



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

Hybrid - Virtual/In-Person

Saturday, February 10, 2024 – 8:00 AM

MINUTES

1. SPECIAL MEETING - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Rossman called the special meeting to order in the Board Room at Overlake Golf and Country Club at 8:10 a.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, Robertson, Kesler, Wilcox, and Kellerman

2. SPECIAL MEETING TOPICS

2.1 Update on State Mandates by the city's lobbyist Jennifer Ziegler with Soundview Strategies.

City Manager Steve Burns introduced the city's lobbyist Jennifer Ziegler with Soundview Strategies who gave a brief summary of activities at the state legislator.

Ziegler reported on the current legislative session. The last day of the regular session is March 7th and they do not expect them to go over into a special session this year.

There were six initiatives proposed to the legislature:

- An initiative that repeals the Climate Commitment Act.
- An initiative that repeals the Capital Gains Tax.
- An initiative that modifies the Long-term Care Tax, to open it back up to be able to opt-out of that tax.

- An initiative that prohibits the state from having an income tax.
- An initiative to adjust the police pursuit laws to make them back to where they were before the last couple of years.
- An initiative that has parental notification elements.

Lastly, she gave an update the two housing bills regarding lot splitting and transit-oriented development.

2.2 Comprehensive Plan Update/Discussion

Planning Manager Jonathan Kesler gave a brief overview of the Comprehensive Plan draft deliverables, status and timelines of elements to adoption. Council asked questions and staff responded.

ACTION: Update and discussion only; no action taken.

2.3 Review of 2022/2023 Goals and Priorities and Priorities with Results

City Manager Steve Burns provided a review of City Council's 2023 Goals and Priorities with the final results of the work done. In 2023, Council identified five priorities:

- Financial Stability and Accountability
- Quality Infrastructure
- Efficient and Effective Government
- Public Safety and Health
- Neighborhood Character

Burns reported that staff completed five of the six goals that Council set in 2023, with the draft of the HR manual to be brought to Council at an upcoming meeting for review. Council discussed, asked questions and staff responded.

ACTION: Council directed staff to change priority number 5 to add "and Community Building" after Neighborhood Character.

At this point, Council took a brief 15-minute break.

2.4 Council Goals and Priorities for 2024 and 2025

Mayor Rossman gave an introduction of the 2024/2025 goals and priorities. Council walked through the spreadsheet compiled by Mayor Rossman of Council directed open items and potential work plan items to be added to the Council Work Plan for reprioritization at a future meeting.

ACTION: Council directed staff to develop a proposed 2024/2025 Council Work Plan, itemize as discussed and bring the Work Plan to Council for reprioritization at a future Council meeting. The City Manager will note items in the work plan that are over one year old.

Council directed the following to be included in the work plan:

- Street Vacation Code Update

- Stree Right-of-way Hedge Reimbursement
- Street Right-of-way Policy:
 - Include large lots to ROW policy
 - Add clarity to "Allowable Parking"
- Stormwater Management

Additionally, Council provided the following directions:

- Separate Vacant and Short-term Rentals in the work plan.
- Move Property Tax Levy Planning to the Budget Retreat in June.
- Park Memorials Policy to be sent to the Medina Parks and Recreation Board for discussion and recommendation.
- Park Board to develop a Work Plan to include a policy for off-leash and on-leash areas.
- Review and amend the non-administrative variance policy.
- Staff to look at Resident Welcome Packet and come back to Council with a plan.
- Develop a Communication plan to keep the community informed for SR-520 Bridge Joints Noise.

2.5 Roundtable and Wrap Up

Council extended the meeting an additional 10 minutes for a quick roundtable.

ACTION: Council directed staff to add the following as a future agenda:

- Undergrounding Utilities (frontage fees and impact fees) to Middle Housing Work Plan.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, Council adjourned the special meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Minutes taken by Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk