

**City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

INTERVIEWS– 6:00-6:40 P.M.:

The Council conducted interviews for openings on the Arts Commission. Applicants interviewed included Patti Melton and Juliet Finlay.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Jeff Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Margaret Harto, Fran Hollums, Marlla Mhoon, Paul Selland, and Sean Smith.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Andrew McCurdy, Covington Police Chief; Ethan Newton, Parks & Recreation Director; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Kathy Hardy, City Attorney; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Wagner invited Boy Scout Troop #407 to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Councilmember Harto moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Agenda as amended to move Consent Item C-3 to a future meeting and remove Item 1, *Appointment to the Covington Economic Development Council*. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

Kathy Morrow, Covington resident, informed Council she wished to address the homeless camp. Ms. Morrow spoke regarding four incidents of 911 calls that occurred at the Kent United Methodist Church involving its homeless car camp and submitted the records she obtained from Kent Police and Valley Communications Center.

John Morrow, Covington resident, spoke on Agenda Item 3, *Report on Car Camping*. Mr. Morrow requested transparency in the process of a car camping program at St. John the Baptist Church and spoke in favor of creating a memorandum of understanding.

Nancy Huntington, Covington resident, member of St. John the Baptist, spoke in support of a car camping program at St. John the Baptist Church.

Rose Kinsella, not a Covington resident, Pastoral Assistant for Administration at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, spoke in support of the program at the church and wished to note that the church refers to the program as *Safe Car Parking Ministry*. Ms. Kinsella noted that the applicants will be screened by Catholic Community Services and is for homeless who are currently living in their vehicle as their only option or their choice for a roof over their head.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- C-1. Minutes: January 9, 2018 City Council Special & Regular Meeting Minutes; January 23, 2018 City Council Special Meeting – Joint Study Session with the Planning Commission Minutes; January 23, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes; and January 27, 2018 City Council Annual Strategic Summit Minutes.
- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers: Vouchers #36897 - #36962, including ACH payments in the amount of \$565,911.92, dated January 19, 2018; Vouchers #36963 - #37041, including ACH payments in the amount of \$407,001.94, dated February 2, 2018; and Paylocity Payroll Vouchers #1008081193 - #1008081212 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$207,949.62, dated January 26, 2018.

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

NEW BUSINESS;

1. Consider Appointment to Covington Economic Development Council (removed as applicant withdrew from consideration.)
2. Consider Appointment to Arts Commission.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Harto seconded to appoint Patti Melton to fill open Position No. 7 on the Arts Commission for the remainder of the term expiring May 31, 2018 and for the following term expiring May 31, 2021. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

3. Report on Car Camping.

City Attorney Kathy Hardy gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and staff provided responses.

There was Council consensus to direct staff to have a discussion with St. John the Baptist Church and develop a voluntary Memo of Understanding.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future meeting agendas.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

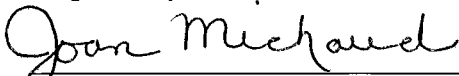
Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

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

ADJOURNMENT:


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Prepared by:



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Sharon Scott
City Clerk