



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, February 26, 2024

Subject: Comprehensive Plan Utility Element Review

Category: City Council Discussion and Direction

Staff Contact: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager

Summary

Each city and county under the Washington State Growth Management Act (originally adopted in 1991) is required to periodically review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan to ensure compliance with the Act. The last time that Medina completed a Comprehensive Plan update was in 2015. The current comprehensive plan periodic update cycle requires that Medina complete its review and revision by December 31, 2024.

On January 23, 2024, the Planning Commission did an extensive review of the Utilities Element of the Comp Plan Update. **This element returns to Council to receive direction since the Planning Commission (PC) will be reviewing it again at its February 27th Meeting.** That document is attached with strike-outs for deletions and underlines for additions. The changes are based on the previous PC discussion. The DSC has seen this revised document. Staff has invited Public Works Director Ryan Osada to the next PC Meeting to give additional input on this element. LDC Consultants will be in attendance as well.

This Comp Plan Update meets and supports Council's priorities 2, 3 and 5.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character

Priorities met:

2. Preserving and fostering the development of a variety of housing types, sizes and densities to accommodate the diverse needs of all members of the community while maintaining Medina's high-quality residential setting.
3. Clear guidelines are key to the efficient and effective completion of the periodic update of the City of Medina Comprehensive Plan by the December 31, 2024, deadline established by the state Department of Commerce under the Growth Management Act.
5. Preserving the quiet, sylvan neighborhood character of Medina.

Attachments

Red-lined copy of the Utilities Element, reflecting the review by and recommended changes of the Planning Commission.

Budget/Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation: Discussion and direction.

City Manager Approval: *Aimee Kellerman* On behalf of Stephen R. Burns

Time Estimate: 60 minutes