

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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March 12, 2007  
7:00 pm

*Medina City Hall*  
*501 Evergreen Point Road*

**EXECUTE SESSION**

Council convened in executive session at 6:30 pm to hold discussions per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b). All city council members, city attorney, city manager and director of development services were present. Executive session adjourned at 7:00 pm. No action was taken.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Miles Adam called the March 12, 2007, Medina City Council Meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Miles Adam, Lucius Biglow, Drew Blazey, Jim Lawrence, Katie Phelps, Robert Rudolph, and Pete Vall-Spinosa

City Staff Present: Mark Weinberg, City Manager, Wayne Tanaka, City Attorney, Ogden Murphy Wallace; Joseph Gellings, Director of Development Services; Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; Jeff Chen, Police Chief; Craig Fischer, Information Systems Coordinator; and Pam Greytak, Administrative Assistant

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Tanaka confirmed the Upland Road Street Vacation public hearing was being postponed until April 9.

Council members agreed to discuss park board and planning commission appointment procedures at the next city council meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor welcomed new City Manager, Mark Weinberg.

Rudolph questioned recent correspondence from the State Department of Transportation regarding location of quieter pavement test on SR-520. Mayor said he would confirm it would occur between Bellevue Way and SR-520 Bridge.

Rudolph suggested placing sandwich boards around Medina informing residents of upcoming meetings. Mayor replied that the previous city manager determined they did not affect meeting attendance.

Rudolph inquired about the city sending council meeting agenda packets to residents via e-mail. Mayor asked Weinberg about possibility of using the same list the Police Department uses for electronic alert messages. Weinberg explained city would first need to determine if residents would want to receive agenda via e-mail. Lawrence agreed with Rudolph regarding both sandwich boards and e-mailing agenda.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **MOTION LAWRENCE/SECOND RUDOLPH TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Minutes from February 12, 2007 Council Meeting
- Approval of February 2007 Checks/Finance Officer's Report

**AND THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 7:21 PM.**

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Resident Heija Nunn urged council members to reconsider the 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Poplar Tree Removal Contract. She provided handouts showing Otak's three proposed Streetscape designs from 2003. Mrs. Nunn asserted that residents are unaware of the implications that would result from replacing the 65 trees with Bowhall Maples. Mrs. Nunn asked council members to remember the importance placed on the matter three years ago. She stressed the importance of keeping 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the main entrance into Medina, visually attractive.

Mayor confirmed for Mrs. Nunn the City Council's 2007 meeting schedule.

Representing St. Thomas Property Committee, Mark Nelson asked council to allow same consideration they offered the golf course regarding the trees on their property on 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.

## **REPORTS**

### Police Department (7:28 pm)

Chief Chen reviewed the Police Department's February report. He reported reason for increased interactions was due to the field training program.

Chief Chen reviewed Enhanced Public Safety System report that he worked on with Darryl Hunt of Wireless Fidelity Networks. Mayor reminded council that they amended the budget and were committed to funding the project. Chief Chen and Mr. Hunt fielded Council's questions. Chief Chen discussed cost savings in relation to expense of full time employees. He indicated city's savings would be \$300,000 for one year. Chief Chen reported that Hunts Point is experiencing its lowest crime rate since 1993, whereas Medina's crime rate has not gone down. Mr. Hunt reported the safety system's technology is expandable.

After further discussion, Council directed Chief Chen to move forward with first two phases:

- 1) Complete planning, engineering and pilot phase of the project
  - 2) Complete construction for six locations in priority order, with the addition of the Park and Ride
- Locations include:

1. NE 12<sup>th</sup>/84<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (this intersection will need to be examined closely as there are actually three ways into Medina, NE 12<sup>th</sup>, 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE.)
2. NE 24<sup>th</sup>/84<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE
3. Overlake Drive East/Lake Washington Blvd
4. NE 10<sup>th</sup>/Lake Washington Blvd
5. E/B 520 to S/B 84<sup>th</sup> Ave
6. 2800 Evergreen Pt. Road
7. Park and Ride

Chief Chen introduced new city employee, Officer Matthew King. He reported that Officer King is a two time decorated Purple Heart recipient, and is in his third week of field training.

#### Development Services (8:10 pm)

No council inquiries were posed regarding department report.

#### Public Works (8:10 pm)

Willis summarized his report and answered council questions regarding Evergreen Point Road handrail and Medina Beach Park.

Lawrence announced that he received a letter from resident, Ms. Shawn Fitzpatrick regarding standing water in front of her house. Willis replied that action was taken to install a new storm drain.

Lawrence reported that he spoke to resident, Mrs. Curtis regarding the NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk being moved onto her lot.

Council discussed NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk issue.

MOTION LAWRENCE/SECOND BIGLOW TO INSTRUCT CITY TO MOVE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF 7616 NE 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET SO THAT IT PARALLELS NE 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, UNTIL IT REACHES THE CORNER OF PROPERTY, AND RESTORE SIDEWALK BACK TO ORIGINAL CONDITION. MOTION FAILED 2-5 (ADAM, PHELPS, BLAZEY, VALL-SPINOSA, RUDOLPH OPPOSED) AT 8:15 PM.

City Manager (8:26 pm)

Phelps requested that the City Manager search fee budget be provided to council in their next packet.

MOTION VALL-SPINOSA/SECOND LAWRENCE TO POSTPONE THE UPLAND STREET VACATION REQUEST PUBLIC HEARING TO APRIL 9 MEETING.  
MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 8:27 PM

MOTION RUDOLPH/SECOND LAWRENCE FOR CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY STAFF REGARDING VARIANCE 1135 WITH THE PROVISION THAT IF 50 PERCENT OF THE ROOF IS REPLACED IN THE FUTURE EITHER BY PRESENT OWNER OR ANY FUTURE OWNER THAT THE ROOF MUST BE BROUGHT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH MEDINA'S CODE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 8:28 PM

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Annual ARCH Report

Replying to Phelps, ARCH Director, Art Sullivan reported Medina's contribution is set on a per capita basis.

MOTION LAWRENCE /SECOND VALL-SPINOSA MOTION TO APPROVE THE ARCH 2007 BUDGET AND ANNUAL WORK PLAN. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 8:30 PM

MOTION LAWRENCE /SECOND VALL-SPINOSA MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM USE OF THE CITY ARCH HOUSING TRUST FUNDS TO PURCHASE PRICE RESTRICTED OWNERSHIP UNITS THAT DEFAULT ON THE RESALE COVENANT IF RECOMMENDED BY THE ARCH BOARD AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ACTIONS FROM THE CITY'S BEHALF TO EXECUTE THIS AUTHORITY WITH CONDITIONS AS BY THE ARCH EXECUTIVE BOARD. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 8:30 PM

### Council Communications (8:32 pm)

Fischer introduced presenters Marc Melkonian of Online Video Service and Tom Arnz of Advanced Broadcast. Mr. Arnz described the methods his company uses to improve council visibility. Mr. Melkonian offered references and provided a technology overview. Guest speakers and Fischer answered council inquiries regarding services provided and related costs.

### 84<sup>TH</sup> Avenue NE Poplar Tree Removal Contract (9:05 pm)

Willis announced that Vall-Spinosa was not in attendance at previous meeting so contract was being brought forward for reconsideration.

Councilmembers discussed the contract, diseased trees, phases of tree removal, related costs, Overlake Country Club fence and providing a mailing to residents.

MOTION VALL-SPINOSA /SECOND RUDOLPH MOTION TO APPROVE 84<sup>th</sup> AVENUE NE POPLAR TREE REMOVAL CONTRACT. MOTION CARRIED 4-3 (ADAM, BLAZEY AND BIGLOW OPPOSED) AT 9:21 PM

Planning Commission Work Plan (9:27 pm)

Gellings and council discussed pitched roof incentives, building height measurement on sloped lots, smaller lot size and street design standards.

Mayor proposed that pitched roof incentives and building height measurements be separate work plan topics.

MOTION BIGLOW/SECOND VALL-SPINOSA TO APPROVE THE 2007 UPDATE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PLAN AS AMENDED:

- SEPARATE PITCHED ROOF INCENTIVES AND BUILDING MEASUREMENTS ON SLOPED LOTS TWO SEPARATE TOPICS
- OVERSIZED HOMES TOPIC IS IN RELATION TO SMALLER LOTS UNDER 30,000 SQUARE FEET

MOTION CARRIED 7-0 AT 9:39 PM

Substandard Properties (9:40 pm)

Gellings reviewed substandard properties report.

Mayor and Councilmembers authorized Gellings to prepare a draft ordinance embodying the Planning Commission's recommendation and to schedule a public hearing.

Pass-Through Consultant Charges and Permit Fee Reconciliation (9:44 pm)

Council expressed their support of Pass-Through Consultant Charges and Permit Fee Reconciliations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Vall-Spinosa asked when and how council could address or have a Living Fence ordinance written up.

Phelps requested King County Library update within next four months.

## ADJOURNMENT

THE MARCH 12, 2007 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED BY  
COUNCIL CONSENSUS AT 9:52 PM.

The March 12, 2007, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 9:52 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday,  
March 26, 2007 at 7:00 pm.



Miles R. Adam, Mayor

Attest:



Pam Greytak, Admin. Assistant