

February 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Approved: March 8, 2016

**City of Covington**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 7:02 p.m., with Mayor Jeff Wagner presiding.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, and Sean Smith.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufrere, Personnel Manager; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Andrew McCurdy, Covington Police Chief; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; Ethan Newton, Parks & Recreation Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Wagner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to amend the agenda to add New Business Item 4, Authorizing Funds for a Vehicle Purchase. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried. Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

- Tricia Barbachan and Erin Rennie provided a presentation on the King County Metro Southeast King County Alternative Services Project including the Tri-City Community Van Program.

Councilmembers asked various questions about the program, and Ms. Barbachan and Ms. Rennie provided responses. Community Development Director Richard Hart provided some additional information.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

**Jeffery Roeder, Nikki's Restaurant owner,** expressed his concerns over Chick-Fil-A becoming his neighbor and advised Council that Chick-Fil-A asked to purchase his parking lot for six months which is an easement for the city for emergency vehicles. He advised that he will protect the easement.

**Dawn Roeder, Nikki's Restaurant owner**, asked Council to consider the impacts to surrounding businesses made by Chick-Fil-A.

**Mary Pritchard, Covington resident**, provided comments on the King County Metro presentation regarding the van program which mentioned use of the Covington Library as a kiosk. Mrs. Pritchard advised that the Covington Library is part of the King County Library System which would need to be contacted regarding use of its facilities as a kiosk. Mrs. Pritchard also noted that she did not hear the fares for the van program.

**Heidi Hansen, KinderCare manager**, expressed concern about traffic from Chick-Fil-A.

**John Oliver**, also expressed concerns about traffic from Chick-Fil-A.

**Leroy Stevenson, Covington resident**, also expressed concerns about Chick-Fil-A traffic.

There being no further comments, Mayor Wagner closed the public comment period.

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

C-1. Vouchers: Vouchers #33571-33625, including ACH payments in the amount of \$221,972.22, dated January 22, 2016; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1004818649-1004818664 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits in the amount of \$175,925.54, dated January 29, 2016.

C-2. Approve Consultant Contract for Covington Community Park Phase II Design Services.

**Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Receive Public Testimony and Consider Ordinance Extending Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Production and Processing Facilities, Dispensaries, and Collective Gardens for Six Months.

Community Development Director Richard Hart provided the staff report on this item.

Mayor Wagner called for public comments for the Public Hearing.

There being no comments, Mayor Wagner closed the public comment period for the Public Hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, LOCATION, OPERATION,

LICENSING, MAINTENANCE, OR CONTINUATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, PRODUCTION FACILITIES, PROCESSING FACILITIES, COLLECTIVE GARDENS, AND RELATED BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY OF COVINGTON UNTIL JULY 1, 2016; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MORATORIUM; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT SUPPORTING THE MORATORIUM ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NOs. 08-11, 12-12, 01-13, 07-13, 05-14, 10-14; 02-15, and 06-15, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to pass Ordinance No. 06-2016, in substantial form as that included in the agenda packet, to extend the moratorium on medical marijuana collective gardens, production and processing facilities, dispensaries, and related businesses until July 1, 2016. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2. Appointments to Parks & Recreation Commission.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to appoint Laura Morrissey to fill Position No. 5 on the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term expiring January 31, 2019. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Harto moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to appoint Justin Reed to fill Position No. 6 on the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term expiring January 31, 2019. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Mhoon moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to appoint Troy McIntyre to fill Position No. 7 on the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term expiring January 31, 2019. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

3. Discuss Commissioner Conduct.

Mayor Wagner gave the report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Parks & Recreation Director Ethan Newton, City Attorney Sara Springer, and City Manager Regan Bolli provided responses.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Harto moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to remove Paul Selland from the Arts Commission effective immediately. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

4. Consider Allocation of \$69,500 to Purchase a New Parks Maintenance Vehicle.

Public Works Director Don Vondran gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Vondran provided responses.

**Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to authorize the allocation of \$69,500 to be used for city staff to purchase a new parks maintenance vehicle. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Resolutions in support of the Kent School District ballot measure and the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority ballot measure were added to the February 23 Council meeting. Those wishing to speak for or against the ballot measures would be able to provide comments at the first Public Comment period at that meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

**Leroy Stevenson, Covington resident**, provided comments on the Regional Fire Authority and stated that he is paying 35 percent more for fire protection than when under Fire District 37. Mr. Stevenson also noted that his insurance cost did not decrease as was stated by the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority.

**Mary Pritchard, Covington resident**, noted that the Council Strategic Planning Summit on Saturday, January 30, was very good for the part she was able to attend, and she wished more of the public would attend the summits. Mrs. Pritchard provided comments in support of the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority.

There being no further comments, Mayor Wagner closed the public comment period.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

To Discuss the Acquisition of Real Estate Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and to Discuss Potential Litigation Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(l) from 8:58 to 10:12 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

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