



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Hybrid - Virtual/In-Person
Monday, January 08, 2024 – 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. SPECIAL MEETING - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

City Clerk Aimee Kellerman called the special meeting to order in the Medina Council Chambers at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Jessica Rossman
Deputy Mayor Randy Reeves
Councilmember Jennifer Garone
Councilmember Harini Gokul
Councilmember Mac Johnston
Councilmember Michael Luis

ABSENT

Councilmember Joseph Brazen

STAFF

Romanenko, Osada, Wagner, Wilcox, Nations and Kellerman

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The City Clerk opened the public comment period. The following individual addressed the Council:

Mark Nelson thanked Council for their work and leadership over the past couple of years.

With no further comments, the City Clerk closed the public comment period.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Oath of Office - New Councilmembers by Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk

City Clerk Aimee Kellerman administered the Oath of Office to incoming Councilmember Michael Luis and re-elected Councilmember Harini Gokul.

4.2 Election of Mayor/Deputy Mayor by Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk

City Clerk Aimee Kellerman opened the nomination period and called for nominations for Mayor.

ACTION: Councilmember Gokul nominated Jessica Rossman for Mayor. This was seconded by Garone.

With no other nominations, the nomination period closed.

The City Clerk provided an opportunity for nominators and nominees to speak to their nominations.

ACTION: By a 6:0 (Brazen absent) vote; Council elected Councilmember Rossman as Mayor.

Mayor Rossman opened the nomination period and called for nominations for Deputy Mayor.

ACTION: Councilmember Gokul nominated Randy Reeves for Deputy Mayor. This was seconded by Johnston.

With no other nominations, the nomination period closed.

Mayor Rossman provided an opportunity for nominators and nominees to speak to their nominations.

ACTION: By a 6:0 (Brazen absent) vote; Council elected Councilmember Reeves as Deputy Mayor.

4.3 Reports and announcements from Park Board, Planning Commission, Emergency Preparedness, and City Council.

Director of Public Works Ryan Osada reported that the Argosy Cruise Christmas Ships event on December 22nd was a success and St. Thomas Church choir sang at the event.

Emergency Preparedness Chair Rosalie Gann gave quick update on Emergency Preparedness.

Laura Bustamante gave an update on the Planning Manager hiring and reported that Commissioner David Langworthy submitted his resignation from the Commission.

5. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Director of Development Services Steve Wilcox gave an update on Development Services activities.

Director of Finance and HR Ryan Wagner gave a brief update on the city's finances. He also reported that the auditors have begun the 2022 audit and we anticipate having a new Assistant Finance Director onboard in the next couple of weeks.

Director of Public Works Ryan Osada highlighted the 2024 Public Works project list from his report which he invited Council to call him or email him if there are any questions or concerns.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion Johnston second Gokul and carried by a 6:0 (Brazen absent) vote, Council approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

6.1 December 2023, Check Register

Recommendation: Approve.

Staff Contact: Ryan Wagner, Finance and HR Director

6.2 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2023

Recommendation: Adopt minutes.

Staff Contact: Aimee Kellerman, CMC, City Clerk

6.3 2024 Salary Schedule Amendment

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 1024.

Staff Contact: Ryan Wagner, Finance Director

7. **LEGISLATIVE HEARING**

None.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

9. **CITY BUSINESS**

None.

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

Councilmember Garone requested a discussion on the following three items:

- 77th Ave sidewalk/landscaping project.
- Location on where permit signs are especially when it's a private lane.
- Council Retreat.

Councilmember Johnston requested a discussion item on flashing crosswalk signs for 24th and 12th Street.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council moved into Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. for an estimated time of 20 minutes to discuss the following:

RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)

To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

The City Council moved back into the special meeting at 4:48 p.m.

ACTION: Motion Johnston to direct staff to negotiate with American Towers for a new franchise and lease agreement. This was seconded by Reeves and carried by 6:0 (Brazen absent) vote.

13. ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the City Council adjourned the special meeting at 4:50 p.m.