



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, May 13, 2024

Subject: Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Discussion

Category: City Council Business

Staff Contact: Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

Summary

At the February 10, 2024 Council Retreat, staff was directed to place gas-powered leaf blowers on a future Council agenda for discussion.

History

At the September 12, 2022, Medina Council Meeting, staff was directed to add Gas-Powered Lawn Equipment discussion on the first meeting in October 2022.

At the October 10, 2022, Council Meeting, Council discussed gas-powered leaf blowers and provided staff with list of questions to follow-up on. See **attached** Powered Leaf Blower Discussion agenda bill.

At the November 14, 2022, Council Meeting, staff updated Council on questions raised at the October 10 Council Meeting. See **attached** Gas-Powered Leaf Blower – Follow-up Agenda Bill.

At the January 9, 2023, Council Meeting, staff presented Council with the “Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Education and Outreach Plan” to include an open house and sending out a survey. See **attached**.

In June 2023, the City sent a survey to residents about leaf blowers to get a better perspective from the community.

On July 10, 2023, City Staff presented to the Medina Council information received from the May 11, 2023, Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Open House, the survey results from the June Leaf Blower Public Survey, and the written public comments about leaf blowers. See **attached** memo for details.

On July 10, 2023, Council directed City Staff to prepare a “Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Resolution.”

On September 11, 2023, Medina Council passed Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Resolution – see **attached**. In addition, the noise ordinance was changed to move the start time for commercial landscapers using leaf blowers from 7am back to 9am.

Discussion

City staff is looking to the Council for direction on the gas-powered leaf blower topic.

Gas-powered leaf blower discussion meets and supports Council's priorities 4 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 and Community Building

Attachments

1. October 10, 2022, Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Discussion Agenda Bill
2. November 14, 2022, Gas-Powered Leaf Blower – Follow-up
3. January 9, 2023 - Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Education and Outreach Plan
4. July 10, 2023, Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Follow-up – Open House and Survey Results
5. September 11, 2023, Gas Powered Leaf Blower Resolution

Budget/Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Discussion and direction.

City Manager Approval: 

Proposed Council Motion: "TBD"

Time Estimate: 45 minutes