



MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, February 26, 2024

5:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

VISION STATEMENT

Medina is a family-friendly, diverse and inclusive community on the shores of Lake Washington. With parks and open spaces, Medina is a quiet and safe small city, with active and highly-engaged residents. Medina honors its heritage while preserving its natural environment and resources for current and future generations.

MISSION STATEMENT

Ensure efficient delivery of quality public services, act as responsible stewards of Medina's financial and natural resources, celebrate diversity, leverage local talent, and promote the safety, health, and quality of life of those who live, work, and play in Medina.



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Hybrid - Virtual/In-Person
Medina City Hall - Council Chambers
501 Evergreen Point Road, Medina, WA 98039
Monday, February 26, 2024 – 5:00 PM

AGENDA

MAYOR | Jessica Rossman

DEPUTY MAYOR | Randy Reeves

COUNCIL MEMBERS | Joseph Brazen, Jennifer Garone, Harini Gokul, Mac Johnston, Michael Luis

CITY MANAGER | Stephen R. Burns

CITY ATTORNEY | Jennifer S. Robertson

CITY CLERK | Aimee Kellerman

Hybrid Meeting Participation

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1. REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Council Members Brazen, Garone, Gokul, Luis, Johnston, Reeves, Rossman

2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Individuals wishing to speak live during the Virtual City Council meeting may register their request with the City Clerk at 425.233.6411 or email akellerman@medina-wa.gov and leave a message **before 2PM** on the day of the Council meeting. Please reference Public Comments for the Council Meeting on your correspondence. The City Clerk will call on you by name or telephone number when it is your turn to speak. You will be allotted 3 minutes for your comment and will be asked to stop when you reach the 3 minute limit.

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 Moratorium on Applications for Right-of-Way Vacation

Recommendation: Give direction to staff on the draft work plan. Unless directed otherwise, staff will schedule the public hearing on extension of the moratorium for April 8, 2024.

Staff Contact: Jennifer S. Robertson

Time Estimate: 45 minutes

9.2 Medina Comprehensive Plan Update - Revised Flow Chart for Comp Plan Review

Recommendation: Discussion and approve.

Staff Contact: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager

Time Estimate: 30 minutes

- 9.3 Comprehensive Plan Utility Element Review
Recommendation: Discussion and direction.
Staff Contact: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager

Time Estimate: 60 minutes

10. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment period is limited to 10 minutes. Speaker comments limited to one minute per person.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Next regular City Council Meeting: March 11, 2024 at 5 PM.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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The agenda items are accessible on the City's website at www.medina-wa.gov on Thursdays or Fridays prior to the Regular City Council Meeting.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday, March 11, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)
Monday, March 25, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)
Monday, April 8, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)
Monday, April 22, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)
Monday, May 13, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)
Monday, May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day - City Hall Closed
Tuesday, May 28, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)
Monday, June 10, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)
Wednesday, June 19, 2024 - Juneteenth - City Hall Closed
Monday, June 24, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)
Thursday, July 4, 2024 - Independence Day - City Hall Closed
Monday, July 8, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)
Monday, July 22, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)
Monday, August 12, 2024 - City Council Meeting - Dark No Meeting
Monday, August 26, 2024 - City Council Meeting - Dark No Meeting
Monday, September 2, 2024 - Labor Day - City Hall Closed
Monday, September 9, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)

Monday, September 23, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)

Monday, October 14, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)

Monday, October 28, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)

Monday, November 11, 2024 - Veterans Day - City Hall Closed

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)

Monday, November 25, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)

Thursday, November 28, 2024 - Thanksgiving Holiday - City Hall Closed

Friday, November 29, 2024 - Day After Thanksgiving Holiday - City Hall Closed

Monday, December 9, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)

Monday, December 23, 2024 - City Council Meeting (5:00PM)

Wednesday December 25, 2024 - Christmas Day - City Hall Closed

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING AGENDA

The agenda for Monday, February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Medina City Council was posted and available for review on Friday, February 23, 2024 at City Hall of the City of Medina, 501 Evergreen Point Road, Medina, WA 98039. The agenda is also available on the city website at www.medina-wa.gov.



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, February 26, 2024

Subject: Moratorium on Applications for Right-of-Way Vacation

Category: City Council Business/Discussion/Direction

Staff Contact: Jennifer S. Robertson

Summary

On October 23, 2023 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 438 which created a moratorium on the acceptance or processing of applications for right-of-way vacation under Chapter 12.44 MMC and Chapter 35.79 RCW. The moratorium was adopted consistent with state law (see RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390). The Council timely held the required public hearing on December 11, 2023 to maintain the moratorium. Therefore, the moratorium adopted under Resolution No. 438 is effective for six months and is due to expire on April 23, 2024. Following the public hearing, Council directed staff to prepare a workplan as to issues and options for right-of-way management for future Council review and discussion and prepare a final workplan for review and adoption prior to April 23, 2024.

Additionally, Council directed staff to take into consideration comments from the December 11, 2023 Council public hearing: "Rosalie Gann commented on the street vacation moratorium and proposed the following suggestions for the city to consider. On a process level, she suggested that the City Council create requirements to increase transparency and timely communication with neighbors. Residents should not have to submit a public records request to find out about an issue that has the potential to impact their neighborhood. She asked Council to consider a similar process to construction proposals that are sent out via direct mail and placards onsite. On a policy level, she requested that Council consider before selling Medina city-owned land, that Council seriously and meticulously anticipate adverse, long-term, and unintended consequences of the sale of the city's collective land."

Council provided direction in December to bring forward a work plan in 2024 prior to or contemporaneously with an extension of the moratorium in April 2024. During the Council meeting on February 26, 2024, the Council will have the opportunity to review the outline of a proposed work plan and give direction to staff on the draft work plan. Unless directed otherwise, staff will schedule a public hearing on extension of the moratorium for April 8, 2024. The updated work plan and legislation for extension will be on the Council agenda that night for consideration.

1. Extension of the Moratorium.

In order to extend the moratorium, the City Council will be required to hold another public hearing and adopt a work plan. That public hearing can be noticed and held on April 8, 2024. If action is taken that night to extend the moratorium, the moratorium would then be extended through October 8, 2024.

2. Adoption of a Work Plan.

If the moratorium is extended, the Council will be required to adopt a work plan. A draft outline of a proposed work plan is below for council consideration and discussion.

a) Review of Existing Rights of Way.

- i. Working to identify Medina rights of way, whether opened or unopened, including identifying unpaved portions of opened right-of-way.
- ii. Review projected future land use in the City and projected impacts on use of opened rights of way and projected need for expansion of existing right of way or improving unopened right-of-way for transportation and other public purposes, including landscaping, parking, ped/bike use, etc.
- iii. Identifying future public use of unopened or unimproved portions of rights-of-way.

b) Review of Chapter 12.44 MMC.

- i. Consider whether updates are needed. Possible updates may include revisions focused on creating additional transparency, including additional process, public notice, and outreach.
- ii. Updates may also include specific additional analysis performed by staff.
- iii. Updates may also include new code to create a similar process for applications to vacate utility easements.
- iv. Establish a schedule to bring forward any proposed revisions to Council so that the updates take effect prior to expiration of moratorium.

c) Creation of City Policy.

- i. Consider the creation of internal policy for processing petitions for vacation and evaluating petitions for vacation, including:
 - adding additional council touch points (i.e., study sessions as well as the public hearing),
 - establishing standards for informing the general public about pending petitions for vacation, and
 - requiring staff analysis of future development patterns in Medina and the need for rights of way with that context.

3. Expiration of Moratorium.

If the City Council believes that the moratorium is no longer necessary, it may direct staff to take no action and to allow the moratorium to expire. Even if the moratorium expires, the City could still create an internal policy to provide additional outreach and ensure that the Council has adequate procedures in place to fully consider any applications. Granting of a right-of-way vacation is a legislative action of the City Council and the Council has broad discretion. Therefore, even if the moratorium expires, the Council could opt for broader outreach and can hold study sessions on the application prior to setting it for public hearing, provided the procedures standards in the MMC and RCW are met. This only requires the public hearing to be held between 20 and

60 days *after* the Council sets the matter for public hearing. There is no requirement that limits the Council from holding a study session on the application prior to setting such hearing. Nor is there a limitation on the Council from holding study sessions after setting the hearing or after holding the hearing.

This meets and supports Council's priorities 3, 4, and 5.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character

Attachment

Resolution No. 438

Budget/Fiscal Impact: Extending the moratorium will result in legal and staff costs, as well as publication costs for the notice of hearing. In addition, there will be legal and staff costs to prepare a work plan and implement the same.

Recommendation: Give direction to staff on the draft work plan. Unless directed otherwise, staff will schedule the public hearing on extension of the moratorium for April 8, 2024.

City Manager Approval: *Aimee Kellerman* On behalf of Stephen R. Burns

Proposed Council Motion: None needed.

Time Estimate: 45 minutes

CITY OF MEDINA, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 438

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, WASHINGTON, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO RCW 36.70A.390 AND RCW 35A.63.220, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY MORATORIUM UPON THE SUBMISSION, RECEIPT AND PROCESSING OF STREET VACATION PETITIONS AFFECTING ANY RIGHTS OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY; SUPERCEDING MEDINA COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 434; ADOPTING PRELIMINARY SUPPORTIVE FINDINGS; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE WITHIN 60 DAYS HEREOF FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF SAID MORATORIUM; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO POST AND PUBLISH ALL REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES; DECLARING A PUBLIC EMERGENCY; ESTABLISHING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Medina (City) regulates the use and development of land within the City through the standards and procedures codified in the Medina Municipal Code (MMC), including the vacation, acquisition, use and development of the City's roads and rights-of-way (collectively ROW) under MMC Chapter 16.12; and

WHEREAS, the City's ROW are highly visible and are extremely important to the City's current and future transportation needs; and to the City's character, identity and development; and comprise a significant and valuable public asset related to the City's long term planning goals and community vision; and

WHEREAS, the City has recently received and processed three different ROW vacation petitions, each of which presented unique issues and concerns; consumed significant City resources, staff time and expenses to review and decide; and resulted in the subsequent preparation, review and adoption of MMC modifications to better regulate and protect the City's ROW and provide better guidance to the public, City and Council concerning the issues and processes involved in such petitions; and

WHEREAS, in the process of reviewing and acting on those ROW vacation petitions the City and Council became aware of the need for further changes in the MMC to address adequate and timely public notice requirements, cost identification, limitation and recovery; and evaluation of potential gift of public funds issues; and the establishment of long term planning and use policies which can be timely integrated into the City's ongoing 2024 Comprehensive Plan update; and

WHEREAS, the City and Council desire to undertake the work described above without having disruptions or interruptions that would be created by the filing of any ROW vacation petition; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to temporarily suspend filing of any ROW vacation petitions in order to enable the City's comprehensive and timely review, promulgation and adoption of street vacation policies and regulatory changes, and to that end shall use the statutory authorities above and others as applicable, to perform, extend, complete and terminate the

moratorium(s) authorized by this Resolution, all as the City Council may then determine to be necessary or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council to impose an emergency temporary moratorium as permitted under the authorities described herein in order to preserve the status quo with regard to City ROW and prevent filing of ROW vacation petitions until such time as the work described herein is deemed completed by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, WASHINGTON, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Preliminary Findings in Support of Resolution. The City Council hereby adopts the foregoing recitals as its preliminary findings in support of this Resolution and additionally adopts the following findings in further support of this Resolution:

1.1 The City is authorized pursuant to applicable state law, including without limitation RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390, to adopt temporary moratoria for the purpose of preserving the status quo while new policies and standards are considered, prepared and enacted.

1.2 Imposing a temporary moratorium upon the receipt and processing of ROW vacation petitions as provided herein will serve the public interest by ensuring that such proposals will not be considered, reviewed and/or evaluated under the City's current policies and regulations, which the Council intends to study, update, amend and adopt.

1.3 Adoption of this Resolution is necessary to prevent the accrual of claimed or vested rights that are or may be inconsistent with the City's community planning activities and vision as articulated herein. As such, a public emergency exists requiring that this Resolution take effect immediately upon passage.

Section 2. Temporary Emergency Moratorium Imposed; Duration. The City Council hereby imposes an immediate, emergency moratorium upon the receipt and processing of any and all ROW vacation petitions affecting City ROW. Said moratorium shall be for an initial period of six months, and shall include all extensions thereof as may be approved by the City Council.

Section 3. Effective Date of Resolution and Moratorium. This Resolution and the emergency moratorium adopted herein shall be immediately effective on the date of its adoption by the City Council as set forth in Section 8 below (Effective Date).

Section 4. Medina Resolution No.434 Superseded. Upon the Effective Date of this Resolution, former City Council Resolution No. 434 shall be superseded and of no further force or effect.

Section 5. Initial Public Hearing. The Medina City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to: (a) schedule a Council public hearing on December 11, 2023 (Initial Public Hearing), a date within 60 days of the Effective Date of this Resolution, for the purposes of obtaining public comment and enabling further City Council consideration of this Resolution and the emergency moratorium adopted herein; and (b) provide notice thereof in accordance with applicable statutes and City policies and regulations. Under the direction of the City Manager, City Staff shall prepare pertinent materials for Council review and consideration at the Initial Public Hearing.

Section 6. Subsequent Actions. Pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220, RCW 36.70A.390 and other applicable statutes and regulations, the Initial Public Hearing is expressly set so that the City Council may timely hear, consider and adopt additional findings in support of or related to this

Resolution and may determine and direct the performance of additional studies, reviews and analyses pertinent to the subject matter of this Resolution. The City Council may conduct additional hearings and may undertake other considerations relevant to Medina's ROW as it deems appropriate; and may extend, renew, replace or terminate the emergency moratorium as permitted by law.

Section 7. Interpretation. Under the direction of the City Manager, City Staff is authorized to apply, construe, administer, and issue interpretations of this Resolution.

Section 8. Declaration of Emergency; Effective Date. Based upon the findings set forth above, the City Council hereby declares a public emergency requiring this Resolution to take effect immediately. This Resolution accordingly shall be in full force and effect immediately upon the date of its passage and shall remain effective for a period of up to six (6) months unless terminated earlier.

Section 9. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution.


PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA ON OCTOBER 23, 2023 BY A VOTE OF 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, AND 0 ABSTAINING, AND SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION THEREOF ON THE 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.



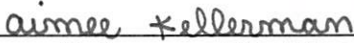
Jessica Rossman, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:



Scott M. Missall, City Attorney
Ogden Murphy Wallace, PLLC



Aimee Kellerman, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 10/24/2023
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 10/23/2023
RESOLUTION NO. 438



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, February 26, 2024

Subject: Medina Comprehensive Plan Update - Revised Flow Chart for Comp Plan Review

Category: City Council Discussion and Approval

Staff Contact: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager

Summary

Each city and county under the Washington State Growth Management Act (originally adopted in 1991) is required to periodically review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan to ensure compliance with the Act. The last time that Medina completed a Comprehensive Plan update was in 2015. The current comprehensive plan periodic update cycle requires that Medina complete its review and revision by December 31, 2024.

After a lengthy discussion with the DSC at a February 20th meeting, Comp Plan Consultant LDC prepared a revised flowchart representing a concise revised option.

This option specifies the deliverable that would be considered at each phase of the process. The number of instances where Council will need to be involved in the review of each element is in the attached flowcharts, also. City staff and the consultants seek to have transparency, inclusion and clear communication in the Comp Plan Update review process and this proposal reflects that.

This Comp Plan Update meets and supports Council's priorities 1-5.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character

Attachments:

Revised flow chart

Budget/Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation:

Discussion and approve.

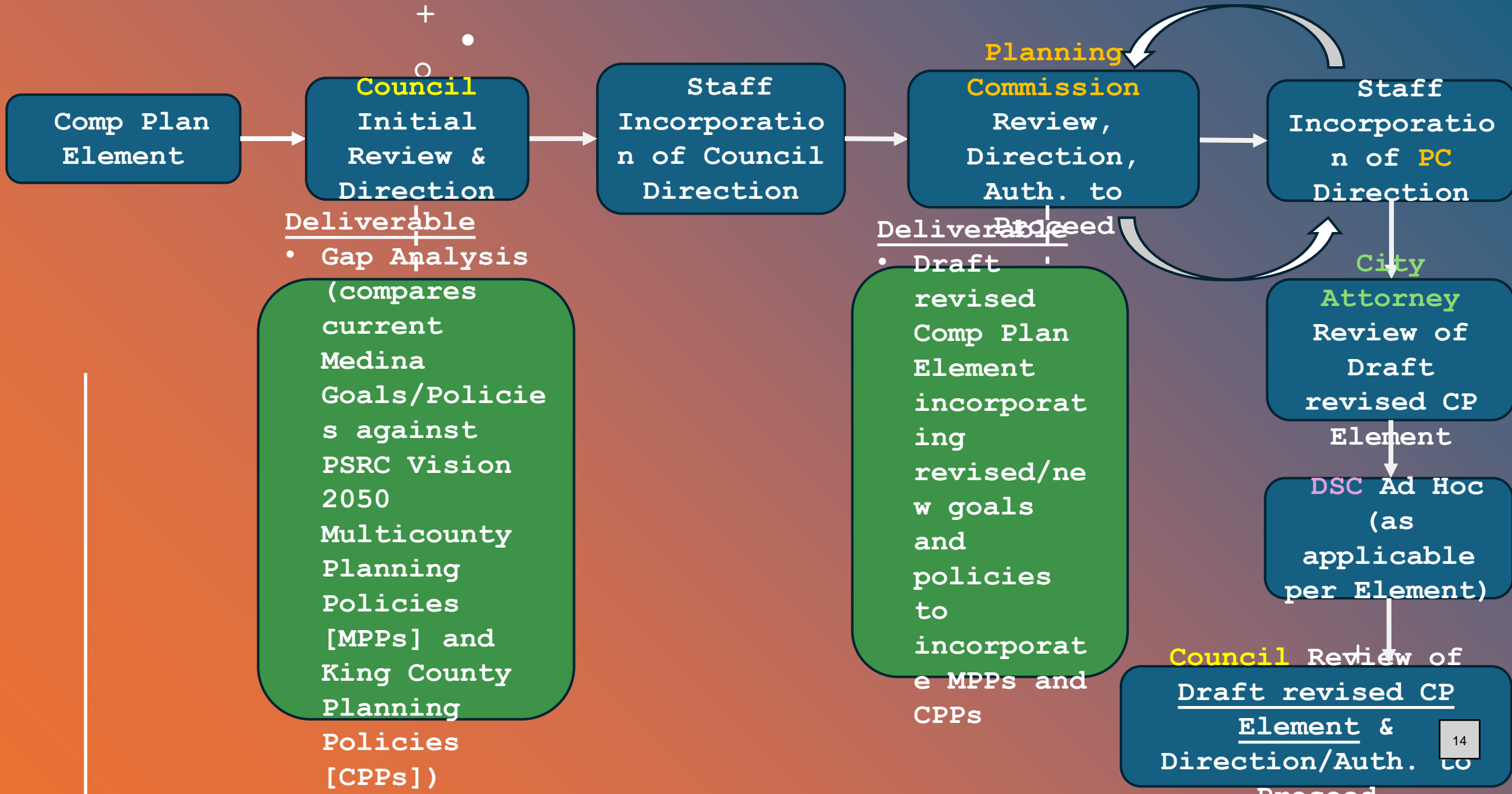
Approval of the Comp Plan Update Revised flow chart, so that staff and the consultants can proceed with the Comp Plan update process.

City Manager Approval: *Aimee Kellerman* On behalf of Stephen R. Burns

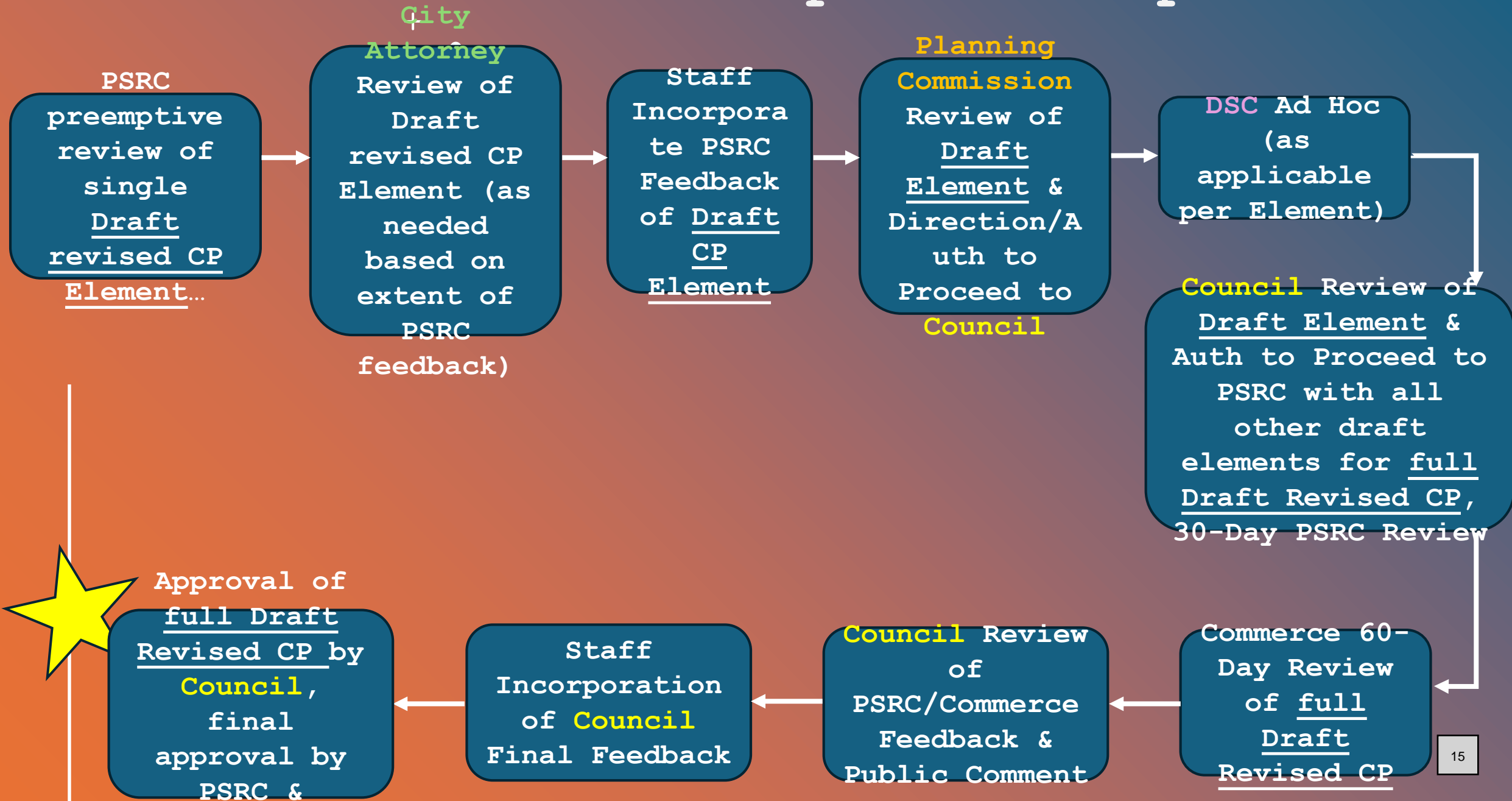
Proposed Council Motion: "I move to approve the revised Comp Plan Review flow chart as amended after discussion at the Development Services Committee meeting."

Time Estimate: 30 minutes

Revised Path to Comp Plan Adoption



Revised Path to Comp Plan Adoption





MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, February 26, 2024

Subject: Comprehensive Plan Utility Element Review

Category: City Council Discussion and Direction

Staff Contact: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager

Summary

Each city and county under the Washington State Growth Management Act (originally adopted in 1991) is required to periodically review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan to ensure compliance with the Act. The last time that Medina completed a Comprehensive Plan update was in 2015. The current comprehensive plan periodic update cycle requires that Medina complete its review and revision by December 31, 2024.

On January 23, 2024, the Planning Commission did an extensive review of the Utilities Element of the Comp Plan Update. **This element returns to Council to receive direction since the Planning Commission (PC) will be reviewing it again at its February 27th Meeting.** That document is attached with strike-outs for deletions and underlines for additions. The changes are based on the previous PC discussion. The DSC has seen this revised document. Staff has invited Public Works Director Ryan Osada to the next PC Meeting to give additional input on this element. LDC Consultants will be in attendance as well.

This Comp Plan Update meets and supports Council's priorities 2, 3 and 5.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character

Priorities met:

2. Preserving and fostering the development of a variety of housing types, sizes and densities to accommodate the diverse needs of all members of the community while maintaining Medina's high-quality residential setting.
3. Clear guidelines are key to the efficient and effective completion of the periodic update of the City of Medina Comprehensive Plan by the December 31, 2024, deadline established by the state Department of Commerce under the Growth Management Act.
5. Preserving the quiet, sylvan neighborhood character of Medina.

Attachments

Red-lined copy of the Utilities Element, reflecting the review by and recommended changes of the Planning Commission.

Budget/Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation: Discussion and direction.

City Manager Approval: *Aimee Kellerman* On behalf of Stephen R. Burns

Time Estimate: 60 minutes

Medina Comprehensive Plan Proposed 2024 Updates

Section 8 - UTILITIES ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires the utility element of the comprehensive plan to consist of “the general location, proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, including, but not limited to, electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines.”

EXISTING CONDITIONS

~~There are four utilities that provide services to Medina: electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, and garbage and recyclables collection. The majority of electrical, gas and telephone lines are located along or within public rights-of-way.~~

~~Medina receives utility service from several providers. Electrical and natural gas services are both supplied power is supplied by Puget Sound Energy, Inc (PSE). It is estimated that the average residential customer uses 11,539 kilowatt hours per year. Puget Sound Energy, Inc. PSE maintains two sub-stations in Medina: one adjacent to Wells-Medina Nursery on 84th Avenue NE and the other at the corner of NE 10th Street and 80th Avenue NE adjacent to Medina Park. As much larger homes have replaced demolished smaller ones on numerous parcel in Medica since the beginning of the century, electric line capacity has been maxed-out in certain parts of the City.~~

~~Natural gas is provided by Puget Sound Energy. And cable television is provided under a franchise agreement with Comcast.~~

~~Numerous companies provide cell phone, land-line telephone and Internet service to Medina. Small wireless facilities, as regulated by Section 16.38 of the Medina City Code (MCC) provide cell coverage throughout the City. Comcast/Infinity provides traditional cable TV service, in addition to high-speed Internet connections to local residential customers. Fiber optic cable is not available in Medina.~~

~~Telephone service is provided to Medina by CenturyLink. The telecommunications industry is in the midst of significant advances in technology. Cellular and optical fiber technologies are transforming the way service is delivered, and the physical barriers that separate voice, data and video communications are rapidly disappearing. New technologies relating to wireless communications have increased the community’s demand for wireless communication services. In order to better meet this demand, in 2010 the City revised its telecommunications regulations. The updated regulations are intended to encourage improved delivery of wireless technologies throughout the City.~~

~~In 2010, the City entered into a nonexclusive telecommunications franchise agreement with ATC Outdoor DAS, LLC (ATC) to upgrade existing wireless communication facilities in Medina. The distributed antenna system subsequently installed by ATC conforms to the City's updated telecommunication regulations, and is designed to meet projected capacity needs for at least five years.~~

Solid waste and recycling for Medina is handled under a ~~UTP franchise agreement~~ with Republic Services. There is currently no household hazardous waste ~~transfer stations repository~~ in the City, though Medina is proportionately funding Bellevue's recycling activities to allow its residents the opportunity to utilize hazardous waste programs ~~there.~~

All of the above services are provided to Medina customers on an individual basis, and it is the providers' responsibility to maintain equipment and handle service problems and inquiries. With the exception of the two ~~PSE Puget Sound Energy, Inc.~~ electrical substations, two cell phone towers and numerous small-cell ~~and the distributed antenna systems~~, there are no other major facilities operated by these providers within the City limits.

UTILITIES PLAN

~~Utilities services will likely continue to be provided by the companies previously indicated. Given the minimal population growth, growth related impacts on system capacities are not likely to occur very rapidly. Presently, there do not appear to be any problems related to system capacity.~~ While Medina's population is not expected to grow rapidly in the next ten years, the utility demand, particularly for electrical power, will. The trend of buying properties to tear down existing dwellings and build new homes that are two, three, four and more times larger than the demolished homes will spur this increased demand, along with accompanying new technologies, like residential electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. ~~Yet, while existing utility lines should be sufficient to meet the City's present needs, overtime repairs and~~ Upgrades to the existing system ~~may will~~ be necessary to maintain and/or improve efficiency, reliability and/or capacity. Additional gas, ~~Internet,~~ telephone and electrical hook-ups will be made on an individual, as needed basis. ~~There are no plans by any of the~~ Providers will need to review their plans and may need to locate major/minor new facilities in the City, based on their future projections.

The City actively encourages future undergrounding of remaining above ground ~~service utility lines, as well as distribution lines, where feasible.~~ The financial constraints of the prohibitive costs of any additional undergrounding of utilities is recognized by the City. Alternative sources of electrical power, such as solar, will be encouraged, while protecting Medina's tree canopy as well. ~~in conjunction with street projects. Although undergrounding has been required for new construction for some time, there are a number of areas of the City that are still served by aerial lines. Above ground installations are aesthetically problematic and subject to weather-related damage. The replacement of aerial wiring has been and should remain the primary responsibility of homeowners. However, the City can provide leadership to encourage progress on undergrounding.~~

Household waste reduction and recycling of waste materials will continue to be encouraged. In addition, the City will continue to work with Bellevue to provide special and hazardous waste programs.

GOALS

UT-G1 To maintain and upgrade utility services sufficient to serve the City's projected housing-size growth and other needs over the next ten years.

UT-G2 To minimize the negative aesthetic and environmental impacts caused by utility services by undergrounding service and distribution type electric lines, along with any other applicable remediation, where feasible.

UT-G3 ~~To underground all remaining overhead utilities.~~

POLICIES

UT-P1 The City shall coordinate with applicable electric, gas, landline telephone, cell telephone and Internet service providers to seek repairs and upgrades to existing utility facilities as necessary to maintain and/or improve efficiency, reliability, and/or capacity.

UT-P2 The City shall provide leadership and seek to develop a plan to underground remaining above-ground service and distribution power utility lines.

UT-P3 The City shall continue to encourage household waste reduction and recycling of waste materials continue work and maintain a working relationship with Bellevue to jointly fund the current encourage special and hazardous waste programs.