



# MEDINA, WASHINGTON

## MEDINA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Hybrid - Virtual/In-Person  
Monday, January 22, 2024 – 5:00 PM

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### MINUTES

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

Council Members Brazen, Garone, Gokul, Luis, Johnston, Reeves, Rossman

Mayor Rossman called the regular meeting to order in the Medina Council Chambers at 5:01 p.m.

#### PRESENT

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

#### ABSENT

None

#### STAFF

Burns, Romanenko, Kesler, Wilcox, and Kellerman

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Rossman amended Agenda Item 9.3 Housing Comprehensive Plan Elements and Update recommendation to read "Discussion and direction."

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

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

Stephanie King, owner of Medina Kitchen and Market commented on the covenant associated with the building of her store, which requires them to close on Sundays at 5:00 p.m., restrictions on patio seating, and be closed for 11 state holidays. She commented

on the business and community impacts and requested that Council look at opportunities to adjust and narrow the definitions of state holidays.

Mark Nelson commented on the covenants associated with the building that Medina Kitchen and Market is located in and supports Ms. King's request of adjustments to the covenants.

Heija Nunn commented on the covenants associated with the building that Medina Kitchen and Market is located in and requested that Council make it clear to both the property owner and business owner of any processes available to make changes.

With no other speakers, Mayor Rossman closed the public comment period.

#### 4. **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

#### 5. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

#### 6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Motion Reeves second Gokul and carried by a 7:0 vote; Council approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

##### 6.1 Approval of Contract with Inslee Best for City Attorney Services

**Recommendation:** Approve.

**Staff Contact:** Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

#### 7. **LEGISLATIVE HEARING**

None.

#### 8. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

#### 9. **CITY BUSINESS**

##### 9.1 Council Committees and Regional Meetings

**Recommendation:** Appoint Committee Members.

**Staff Contact:** Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

Mayor Rossman gave a brief introduction to the Council's standing committees and regional meetings. Going in seniority, Council selected their preferred committee to serve on. Councilmembers were appointed as follows:

Development Services Committee: Luis, Deputy Mayor Reeves, and Mayor Rossman.

Finance Committee: Garone, Gokul, and Mayor Rossman.

Personnel Committee: Brazen, Johnston, and Mayor Rossman.

Puget Sound Regional Council: Luis

Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP): Mayor Rossman

9.2 Introduction of New City Planning Manager and Comprehensive Plan Update

**Recommendation:** Presentation and Update; no action needed.

**Staff Contacts:** Stephen R. Burns, City Manager and Steve Wilcox, Development Services Director

Director of Development Services Steve Wilcox introduced new Planning Manager Jonathan Kesler.

Kesler gave an update and overview of the Medina Comprehensive Plan. He walked Council through the path to approval by December 31, 2024. Council asked questions and staff responded.

**ACTION:** Introduction and update only; no action taken. Staff will come back to Council in February with an updated plan for adoption.

9.3 Housing Comprehensive Plan Elements and Update

**Recommendation:** Approve.

Approval of the Housing Element of the Comp Plan so that it may be sent on to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and the Washington Department of Commerce (DOC) for review and approval in conformance with the Growth Management Act.

**Staff Contact:** Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager

Planning Manager Jonathan Kesler gave a brief introduction to the Housing Comprehensive Plan Elements. Council and staff walked through the provided redlines and identified issues and requested some changes.

**ACTION:** Council directed staff to make the following changes in the Housing Element of the Medina Comprehensive Plan:

- Wherever ADU's are listed add "/DADU's"
- Under "Affordable Housing" strike the sentence "These are as follows:" and replace with "These include but are not limited to:"
- On page 5 capitalize Area Median Income and add (AMI) acronym afterwards
- On page 5 last paragraph, second to last sentence to be modified to read "...but rather that Medina will endeavor to plan...."

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

Mayor Rossman thanked Assistant City Attorney Emily Romanenko for her years of service to the Medina team.

Councilmember Johnston requested that gas-powered leaf blowers come back to Council for a deeper discussion.

Deputy Mayor Reeves requested for staff to present options for the Medina Kitchen and Market covenants.

Councilmember Gokul requested to have a SR 520 Joint Noise Update.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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