

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2007
7:00 pm

Medina City Hall
501 Evergreen Point Road

CALL TO ORDER

Miles Adam called the February 12, 2007, Medina City Council Meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: Pete Vall-Spinosa

City Staff Present: Roger Crum, Interim 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; and Rachel Baker, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lawrence requested the following two new business items be added to the meeting agenda: Planning Commission Appointment Procedures, and Election Sign Limitations. New items were accepted, but due to length of agenda, may be added a future agenda. Agenda approved by council consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor announced Mark Weinberg from Inglewood, California was appointed as the new city manager and would begin March 12th and thanked everyone that participated in the selection process. Mayor thanked Roger Crum, for all his work and effort as interim city manager, noting his contract would end February 28th.

Phelps requested a final report outlining city manager search fees. Mayor announced Gerry Zyfers's resignation from the planning commission and thanked him for his service and contributions.

Mayor conveyed that due to the amount of time volunteers commit to boards and commissions their attendance at city council meetings would not be required. He said that department heads and/or meeting minutes (included in the council agenda packet) would cover routine items, but that if a chair would like to address the council to provide additional information or clarification, it would be welcomed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Phelps requested an amendment to the January 8th meeting minutes to reflect council consensus requesting surveillance camera report on page five under new business.

MOTION RUDOLPH/SECOND BLAZEY TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- Minutes from January 8, 2007 Council Meeting as amended
- Minutes from January 22, 2007 Council Meeting
- Minutes from January 26, 2007 Special Meeting
- Minutes from February 5, 2007 Special Meeting
- Approval of Final December 31, 2006 Checks/Finance Officer's Report
- Approval of January 2007 Checks/Finance Officer's Report
- City Arborist Professional Services Contract

AND THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1 (RUDOLPH ABSTAINED) AT 7:16 PM.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Medina resident Connie Gerlitz expressed her concerns about speeding vehicles and child safety on 78th Avenue and said she and her neighbors would like something such as speed bumps installed to alleviate concerns. She urged the council listen to the citizens that live there.

Citizen Heija Nunn suggested the council consider utilizing sandwich boards again to notify residents of upcoming council meetings and requested clearer and expanded agenda item explanations in the city newsletter. Mrs. Nunn inquired if an email alert containing agenda items and minutes could be implemented in the city.

Clyde Hill resident Steve Erickson inquired if plans were in place for sidewalk improvements to 12th and 84th. He commented on the sidewalks being old and substandard and for the safety of the children that walk from Lochleven, Vuecrest and Clyde Hill neighborhoods to Medina Elementary. He requested the item be placed on a future council agenda.

Medina police officer Shannon Gibson conveyed she had resigned from her position with the city and shared with the council that she valued her time in Medina and had come to love the people she worked with and for. She expressed that her career goals were to climb the ranks within the Medina police department and that she never intended to leave until she witnessed how management positions within the department were treated and for that reason, she continued, her decision to leave was easy. She asked the council to take into consideration what she said into its future actions.

Resident Joe Meisenheimer complimented the police department for the protection it provides in the city and voiced that Chief Chen has done a phenomenal job to recruit officers to work in the city. He added that the officers work late and alone at night to keep the neighborhoods safe. He expressed his hope the survey will record accurate

speeds and traffic volumes on 78th and that the council would consider the matter a priority.

Citizen Pat Boyd commended Officer Gibson for her service and conveyed what a loss it is to his family that she will be leaving her position with the department. He urged the council to take her words to heart.

Resident Arthur Dietrich stated that routine maintenance to control natural overgrowth beside city sidewalks needs to be done, particularly on 84th south of 10th Street.

Resident Mary Odermat shared with the council a concern circulating in the community regarding the new city manager's salary that it appeared the salary was negotiated above the advertised range. She said other and better candidates might have possibly come forward if the position was posted at that salary range.

Citizen Paul Edelhertz wished to discuss the expansion of City Hall into Medina Beach Park, but was unable to comment on the matter since the item was on the meeting agenda. He instead submitted his comments to the council in writing.

REPORTS

Police Department (7:34 pm)

Chen introduced Mercer Island Marine Patrol Sergeant Keith McDonough. McDonough summarized the report previously distributed to the council and answered a council inquiry regarding cigarette boat noise. There were no questions regarding the police department report.

Development Services (7:39 pm)

Gellings indicated the planning commission work plan would be placed on the March 12th meeting agenda. Following discussion, there was general council consensus to reconsider the View and Sunlight Ordinance and Gellings conveyed he would bring an action forward to the council for repealing the ordinance.

Public Works (7:43 pm)

Willis summarized report and answered council inquiries regarding the Medina Beach Park project, public works staffing, the Northeast Eighth sidewalk project and Five-Corners landscaping. Mayor requested monthly updates regarding the beach park project and thanked public works for completing the dog ramp in Medina Park.

Following a discussion of the sidewalk project, council decided to leave the item open in order to receive a report next month. Mayor invited council to view sidewalk installation before the property just east of the Medina Store. Crum conveyed the project would continue and would not be stalled until the discussion could occur.

Council requested Willis present the park board work plan at either its March 12th or March 26th meeting.

Planning Commission (7:59 pm)

Planning Commission Chair Bret Jordan reported that the planning commission work plan is reflective of what the commission has heard from Medina citizens, and that he would like the council to approve the work plan on March 12th.

Park Board (8:01 pm)

Park Board Member Heija Nunn spoke of the landscaping at Five Corners and that the board would appreciate feedback from the council pertaining to how the park board addresses Five Corners. Nunn indicated that the park board would like to receive guidance from the council regarding park signage.

City Manager (8:04 pm)

Crum summarized report and answered council inquiries regarding 78th Street, and utility undergrounding. Council discussion followed.

Crum answered inquiry regarding staff salary structure, including salary ranges, cost of living increases, merit pool, and employment contracts and discussion followed.

MOTION LAWRENCE/SECOND PHELPS TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO FURTHER RESEARCH AND IF AFTER RESEARCH STAFF DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE TO PROCURE A MOBILE ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGN IN AN AMOUNT AROUND \$5,000. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 8:08 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor reordered agenda to accommodate audience.

Surveillance Camera Report (8:18 pm)

Chief Chen introduced Darryl Hunt of Fidelity Wireless Networks.

Mr. Hunt defined software product and described how it would benefit the city of Medina. Guest speaker and police chief fielded inquiries from audience members and the council. The council expressed support for a budget amendment at the appropriate time and requested a future presentation identifying two levels of implementation and associated costs for council's review during May. Council requested to be provided with regular updates prior to May.

Street Vacation Resolution (9:15 pm)

Crum explained request to vacate a portion of Upland Road and the process for proceeding with the request, including the adoption of a resolution to set a hearing date. Tanaka answered council inquiries.

MOTION BIGLOW/SECOND ADAM TO ADOPT RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING DATE FOR STREET VACATION REQUEST. MOTION PASSED 6-0 AT 9:20 PM.

Mayor recessed meeting for a break at 9:21 pm and the meeting reconvened at 9:28 pm.

Preliminary City Hall Report (9:28 pm)

Crum summarized the study conducted by Johnston Architects. He conveyed the consultant was directed to provide three options in their report, including the associated costs and work required. He summarized each option.

Willis introduced Marc Pevoto from Johnston Architects. Mr. Pevoto answered questions from the audience and council. Council discussion followed.

Mayor conveyed there would be council support for the project, but currently the costs are too high. He suggested there should be a review of administrative charges and additional options given for option two in order to reign in costs. Adam suggested council possibly look at the option of moving some staff to the Green Store in lieu of expanding City Hall. Council requested item return with option two further defined on March 26th.

MOTION RUDOLPH/SECOND LAWRENCE TO CONTINUE MEETING ANOTHER SEVEN MINUTES TO ADDRESS ITEMS H-7 AND H-8. MOTION CARRIED 4-2 (ADAM AND BLAZEY OPPOSED) AT 10:14 PM.

Traffic Mitigation

Agenda item not discussed due to lack of time.

Council Communications Report

Agenda item not discussed due to lack of time.

Pass-Through Consultant Charges & Permit Fee Reconciliation

Agenda item not discussed due to lack of time.

City Hall Emergency Generator Report (10:14 pm)

Crum summarized report and indicated item would come back to council for action after three bids are obtained.

84th Avenue NE Poplar Tree Removal Contract (10:15 pm)

Willis presented contract to council and discussion followed.

MOTION PHELPS/SECOND RUDOLPH TO ACCEPT CONTRACT FOR 84TH AVENUE TREES, MOTION FAILED 3-3 (ADAM, BIGLOW AND BLAZEY OPPOSED) AT 10:19 PM.

Council Agenda Calendar

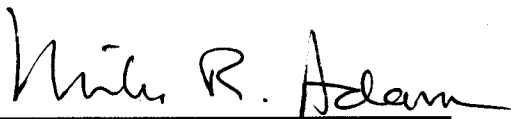
Agenda item not discussed due to lack of time.

ADJOURNMENT

THE FEBRUARY 12, 2007 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED BY COUNCIL CONSENSUS AT 10:22 PM.

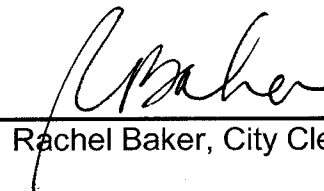
The February 12, 2007, Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council adjourned at 10:22 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council will be held Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm.



Miles R. Adam, Mayor

Attest:



Rachel Baker, City Clerk