



## MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, May 11, 2026

2:00 PM – SPECIAL 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

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### SPECIAL MEETING

In-Person

Medina City Hall – Council Chambers  
501 Evergreen Point Road, Medina, WA 98039

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**MAYOR** | Jessica Rossman

**DEPUTY MAYOR** | Randy Reeves

**COUNCIL MEMBERS** | Laura Bustamante, Harini Gokul, Michael Luis, Heija Nunn

**CITY MANAGER** | Jeff Swanson

**CITY ATTORNEY** | Jennifer S. Robertson

**ACTING CITY CLERK** | Dawn Nations

1. **SPECIAL MEETING - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Council Members Bustamante, Gokul, Luis, Nunn, Reeves, Rossman

2. **SPECIAL MEETING TOPIC(S)**

2.1 Council Vacancy Interviews

**Recommendation:** Conduct City Council Vacancy Candidate Interviews

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)

To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

### **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING AGENDA**

The agenda for the Monday, May 11, 2026, Special Meeting - Council Interviews of the Medina City Council was posted and available for review on Friday, May 8, 2026, 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](http://www.medina-wa.gov).



# MEDINA, WASHINGTON

## AGENDA BILL

Monday, May 11th, 2026

<p><b>Subject/Topic:</b> City Council Vacancy Process</p> <p><b>Dept. Origin:</b> City Council</p> <p><b>Category:</b> City Council Special Meeting</p> <p><b>Prepared by:</b> Jeff Swanson, City Manager</p> <p><b>Attachments:</b> City Council Vacancy Appointment Candidate Statements of Interest</p>	<p>Proposed Council Action/Motion:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information Only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Receive and File</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discuss</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provide Direction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adopt/Approve</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other: Conduct Interviews of Vacancy Appointment Candidates</b></p>
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### Proposed Council Action

Conduct Interviews of City Council Vacancy Appointment Candidates

### Summary

Councilmember Joseph Brazen resigned his City Council position effective February 26, 2026. The City then issued a call for applicants and initiated a 30-day application period inviting interested candidates to submit letters of interest.

The City received letters of interest from Dan Becker, Emmett Doerr, David Doud, and Jeffrey Price (attached).

Council is conducting a Special Meeting to conduct candidate interviews on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 beginning at 2:00 PM. At the conclusion of the interviews Council will meet in Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) "To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public."

At the City Council Regular Meeting following this Special Meeting, the Council is anticipated to take action with respect to the City Council vacancy.

### Council Priorities

This proposal furthers Council Priority 3.

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
- 3. Efficient and Effective Government**

- 4. Public Safety and Health
- 5. Neighborhood Character and Community Building

**Budget/Fiscal Impact:** No change/impact to current levels of appropriations.

**Recommendation:** Conduct City Council Vacancy Candidate Interviews

**City Manager Approval:** 

**Proposed Council Motion:** None.

Dan Becker

April 9, 2026

Dear Mayor Rossman and City Manager Jeff Swanson

I'm writing to express my interest in the open Medina City Council seat. I understand the role of the Council in working with the City Manager to keep the City vibrant and viable to meet the needs of Medina residents.

I had the honor of sitting on the Medina City Council for 8 years in the late 90's/early 2000. I found it interesting and challenging dealing with a number of controversial issues including the impact of large home construction on neighbors, zoning regulations, keeping a professional and dynamic police department, working with the other communities adjacent to Medina, modification to the tree ordinances, expansion of SR-520 as well as dealing with the on-going budget challenges. With that in mind, I will be able to get up to speed in short order with the Council.

While on the Council I attended many AWC meetings and workshops. In addition to information gleaned from those events I was able to meet with others in the area to learn how to best serve the citizens of Medina.

One issue I understand the City has major concerns about is our aging infrastructure. My wife and I experienced first-hand infrastructure problems when in the Fall of 2023 a Bellevue water main broke in front of our house and flooded our yards and basement causing substantial damage. That line was over 60 years old and rated as high risk. While Bellevue provided a temporary fix, the City of Bellevue has yet to replace the line on NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street. From a report we received from the City of Bellevue, there are other lines in Medina that are also in need of repair. With my background in design and construction of infrastructure projects throughout western US, I can assist the Council in better understanding those issues in support of our mayor and public works department.

My wife and I have lived in Medina for over 40 years and have seen many changes in those years. We raised our kids and they continue to have fond memories of the City and all that it has to offer.

Prior to retiring a year ago, my career focused on development of public works projects. For over 45 years I worked on the design and construction of public projects throughout the West Coast from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada to Arizona. Those projects included public facilities including the Redmond Senior and Community Center, Husky Stadium, Light Rail through Bellevue, various bridge and road projects, water and

wastewater facilities as well as schools and power projects. I attached a summary of my work experience for your review.

In addition to working on those projects, I recently completed 4 years as a Director and Assistant Treasurer for the American Society of Civil Engineers based in Reston, Virginia. I am still active on a number of national committees and continue to put on seminars and workshops for ASCE.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Becker', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dan Becker

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Dear Council:

My name is Emmett Doerr and I am a Medina resident applying for the position on Medina's City Council.

I am 46 years old, a father/husband, cyclist, and a technologist at heart. I am neither a lawyer nor a real estate developer. I believe local government should comprise people from a variety of vocations and backgrounds. I have built computer systems at some of the largest tech companies in the world (Microsoft and Meta) and grew and led organizations at multiple Seattle-area startups (Redfin and PayScale). I have two boys at Medina Elementary and a daughter at Chinook Middle School. I would be proud to serve this city and its people, and advocate for maintaining Medina as a wonderful place to live.

My qualifications:

I bring a hands-on understanding of technology, big data, AI and social media. As a council member, I could maintain, improve, and transform our technology infrastructure affordably and in a privacy-centric manner.

I have been a local landlord for over 10 years, renting two homes in the Seattle area, and I also own an Airbnb in Chelan. As a homeowner, former renter, and landlord, I see and understand all participants in this complex industry. Ultimately, I am an advocate for helping people find, build, and maintain affordable housing. I would bring a passionate and nuanced understanding to how we implement Washington State Laws like House Bill 1337 in our community.

As a cyclist, I have advocated for cyclists in the community and actively encouraged residents to ride more for work, errands, school, and play. I have participated in all the major Seattle area rides - from STP to RSVP—and have been both a daily bike commuter and a light rail commuter. I regularly ride my kids to school on my German-built box bike, where they can ride in the front and get a first hand view of the city as we make our way through the park to Medina Elementary. I envision Medina could be the most cyclist-friendly community in Washington. As a driver, I have advocated for slower speed limits and better intersections.

As a runner, I regularly circumnavigate our town on 4-5 mile runs. I envision safer streets for pedestrians, dogs, cyclists, and drivers.

I am a social member of Overlake Golf and Country Club and am their close neighbor. I do not golf and would love to see Overlake make a positive, more active contribution toward community building.

My resume is attached. I look forward to your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Emmett Doerr

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Dear Members of the Medina City Council,

I am writing to express my interest in being considered for appointment to the Medina City Council.

My wife and I have lived in Medina for the past 25 years, and our families have called this community home for a generation prior. That long-standing connection has given me a deep appreciation for the character, safety, and thoughtful governance that define Medina, as well as a strong sense of responsibility for its future.

Professionally, I bring over two decades of experience in real estate, land use, and complex transaction advisory. As a Managing Broker with Coldwell Banker Global Luxury, and previously as the owner of a Bellevue-based commercial real estate firm, I have worked closely with property owners, investors, and municipalities on matters involving zoning, development, and highest and best use. This experience provides a practical understanding of how policy decisions translate into real-world outcomes for residents and the broader community.

In addition, my role as Head Coach of the Lakeside School varsity tennis team reflects my commitment to accountability, clear communication, and building strong, cohesive teams—values I would bring to public service.

If appointed, I would approach the role with a focus on thoughtful stewardship, sound financial management, and respectful, collaborative decision-making. I am comfortable evaluating complex issues, asking disciplined questions, and contributing to balanced, policy-focused outcomes that serve the long-term interests of the community.

Thank you for your consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you further.

Sincerely,

David Doud

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Hello Council,

I am writing to express my interest in being considered for appointment to the Medina City Council.

As a 28-year Medina resident and former member and vice-chair of the Medina Planning Commission, I have had the opportunity to engage directly in issues that shape our community. That experience gave me a strong appreciation for Medina’s thoughtful approach to governance – balancing preservation of neighborhood character with responsible planning and long-term accountability.

Professionally, I bring experience in product leadership, business strategy, and operations within complex organizations. I’ve recently wrapped up a long career in technology where my work involved evaluating trade-offs, aligning diverse stakeholders, and making data-informed decisions - skills that translate well to municipal governance. I approach decisions collaboratively and pragmatically, with a focus on outcomes, accountability, and long-term impact.

During my time on the Planning Commission, I reviewed land use proposals, collaborated with city staff, and engaged with residents to understand community perspectives. I understand how policy decisions affect both the built environment and the daily lives of residents, and I value a process that is both rigorous and inclusive.

I am particularly interested in contributing to thoughtful financial stewardship, maintaining Medina’s unique residential character, and supporting well-reasoned decisions on development and city services.

I care deeply about Medina and would welcome the opportunity to serve the community in this role. I would bring a collaborative approach, sound judgment, and a strong commitment to the City’s long-term success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Price