

**City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 12, 2016**

INTERVIEWS– 5:20-7:00 P.M.:

The Council conducted interviews for openings on the Economic Development Council. Applicants interviewed included Joe Stave, Laura Roth, Adam Turley, and Matt McMahan.

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, July 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Jeff Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Lanza.

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCILMEMBER:

City Clerk Sharon Scott performed the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilmember Fran Hollums.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to excuse Councilmember Lanza who was celebrating his 36th wedding anniversary. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works 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 (arrived @ 7:20 p.m.); Casey Parker, Senior Accountant; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Wagner opened 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 Agenda Items 1 and 2 to the next regular Council meeting on July 26. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Chele Dimmett accepted a proclamation as the 2016 Citizen of the Year, proclaiming Saturday, July 16, 2016, as Chele Dimmett Day in the City of Covington.

- Mel and Rosie Knott accepted a proclamation as the 2016 Honorary Citizens of the Year, proclaiming Sunday, July 17, 2016, as Mel and Rosie Knott Day in the City of Covington.

Council recessed from 7:10 to 7:25 p.m. for a reception for newly appointed Councilmember Hollums and Citizen and Honorary Citizens of the Year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

Barry and Julie Smith, Covington residents, thanked Council for not making any changes to 4th of July fireworks regulations as it makes them feel a sense of community in their neighborhood.

George Pearson, Covington resident, spoke against fireworks in Covington, in particular the illegal fireworks.

Brian and Deana Roberts, Covington residents, also spoke against fireworks in Covington, in particular the illegal fireworks.

Fran Neufelt, Covington resident, spoke against illegal fireworks.

Chele Dimmett, Covington resident, state she has no problems with fireworks in Covington; however, asked what citizens could do to support the police with the problem of illegal fireworks.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Vouchers: Vouchers #34271-34324, including ACH and electronic fund transfers, in the amount of \$346,669.19, dated June 24, 2016; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1005448952-1005448962 and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1005449025-#1005449025 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits, in the amount of \$186,018.80, dated July 1, 2016.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to correct a typographical error. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS;

1. Consider Appointment to Arts Commission (moved to July 26 meeting).

2. Consider Appointments to Covington Economic Development Council (moved to July 26 meeting).

3. Consider Resolution to Purchase 3.4 Acres of Property to Create SoCo Park.

Parks & Recreation Director Ethan Newton gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND OTHER CLOSING DOCUMENTS FOR ACQUISITION OF PARK PROPERTY FOR SOCO PARK.

Council Action: Councilmember Harto moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to pass Resolution No. 2016-14, in substantial form as provided in the agenda packet, to authorize the City Manager to execute a real estate purchase and sale agreement and other closing documents necessary to complete the purchase of 3.4 acres of property for the purpose of creating SoCo Park. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

4. Consider Awarding Christensen, Inc. General Contractor the Contract for Covington Aquatic Center Room Addition Project.

Parks & Recreation Director Ethan Newton gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to award the contract for the Covington Aquatic Center Room Addition Project to Christensen, Inc. General Contractor as the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$169,144.50 and to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Christensen, Inc. General Contractor for the same. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future meeting agendas.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

George Pearson, Covington resident, spoke against fireworks.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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City Clerk