed for a break at 8:21 pm and was called back into session at 8:25 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission Appointment, Position 6 (8:25 pm)

Adam conveyed six applicants were considered to fill remaining the term of position six with a term ending June 30, 2008.

MOTION AND SECOND TO CONFIRM NOMINATION OF JEFF PRICE TO PLANNING COMMISSION AND MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1 (PHELPS ABSTAINED) AT 8:27 PM.

Pitched Roof Incentives (8:28 pm)

Weinberg introduced item. Gellings defined proposal, summarized Planning Commission findings and answered City Council inquiries. Council discussion followed. A council majority elected for item not to proceed to public hearing. City Council agreed to allow item to come forward packaged together as one item following Planning Commission review of building height measurement on sloping lots and lot coverage bonus system for R20 and R30 lots.

City Manager's Monthly Activity Report (8:58 pm)

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

Weinberg answered City Council inquiries and the reports were received and filed.

Agenda Calendar (9:03 pm)

Council discussed agenda calendar. Phelps left meeting at 9:04 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Hazard Mitigation Plan (9:16 pm)

Weinberg introduced item and answered City Council inquiries. Council comments followed. Kris Finnigan, Emergency Preparedness Consultant, was present and provided additional information to the City Council.

MOTION RUDOLPH AND SECOND ADAM TO APPROVE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 9:30 PM.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Resolution – Holiday Hours (9:30 pm)

Adam introduced item and discussion followed.

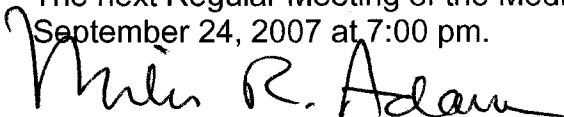
MOTION VALL-SPINOSA AND SECOND ADAM TO ADOPT RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLOSURE OF CITY HALL ON DECEMBER 24, 2007, AND MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 (BLAZEY ABSTAINED) AT 9:33 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION VALL-SPINOSA AND SECOND RUDOLPH TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 9:33 PM.

The September 10, 2007, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 9:33 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday, September 24, 2007 at 7:00 pm.


Miles R. Adam, Mayor

Attest:


Rachel Baker, City Clerk