



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Hybrid – Virtual/In-Person
Medina City Hall – Council Chambers
501 Evergreen Point Road, Medina, WA 98039
Monday, April 28, 2025 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Rossman called the regular meeting to order in the Medina Council Chambers at 5:01 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Jessica Rossman
Deputy Mayor Randy Reeves
Councilmember Joseph Brazen (in at 5:08 p.m.)
Councilmember Harini Gokul
Councilmember Mac Johnston
Councilmember Michael Luis
Councilmember Heija Nunn (in at 5:05 p.m.)

ABSENT

None

STAFF

Swanson, Archer, Sass, Osada, Wilcox, Wagner, Kellerman

2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

ACTION: Without objections, the meeting agenda was approved as presented.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mayor Rossman opened the public commented period. There were no speakers. Subsequently, public comments was closed.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

5. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

ACTION: Deputy Mayor Reeves moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gokul and carried by a vote of 5-0.

6.1 Recruitment Update – Authorization for Travel Costs for Finalist Candidate(s)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 450.

Contacts: Finance Director Ryan Wagner, GMP Consultant Debbie Tarry

7. **LEGISLATIVE HEARING**

None.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

9. **CITY BUSINESS**

9.1 Recruitment Timeline Update

Recommendation: Update.

Contacts: Finance Director Ryan Wagner, GMP Consultant Debbie Tarry

Director of Finance and HR, Ryan Wagner, explained that the purpose of this agenda item was to provide Council and the community with an update on the City Manager recruitment timeline. He then introduced Debbie Tarry from GMP Consultants to present the update.

Debbie Tarry provided Council with an overview of the updated City Manager recruitment timeline. She reported that 28 applications were received, with 10 candidates identified as meeting the qualifications for the position. Debbie also outlined a draft schedule for the two-day finalist process, which includes a city tour, candidate interviews, and a community Meet & Greet. Councilmembers discussed, asked questions, and staff responded.

ACTION: Presentation and update only; no action taken.

10. **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL ROUND TABLE**

Councilmember Brazen requested that the NE 12th Street Landscaping Project be revisited and expressed several concerns regarding the project. In response, Mayor Rossman asked Public Works Director Ryan Osada to address questions related to the plantings. The Mayor also requested that Councilmember Brazen meet with staff following the meeting to further discuss his concerns, noting that the Council has already taken action on this project and does not revisit decisions that have been finalized.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Rossman opened the public comment period. The following individual addressed the Council:

Heija Nunn requested that the Council consider taking a strong legislative position regarding some of the business tax issues and also having a larger regional voice for legislative issues.

With no further comments, public comments was closed.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council moved into Executive Session for an estimated time of 120 minutes under the following RCW.

RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)

To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to **RCW 42.30.140(4)**, discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

ACTION: No action was taken following the Executive Session.

13. ADDITIONAL CITY BUSINESS

13.1 Recruitment Update – Action on Finalist Candidate(s)

Contacts: Finance Director Ryan Wagner, GMP Consultant Debbie Tarry

ACTION: Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to schedule a special meeting for continued discussions at an agreeable time for Council on this topic. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Reeves.

Council discussed the motion and Councilmember Nunn proposed scheduling the meeting for the current week. Additionally, she requested a zoom option for the special meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Johnston to schedule a special meeting for continued discussions at an agreeable time for Council on this topic to include a Zoom option. This was seconded by Reeves and carried by a vote of 7-0.

Council discussed options for the special meeting.

ACTION: By consensus, the Council scheduled the special meeting for Saturday, May 3, 2025, at City Hall from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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