



# MEDINA, WASHINGTON

## MEDINA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Hybrid - Virtual/In-Person  
Monday, January 23, 2023 – 5:00 PM

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### MINUTES

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

Mayor Rossman called the regular meeting to order in the Medina Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

##### PRESENT

Mayor Jessica Rossman  
Deputy Mayor Randy Reeves  
Councilmember Cynthia Adkins  
Councilmember Jennifer Garone  
Councilmember Harini Gokul  
Councilmember Mac Johnston  
Councilmember Bob Zook

##### ABSENT

None

##### STAFF PRESENT

Burns, Missall, Wagner, Osada, Wilcox, Sass, Keyser, and Kellerman

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

By consensus, the meeting agenda was approved as presented.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

- Steven Wells requested that Council consider removing the two upper parking spots at View Point Park.
- Steve Breyer addressed his concerns over the Overlake Golf and Country Club street vacation petition.

Mayor Rossman closed the public comment period.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

6. **LEGISLATIVE HEARING**

None.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

8. **CITY BUSINESS**

- 8.1 City Arborist Presentation and Discussion  
**Recommendation:** Discussion item only.  
**Staff Contact:** Steven R. Wilcox, Development Services Director

The city's new arborists, Sean Dugan with Tree Solutions and Andy Crossett with Tree Frog LLC gave a presentation on Medina's Tree Management Code. They highlighted some of their observations of the Tree Management Code which include the following:

- Loss of tree canopy;
- Tree species diversity is decreasing;
- Large tree canopy is being replaced by small tree canopy; and
- No tracking system to ensure supplemental trees remain after installation.

Council asked questions, staff and consultants responded.

**ACTION:** Discussion item; no action taken.

- 8.2 Tree Management Code Amendments  
**Recommendation:** Approve.  
**Staff Contact:** Steven R. Wilcox, Development Services Director

The city's arborist consultants proposed short-term solutions for problem areas of the code.

**ACTION:** Motion Reeves to direct city staff to prepare for Council consideration draft amendments to the Medina Municipal Code Chapter 16.52 Tree Management Code according to the six (6) "Short-term Solutions" bullet points as presented at the 1/23/23 meeting by our tree code consultants. This was seconded by Zook and carried by a 6:1 (Garone dissented) vote.

**ACTION:** Motion Reeves to direct city staff to prepare for Council consideration a plan for a comprehensive review of the Medina Municipal Code Chapter 16.52 Tree Management

Code. This was seconded by Johnston and carried by a 6:1 (Garone dissented) vote.

**9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

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

None.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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