



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Hybrid - Virtual/In-Person
Medina City Hall - Council Chambers
501 Evergreen Point Road, Medina, WA 98039
Monday, February 26, 2024 – 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
Councilmember Jennifer Garone
Councilmember Harini Gokul (off-line at 6:13pm)
Councilmember Mac Johnston
Councilmember Michael Luis

ABSENT

None

STAFF

Burns, Robertson, Sass, Kesler, Osada, Wilcox, Nations

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Rossman amended Agenda to reorder the items:
Item 9.2 Medina Comprehensive Plan Update became item 9.1.
Item 9.3 Comprehensive Plan Utility Element Review became item 9.2. Item 9.1
Item 9.1 Moratorium on Applications for Right-of-Way Vacation became item 9.3.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

Brian Pao, Medina Resident commented of lack of fiber internet in Medina and commented on the Utilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Pao gave a brief overview of statistics and his thoughts on how the assessments could be handled. He also addressed the speed signage on Lake Washington Blvd.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

7. LEGISLATIVE HEARING

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

9. CITY BUSINESS

9.1 Moratorium on Applications for Right-of-Way Vacation

Recommendation: Give direction to staff on the draft work plan. Unless directed otherwise, staff will schedule the public hearing on extension of the moratorium for April 8, 2024.

Staff Contact: Jennifer S. Robertson

Item 9.1 became item 9.3 on the agenda.

City Attorney Jennifer Robertson gave an overview of Resolution No. 438 regarding Moratorium on applications for right-of-way vacation, discussed the proposed draft workplan and confirmed the public hearing on April 8, 2024, to extend of the moratorium for an additional 6 months. City attorney Robertson discussed the workplan process and how staff and council can address code changes, policy changes to create a process of how to handle future street vacation applications to manage City right-of-way. The current street vacation code will be sent to council for review. Council asked questions and staff responded.

ACTION: By consensus, council directed city attorney to work with staff on updating phase one of the workplan and to include the suggestions made by council regarding 77th issues. The council directed staff to look into drafting a policy on how to manage unopened right-of-way and how to preserve them to be consistent with the comprehensive plan.

9.2 Medina Comprehensive Plan Update - Revised Flow Chart for Comp Plan Review

Recommendation: Discussion and approve.

Staff Contact: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager

Item 9.2 became item 9.1 on the agenda.

Planning Manager, Jonathan Kesler, gave a presentation on the updated Comprehensive Plan flow chart. Planning Consultant, Kim Mahoney gave a more in-depth review of the flow chart and processes that the City, Planning Commission, Development Services Committee, and Council will follow for each element/phase of the Comprehensive Plan. It was discussed that this process could add additional council meetings to ensure deadlines and goals are met. Council asked questions and staff

responded.

ACTION: Motion Reeves Second Luis to approve the revised comp plan review flow chart as amended after discussion at the Development Services committee meeting. Motion carried 7:0 vote.

9.3 Comprehensive Plan Utility Element Review

Recommendation: Discussion and direction.

Staff Contact: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager

Item 9.3 became item 9.2 on the agenda.

Planning Manager Jonathan Kesler and consultant Kim Mahoney gave an overview of the Utility Element Gap Analysis and minor revisions. Kesler reported the Utilities Element will be presented to the Planning Commission on February 27, 2024 for discussion and direction. Kesler reported that the Utility Element the City is in good shape based on work done by the previous consultant and gave update on minor changes to bring the utilities elements inline with state requirements. The role of the Comprehension plan layout the framework of what the City's long term goals are for the coming years and the development/municipal code is to implement and enforce. Council asked questions and staff responded.

ACTION: Council directed staff and the Planning Consultant to 1) Bring back a clarification on the definition on the term public facilities vs. community facilities 2) To keep Policy UT-P4 as a stand alone policy/goal in the Utilities Element 3) For staff/consultant to look at including Policy UT-P4 in the Capital Facilities element 4) Council asked the Planning Commission to rephrase the language in paragraphs to integrate a more modern day household for the need for more electrical capacity to power much larger homes and potential growth language clarification.

10. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

Add to future agenda.

ACTION: Motion made by Councilmember Garone, Seconded by Councilmember Johnston plan to discuss what has been done in the city right-of-way on 77th Street and how it will be addressed for pedestrian access.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Dawn Nations, Deputy City Clerk