

September 27, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Approved: October 25, 2016

**City of Covington  
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 27, 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, September 27, 2016, at 7:03 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ethan Newton, Acting City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Andrew McCurdy, Covington Police Chief; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk.

Mayor Wagner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

- Planning Commission Chair Bill Judd accepted the National Community Planning Month Proclamation for October 2016.
- Covington Police Chief Andrew McCurdy accepted the Domestic Violence Action Month Proclamation for October 2016.
- Dr. Calvin J. Watts, Kent School District Superintendent, gave a presentation on the November 8 Ballot Measure.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

**Paula & Jim Eccleston**, spoke about a code enforcement case regarding fowls and noted the adverse impacts to them and the neighborhood.

**Mary Pritchard, Covington resident**, informed the Council that a ballot drop box is now located at the Covington Library.

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

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

C-1. Minutes: August 9, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #34653-34717, including ACH payments, in the amount of \$447,190.14, dated September 16, 2016; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1005812083-

1005812098 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits, in the amount of \$185,510.16, dated September 23, 2016.

- C-3. Award Construction Contract for SE 263<sup>rd</sup> Place Drainage Improvement Project (CIP 203).
- C-4. Consider Resolution to Execute Land Agreement with Bonneville Power Administration for the Purpose of Fence Installation at Covington Community Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LAND USE AGREEMENT WITH BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION AND APPROVE A BUDGET OF \$37,463 TO INSTALL A FENCE AT COVINGTON COMMUNITY PARK.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Harto moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:**

**Parks & Recreation Commission** – Parks & Recreation Director Ethan Newton reported on the August 17 Parks Tour and the September 21 Jenkins Creek Park bridges dedication, open house and special meeting.

**Arts Commission** – no report.

**Planning Commission** – Chair Bill Judd reported on the September 1 meeting; September 15 meeting canceled.

**Economic Development Council** – Co-Chair Krista Bates reported on the July 28, August 25, and September 22 meetings.

**Human Services Commission** – Chair Leslie Hamada reported on the August 11 and September 8 meetings.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

1. Consider Appointment to Planning Commission.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Harto moved and Councilmember Hollums seconded to appoint Jonathan Ingram to fill an open position on the Planning Commission for an applicant residing inside Covington city limits with a term expiring August 31, 2017. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2. Discussion and Direction on Animal Control Enforcement Action for Code Violations.

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

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and City Attorney Sara Springer and Mr. Hart provided responses.

**Council Action: There was Council consensus to direct staff to proceed with abatement.**

3. Discuss Parks & Recreation Priorities Advisory Committee Report.

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

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Newton and Ms. Springer provided responses.

Councilmember Lanza asked for additional information on the committee's recommendation to form a 501(c)3 parks and recreation foundation. Mr. Newton provided responses and Council discussed and provided further comments.

Council suggested this discussion item could be continued at the next Strategic Planning Summit, the next tri cities meeting, and/or in the strategic planning process.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

**George Pearson, Covington resident,** thanked Council and the Parks & Recreation Commission for the honor bestowed on him and his wife regarding the bridge naming at Jenkins Creek Park. Mr. Pearson noted his appreciation on the wonderful way Covington recognizes its volunteers.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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