

CITY OF MEDINA

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- Date: December 9, 2024
- To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
- Via: Stephen R. Burns, City Manager
- From: Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk
- Subject: Central Services Department Monthly Report

DECEMBER AND JANUARY PUBLIC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

| Event | Date | Time | Location |
|--|--------|------------|----------------------|
| Annual Employee/Volunteer Appreciation Lunch | Dec 12 | 12:00 pm – | Overlake Golf and |
| | | 2:30 pm | Country Club |
| Annual Argosy Christmas Ships | Dec 14 | 5:00 pm | Medina Beach Park |
| Planning Commission Special Meeting | Dec 18 | 6:00 pm | In-Person/Online |
| City Council Meeting – Cancelled | Dec 23 | | |
| Planning Commission Meeting – Cancelled | Dec 24 | | |
| Christmas Day – City Hall Closed | Dec 25 | | |
| New Year's Day – City Hall Closed | Jan 1 | | |
| Joint City Council and Planning Commission | Jan 8 | 6:00 pm | In-Person/Online |
| Meeting | | | |
| Community Forum – Middle Housing | Jan 9 | 4:00 pm – | St. Thomas Episcopal |
| | | 7:00 pm | Church |
| City Council Meeting | Jan 13 | 5:00 pm | In-Person/Online |
| Planning Commission Special Meeting | Jan 16 | 6:00 pm | In-Person/Online |
| Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday – City Hall Closed | Jan 20 | | |
| Park Board Meeting | Jan 21 | 5:00 pm | In-Person/Online |
| City Council Meeting | Jan 27 | 5:00 pm | In-Person/Online |
| Planning Commission Meeting | Jan 28 | 6:00 pm | In-Person/Online |

Meetings are publicly noticed on the City's three official notice boards, City website, and via GovDelivery. Occasionally notices require publication in the City's official newspaper, The Seattle Times. Public meetings scheduled after publication of this report can be found on the City's website.

COMMUNICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY

E-Notice Program: During the month of November, the City issued 24 bulletins amounting to a total of 167,321 bulletins delivered to subscribers; approximately 14.5% were opened. See **Attachment 1**.

As of November 30, the city had 20,667 subscribers (change in total subscribers +283), with a combined total of 187,265 subscriptions (change in total subscriptions +2,057).

RECORDS REQUESTS

During the month of November, 11 public records requests were received by Central Services. See **Attachment 2**.

LASERFICHE AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Over the past few months, we have experienced some unexpected challenges with our Laserfiche portal implementation due to critical IT infrastructure requirements. Specifically, our IT consultant needed to procure and configure a dedicated external server to ensure secure public access to our documents without compromising our internal network's integrity. This process took longer than anticipated, which temporarily halted our portal development.

At the start of the month, our Laserfiche and Records Management consultants resumed work, and we are now targeting a portal launch in early 2025. Despite this setback, our team has remained proactive and productive. We've used this time to meticulously refine our system's infrastructure, focusing on:

- Standardizing naming conventions for clarity and consistency.
- Streamlining folder structures for improved organization.
- Ensuring a robust and uniform repository architecture.
- Enhancing backend user experiences to support seamless staff integration.
- Developing a new form and workflow to manage applications, training, and tracking for boards and commissions.
- Developing a new animal license application and tracking.

These efforts will ensure a more efficient and user-friendly system when the portal goes live. We appreciate the City Council's continued support as we develop a repository that not only meets our community's needs but also sets a benchmark for municipal document management. We are excited to soon introduce our Public Document Library to both the city council and the public, stay tuned!