



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Hybrid - Virtual/In-Person
Monday, October 10, 2022 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Rossman called the regular meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Medina Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Mayor Jessica Rossman
Deputy Mayor Randy Reeves
Councilmember Cynthia Adkins
Councilmember Jennifer Garone
Councilmember Harini Gokul
Councilmember Mac Johnston
Councilmember Bob Zook

ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Burns, Scott Missall, Ryan Osada, Eric Anderson, Roman Scott, Chris Hadland, Tsz Yan Brady, Ryan Wagner, Stephanie Keyser, Aimee Kellerman, Dawn Nations

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Motion Garone to pull agenda item 6.8 NE 7th Street Improvements Change Order for further discussion. This was seconded by Johnston and carried by a 7:0 vote; Council moved Agenda Item 6.8 to City Business as 9.1 and Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers as 9.2.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

- Mark Sander commented on egregious speeding on NE 24th going east from Evergreen Point Road.

With no further public comments, Mayor Rossman closed the public comment period.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

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

Chief Sass reported that the next Emergency Preparedness meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

- 4.2 Introduction of New City Employees by Chief Jeff Sass and Ryan Wagner, Finance Director

Chief Sass introduced the city's two new employees in the police department: Officers Roman Scott and Chris Hadland.

Director of Finance and HR Ryan Wagner introduced new city employee Assistant Finance Director Tsz Yan Brady.

5. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Police Chief Jeffrey Sass gave an update on activities in the police department.

Director of Public Works Ryan Osada gave an update on Public Works projects.

Director of Finance and HR reported on activities in the Finance department and the city's financials.

City Manager Steve Burns gave a brief summary of his staff report.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 6.1 September 2022, Check Register

Recommendation: Approve.

Staff Contact: Ryan Wagner, Finance Director

- 6.2 Approved Park Board Meeting Minutes of:

a) May 16, 2022; and

b) June 20, 2022.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Staff Contact: Dawn Nations, Deputy City Clerk

- 6.3 Approved Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Staff Contact: Rebecca Bennett, Development Services Coordinator

- 6.4 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes of:

a) September 12, 2022; and

b) September 26, 2022.

Recommendation: Adopt minutes.

Staff Contact: Aimee Kellerman, CMC, City Clerk

- 6.5 Contract with CompuLink Management Center, Inc. dba Laserfiche for Technology Solution

Recommendation: Approve.

Staff Contact: Aimee Kellerman, CMC, City Clerk

- 6.6 Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2022 Proclamation

Recommendation: Approve.

Staff Contact: Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

- 6.7 Rescission of Medina Proclamation of Local Emergency

Recommendation: Approve.

Staff Contact: Stephen R. Burns, City Manager

7. **LEGISLATIVE HEARING**

None.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 8.1 2023 Preliminary Budget

Recommendation: Discussion and direction.

Staff Contact: Ryan Wagner, Finance Director

Director of Finance and HR Ryan Wagner gave a brief summary of updates to the budget since the September 26 budget study session.

Mayor Rossman opened the public hearing period. There were no speakers. Subsequently, Mayor Rossman closed the public hearing period.

Council continued discussion, asked questions, and staff responded.

ACTION: Discussion item only; no action taken.

9. **CITY BUSINESS**

- 9.1 NE 7TH ST Improvements Change Order

Recommendation: Approve.

Staff Contact: Ryan Osada, Public Works Director

Council asked for further explanation of the change order and confirm street.

Public Works Director clarified that the change order is for 77th Ave NE not 7th Street. Council asked questions and staff responded.

ACTION: Council directed staff to come back with alternative new design options.

9.2 Gas Leaf Blower Discussion

Recommendation: Discussion and direction.

Staff Contact: Stephen R. Burns, City Manager and Ryan Osada, Public Works Director

Mayor Rossman gave a brief introduction of process for the gas-powered leaf blower discussion.

City Manager Steve Burns walked Council through discussion points and options for Council to move forward. Each Councilmember provided their viewpoint and requests for information on the gas-powered leaf blower issue.

ACTION: Council directed staff to come back to Council at a future meeting with the following:

1. How is the current code working?
 - a. Were noise complaints received?
 - b. What is the city doing (or what did the city do) to educate the public on the updated noise ordinance?
2. What is the current market for electric equipment?
 - a. What is the lifecycle for such equipment?
 - b. Can it be financially neutral for the city to move to electric equipment?
 - c. What are the long-term impacts?
 - d. Will entities and residents move towards electric equipment naturally because the market is shifting that way anyways?
3. For jurisdictions that have adopted restrictions on blowers, what has the impact been on residents and businesses?
 - a. Are neighbors fighting?
 - b. How effective is enforcement?
4. Environmental/health impacts
 - a. Is there a public health emergency related to the noise and air pollution from blowers? (Would need to have an expert speak to the public health concerns)
 - b. What is the environmental impact from creating/developing batteries and then throwing away old batteries as well as throwing away gas-powered blowers?
5. State/County Level
 - a. Is there any state funding available for businesses impacted by blower restrictions?
 - b. Is the state/county taking any action to restrict or prohibit gas-powered blowers?

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

Mayor Rossman confirmed with Council that with the approval of the Comprehensive Plan consultant contract, Council would want to add a presentation from the consultant at a future meeting to include scope of Comprehensive Plan work plan, the process involved and how it is all going to be laid out.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Meeting Minutes taken by Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk