

**Name and position you are running for:** Bill Lamb,  
Medina City Councilman At-Large

**1. What motivates you to run for this position.**

Broad community engagement is essential for the health and success of the city.

As a child my father taught me (quoting Emerson) that the purpose of life was about more than being happy... but about being useful, to make a difference.

So from my time in the military to my time in college working in social services with disadvantaged families, my experience as Mayor balancing diverse needs and issues, to teaching in the inner city in Cleveland I have attempted to follow my father's advice.

My work as a community organizer and in city government allows me the opportunity to improve our community and people's lives.

**2. What will be the biggest issue facing the city in 2020, and how do you plan to address.**

The obvious issues of importance that will carry over to 2020 are the Courthouse project we are working on with the County, the construction of the new parking deck, the retail/apartment construction in the Historic District, the integration of South Town into the Historic District and further high density development on East and West Smith Road.

In both the collaborative and in-house issues we will address them through studied, thoughtful discussion and debate.

**3. What will be your top priorities in office?**

- A. Work as a non-partisan and....See answer #2
- B. Continue my work to improve the walkability of the city through sidewalk maintenance and general maintenance of older city neighborhoods, improve the current demolition ordinance to better protect the integrity of neighborhoods and continue to form collaborations similar to the laundry program to assist lower income individuals and families.

**4. What is one thing that the city council is currently working doing that you think is good, and why do you support it?**

Budgets. Our months spent reviewing budgets in the five year budget plan ensures the stability of the current municipal operations and makes possible early adjustments to budgets as the need arises.

**5. How do you work with others when differing opinions are involved?**

By recognizing that each person involved is working toward the same general goal and appreciate that others may know more than me or have better suggestions of how to achieve the goal or solve the issue. So with that shared approach working with members of the administration and seven members of Council we get great results.

**6. With your magic wand, what is the first thing that you would change in the City?**

As with understanding that I do not have all the answers to every problem, I also understand that the success of our community was no happy accident, not the work of a magic wand. Rather our success has been achieved through the hard work and dedication of many individuals and organizations over many decades, responsible for the place we are so proud to call home.

**7. How do you balance the needs of your business constituents against the needs of residents? Do you see any challenges there?**

First I would remove the word “against” from the question.

I approach our relationship; residents, business, industry and institutions as equal partners all making vital contributions to the community. If any challenges do occur they are typically resolved in a mutually acceptable way.