



# MEDINA, WASHINGTON

## AGENDA BILL

February 10, 2025

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**Subject:** Medina Council Legislative Priorities Agenda

**Category:** City Business

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### **Summary**

Legislative priorities refer to the specific issues and policies that the Council supports during a legislative session. The Legislative Priorities Agenda will support the goals and vision of the Council and the community they represent. The Medina Council is being asked to compile a list of legislative priorities for the upcoming session, enabling individual Council members to publicly express their positions on matters that are important to the community. For example, in 2024, 27 cities across Washington state submitted their city legislative agendas to the Association of Washington Cities.

### **Association of Washington Cities**

The AWC Legislative Priorities for 2025 include: 1) Fiscal Sustainability, 2) Behavioral Health Treatment Capacity, 3) Housing Supply, 4) Public Safety, and 5) Infrastructure Investment.

Cities and towns are home to 65% of Washington's residents, drive the state's economy, and provide the most accessible form of government. The success of our cities and towns depends on adequate resources and community-based decision-making to best meet the unique needs of our communities.

Washington's 281 cities call on the Legislature to collaborate with us and take action on these critical priorities:

### **AWC Legislative Process Guidance**

AWC provided the following tips on how to develop a city's legislative agenda:

- *Keep it short and simple – one page only.*
- *Add credibility by having your city council adopt it before session.*
- *Include capital needs along with policy priorities.*
- *Incorporate [AWC's Legislative Priorities](#) into your agenda.*
- *Make it public. Post it on your city's website, put it in your newsletters, and insert it into utility bills.*
- *Work with your local media for coverage.*

## **Sound View Strategies**

Sound View Strategies has been hired by the City of Medina to provide legislative support and guidance. In discussion with Kelly Evans and Jennifer Ziegler of Sound View, they have provided the following topics for the Medina Council to consider for our Legislative Priority Agenda.

1. Washington State Housing Legislation Mandates
2. WSDOT Partnership
3. Advocate for budget reforms

## **Medina Legislative Priorities Process**

At the January 27, 2025, Council reviewed and discussed the attached Medina Legislative Priorities Agenda.

Council was encouraged to share any additional feedback with the City Manager. Since that meeting, only one Councilmember provided a minor word edit, and no further feedback has been received.

*Medina Legislative Priorities*” meets and supports Council’s priorities 1 and 3.

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. FINAL Medina Legislative Priorities
2. AWC Legislative Priorities

**Budget/Fiscal Impact:** *Consultant Fees*

**Recommendation:** Adopt.

**City Manager Approval:** 

**Proposed Council Motion:** “I move to adopt the final Medina Legislative Priorities Agenda as presented.”