



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Hybrid - Virtual/In-Person
Monday, January 23, 2023 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Rossman called the regular meeting to order in the Medina Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

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

Burns, Missall, Wagner, Osada, Wilcox, Sass, Keyser, and Kellerman

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

By consensus, the meeting agenda was approved as presented.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

- Steven Wells requested that Council consider removing the two upper parking spots at View Point Park.
- Steve Breyer addressed his concerns over the Overlake Golf and Country Club street vacation petition.

Mayor Rossman closed the public comment period.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

6. **LEGISLATIVE HEARING**

None.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

8. **CITY BUSINESS**

8.1 City Arborist Presentation and Discussion

Recommendation: Discussion item only.

Staff Contact: Steven R. Wilcox, Development Services Director

The city's new arborists, Sean Dugan with Tree Solutions and Andy Crossett with Tree Frog LLC gave a presentation on Medina's Tree Management Code. They highlighted some of their observations of the Tree Management Code which include the following:

- Loss of tree canopy;
- Tree species diversity is decreasing;
- Large tree canopy is being replaced by small tree canopy; and
- No tracking system to ensure supplemental trees remain after installation.

Council asked questions, staff and consultants responded.

ACTION: Discussion item; no action taken.

8.2 Tree Management Code Amendments

Recommendation: Approve.

Staff Contact: Steven R. Wilcox, Development Services Director

The city's arborist consultants proposed short-term solutions for problem areas of the code.

ACTION: Motion Reeves to direct city staff to prepare for Council consideration draft amendments to the Medina Municipal Code Chapter 16.52 Tree Management Code according to the six (6) "Short-term Solutions" bullet points as presented at the 1/23/23 meeting by our tree code consultants. This was seconded by Zook and carried by a 6:1 (Garone dissented) vote.

ACTION: Motion Reeves to direct city staff to prepare for Council consideration a plan for a comprehensive review of the Medina Municipal Code Chapter 16.52 Tree Management

Code. This was seconded by Johnston and carried by a 6:1 (Garone dissented) vote.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

10. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Meeting Minutes taken by Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk