



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, April 27th 2026

Subject/Topic: Medina Days	Proposed Council Action/Motion:
Dept. Origin: City Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
Category: Study Session	<input type="checkbox"/> Receive and File
Prepared by: Jeff Swanson, City Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discuss
Attachments: N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide Direction
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt/Approve
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Proposed Council Action

Consider and discuss information presented, and give direction to staff with respect to the support and organization of the City's annual community celebration, Medina Days.

Summary

Medina Days is the City's longstanding annual community celebration. To date Medina Days has been organized by community volunteers with the City providing support primarily in the form of use of public venues, planning and logistical support, procurement of public restrooms ("porta potties"), staff support (particularly public safety and public works event support), and funding a fireworks display.

As of the date of preparation of this agenda bill, volunteer organizers for the 2027 Medina Days event (scheduled to take place the week of August 3-10) have not been identified. Among the options the City Council can consider:

- (1) Council individual influence to encourage possible event volunteers organizers to come forward.
- (2) Cancellation of the event.
- (3) A City-organized event on a manageable scale considering capacity of City staff (with the support of community volunteers).

Background

Medina Days has consisted of a variety of activities in past years. The 2026 event was comprised of:

- A Pickleball tournament held in Hunts Point
- A public live music event held at Medina Park that included food trucks and a sponsored wine garden
- Neighborhood block parties
- A parade, pet parade, and inflatable play structures at Medina Park
- A beach party at Medina Beach Park with live music, food trucks, and a fireworks display
- "Hot cars and hot cakes" brunch event at Overlake Golf and Country Club

A City-organized event in 2027 would include:

- Neighborhood block parties
- A beach party at Medina Beach Park with live music, food trucks, and a fireworks display

Additionally, staff would propose joining other communities for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4th by organizing an event at Medina Park featuring public and community services provided by Medina Police Department, Medina Public Works Department, King County Regional Swat Team and K-9 Units, Bellevue Fire/EMS, Bellevue Fire Marshall's Office, City of Bellevue Public Works (water/wastewater), and potentially other community partners like the King County Library Service and Bellevue School District. Activities could include displays of equipment and interaction with public services personnel, pop-up tents featuring information and swag from different agencies serving the Medina Community, K-9 demonstrations, and potentially a barbecue.

In researching how communities across Washington organize and manage their annual community festivals, two primary sources of information were consulted: Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC) and the Association of Washington Cities Risk Management Service Agency (AWC RMSA). Washington cities' level of involvement in these festivals ranges from issuance of an event permit to a bona fide nonprofit entity responsible for organizing and executing the event with full reimbursement of the city's costs on one end of the spectrum to the city fully organizing, funding, and executing the event on the other end of the spectrum. Risk management best practices are available to jurisdictions to incorporate into their event planning irrespective of the city's level of involvement in the event.

The important policy considerations for City Council to consider relate to the preferred level of budgetary and other City resources to be utilized in carrying out an event.

Council Priorities

This proposal furthers City Council Priorities 1, 3, and 5:

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

Budget/Fiscal Impact: Potential impact to current levels of appropriations depending on Council's preferences and direction.

Recommendation: Give direction to staff with respect to the support and organization of the City's annual community celebration, Medina Days.

City Manager Approval:



Proposed Council Motions: None.