

February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Approved: March 8, 2016

**City of Covington  
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 23, 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 23, 2016, at 7:04 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joe Cimaomo.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Harto seconded to excuse Councilmember Cimaomo. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

Mayor Wagner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

- Rich Zwicker, Senior Policy Analyst, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, gave a presentation on the commission and affordable housing.
- Arts Commissioners Lesli Cohan and Leslie Spero accepted the Youth Art Month Proclamation for March 2016.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

**Eric Bernard, Kent resident**, spoke against Agenda Item 2, Resolution in Support of Kent Regional Fire Authority's Proposition 1.

**Kimberly Matej, Government Relations Manager for the Kent Regional Fire Authority**, also spoke regarding Agenda Item 2. Ms. Matej provided factual information regarding the Kent Regional Fire Authority ballot measure and the explanatory statement.

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**Mary Pritchard, Covington resident**, spoke regarding an item that was discussed at the recent Council Strategic Planning Summit to eliminate commission reports at Council meetings. Mrs. Pritchard requested that Council continue those reports at Council meeting for the public's benefit. Mrs. Pritchard also mentioned that her Kent Regional Fire Authority benefit charge went down by \$2 from the previous year.

**Leroy Stevenson, Covington resident**, spoke against Agenda Item 2, Resolution in Support of Kent Regional Fire Authority's Proposition 1.

**Brooke Valentine, unincorporated King County resident, Co-Chair Citizens for Kent Schools**, spoke regarding Agenda Item 1, Resolution in Support of Kent School District's Proposition 1. Ms. Valentine provided information on the bond measure.

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

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

C-1. Minutes: January 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes; January 26, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes; and January 30, 2016 Strategic Planning Summit Summary.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #33626-33685, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers in the amount of \$289,561.47, dated February 5, 2016; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1004869803-1004869816 and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1004869828-1004869828 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits in the amount of \$175,992.01, dated February 12, 2016.

C-3. Approve Contract Extension with SBS Legal Services for City Attorney Services.

**Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Harto seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

**REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:**

**Human Services Commission** – Chair Fran McGregor reported on the February 11 meeting.

**Parks & Recreation Commission** – Parks & Recreation Director Ethan Newton reported on the February 17 meeting.

**Planning Commission** – Chair Bill Judd reported on the February 18 meeting; February 4 meeting canceled.

**Arts Commission** – Chair Lesli Cohan reported on the January 30 special meeting and the February 11 regular meeting.

**Parks & Recreation Priorities Advisory Committee** – Parks & Recreation Director Ethan Newton reported on the January 27 meeting.

**Economic Development Council** – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the January 28 open house.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Consider Resolution in Support of Kent School District's Proposition 1.

City Manager Regan Bolli gave the staff report for this item.

Councilmembers provided comments in support of the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION 1 ON THE APRIL 26, 2016, SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

**Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2016-01 stating the City Council's support of Kent School District Proposition 1 on the April 26, 2016 special election ballot, in substantial form as that provided in the agenda packet. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

2. Consider Resolution in Support of Kent Regional Fire Authority's Proposition 1.

City Manager Regan Bolli gave the staff report for this item.

Councilmembers provided comments in support of the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY'S PROPOSITION 1 ON THE APRIL 26, 2016, SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

**Council Action: Councilmember Harto moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2016-02 stating the city council's support of Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority Proposition 1 on the April 26, 2016 special election ballot, in substantial form as that provided in the agenda packet. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

**Mary Pritchard, Covington resident**, inquired as to what type of fundraising efforts and outreach the city was performing for the Seahorse. Mrs. Pritchard also provided comments on the Regional Fire Authority's advisory position and indicated she felt it should be a voting position. Mrs. Pritchard further provided comments on the Covington Library, indicating that it usually ranked in the top three of the busiest libraries in the King County Library System, and she wanted others to know she felt safe using the library.

**Juliet Perry, Covington resident**, expressed her pleasure with Council's support of the Kent School District's bond measure. Ms. Perry also invited everyone to attend a kickoff rally on March 2, 5:30 p.m., at Kent Meridian High School gymnasium, and she provided explanatory flyers on the bond measure.

**Fran McGregor Covington resident**, thanked Mary Pritchard for her comments regarding commissioner reports at Council meetings, and noted she was in favor of keeping the reports on the agenda also.

**Leroy Stevenson, Covington resident**, spoke regarding the authorization to purchase a truck from the previous Council agenda. Mr. Stevenson voiced his opinion that a used truck might have been purchased to keep costs down instead of a new truck and voiced his opinion on diesel engines. Mr. Stevenson also spoke against the Kent Regional Fire Authority's ballot measure.

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

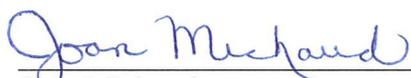
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

To discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) from 8:30 to 9:27 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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City Clerk