



CITY OF MEDINA

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Date: November 14, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

Subject: City Manager Report – October 2022

1. State Route 520 Expansion Joint – Per Reinhall from the University of Washington reports that their tests have had a significant noise decrease with an overall reduction of more than 6 dB and with the main peak in the spectrum almost totally gone. It has been over eight weeks since their last installation and the polymer chevrons appear to be holding up. At this point, he thinks it is reasonable to believe that a full installation across all lanes will be durable. In addition, the chevrons are also very easy to replace when it is required. A draft final report is due to WSDOT in prior to the end of November so he will be providing Medina a copy.
2. Medina Council Retreat - The Medina Council Retreat was held on Monday, October 24 from 5pm to 9pm. Retreat facilitator Una McAlinden facilitated discussion amongst Council and staff on Council's top five priorities: Financial Stability and Accountability, Quality Infrastructure, Efficient and Effective City Government, Public Safety and Health, and Neighborhood Character.

Council discussed current realities, success indicators, and projects they would like accomplished in the next 12 to 18 months in each of the five categories. Council identified the following priorities for staff to work on in 2023:

- Create clear timeline and protocols for Council projects to include no new code without an enforcement plan.
 - Strategy for creative revenue sources, relook at fine structure and compare or calibrate with other cities.
 - Implement a full HR system that covers employee lifecycle.
 - Add each department's business lines and service levels on website.
 - Research and develop a plan for undergrounding utilities; and
 - Research available options for reducing ghost homes.
3. Bellevue Fire Report – No report submitted this month.