



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Hybrid – Virtual/In-Person
Medina City Hall – Council Chambers
501 Evergreen Point Road, Medina, WA 98039
Monday, October 28, 2024 – 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 5:02 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Jessica Rossman
Deputy Mayor Randy Reeves
Councilmember Joseph Brazen (in at 5:05 p.m.)
Councilmember Harini Gokul
Councilmember Mac Johnston
Councilmember Michael Luis
Councilmember Heija Nunn

ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Burns, Robertson, Osada, Sass, Wagner, Wilcox, Kesler, and Kellerman

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Without objection, the meeting agenda was approved as presented.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

Patrick Hill, President of the Medina Park Place HOA, referenced a message from Director of Public Works Ryan Osada, which indicated that homeowners are responsible for landscaping the newly installed parking strips. Hill requested clarification from the Council on who is responsible for installing irrigation and initial landscaping along Northeast 12th Street, noting that the Municipal Code specifies only that adjacent homeowners must maintain existing landscaping.

Louise Hall Reider highlighted that Northeast 12th Street serves as one of the primary gateways into the city and commented on the need for a cohesive aesthetic approach to

the plantings in the newly installed parking strips. She requested that the Council and Public Works give this matter further consideration.

Mark Nelson raised concerns regarding the Comprehensive Plan, highlighting that the Planning Commission had not been able to review all exhibits since 2023. He emphasized the importance of sharing the plan with the public and voiced additional concerns about the community survey, and the potential backlash from residents who were concerned about turning the city into a multi-family housing city. He suggested that Council proactively address these concerns and consider another open house or public hearing before voting on the plan.

With no further comments, the public comment period was closed.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

5. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

7. **LEGISLATIVE HEARING**

None.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

9. **CITY BUSINESS**

9.1 Comprehensive Plan Update: Review of Final Comprehensive Plan Draft

Recommendation: Discussion.

Staff Contacts: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager and Dane Jepsen, Planner, LDC Inc., Consultants

LDC Planning Consultant, Dane Jepsen presented the final review of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. Revisions to the plan addressed comments from reviewing agencies and include updates to references, maps, graphics, and statistics. Council asked questions and staff responded.

ACTION: Council requested the following changes to the Comprehensive Plan before the next public hearing:

Chapter 2: Natural Environment Element

- Add Fairweather Stream to the Critical Areas Mapy.

Chapter 3 Community Design Element

- Find and replace "unopened right-of-way" with "unimproved right-of-way" and clearly define the meaning in the definitions.
- Update the table on page 67 to remove the specific reference to poplars and instead refer to a suitable species and a visual amenity.

Chapter 4: Housing Element

- Page 72 strike sentence "Current regulations allow employees to reside in separate units on the properties where they work".
- Add a table with definitions to income levels.
- Page 76 Revise H-P14 to strike the word "Limit" and replace it with "Prohibit".

Chapter 5: Transportation & Circulation Element

- Add definition for and define "Pathways" on the Non-motorized Transportation Plan map.

Additionally, staff will review all the unimproved rights-of-way for accuracy.

At this point (7:23 p.m.), Council took a 10-minute break. The full Council reconvened the regular meeting at 7:33 p.m.).

9.2 Middle Housing Update

Recommendation: Discussion only.

Staff Contact(s): Jonathan G. Kesler, AICP – Planning Manager and Kirsten Peterson, Senior Project Manager, SCJ Alliance

Kirsten Peterson, Senior Project Manager at SCJ Alliance, delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining a four-phase strategy for the Middle Housing project. The plan begins with project management in the first phase, followed by community engagement in the second phase. In the third phase, draft regulations are developed. The process concludes with the fourth phase, where finalized regulations are adopted. Council asked questions and staff responded.

ACTION: Discussion item only; no action taken.

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

Mayor Rossman mentioned during the roundtable that both Council and Park Board members received a letter from a resident about the tennis and pickleball courts at Fairweather Park. She clarified and confirmed that the courts will be resurfaced as planned, maintaining the existing layout, including the pickleball court as it currently stands.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Mark Nelson remarked on previous redevelopment plans for 84th Street, pointing out that only a portion of the plan was carried out, specifically the light landscaping around the center divide area.

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

12. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

Council moved into the Closed Session at 8:10 p.m. for an estimated time of 20 minutes to discuss the following:

RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

ACTION: Council extended the Closed Session for an additional 10 minutes at 8:31 p.m.

ACTION: No action was taken following the Closed Session.

Council moved into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for an estimated time of 45 minutes to discuss the following:

RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

ACTION: Council moved back into the regular meeting at 9:26 p.m.

ACTION: No action was taken following the Executive Session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Without objections, Council adjourned the regular meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Aimee Kellerman, CMC, City Clerk