

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 14, 2012**

(This meeting was recorded and will be retained for a period of six years from the date of the meeting).

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 14, 2012, at 7:07 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza, David Lucavish, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Wayne Snoey, and Jeff Wagner.

STAFF PRESENT:

Derek Matheson, City Manager; Glenn Akramoff, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufriere, Personnel Manager; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Kevin Klason, Covington Police Chief; Karla Slate, Community Relations Coordinator; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Harto announced the 2011 Commissioner of the Year: Ed Cook with Covington Economic Development Council..

The Council recessed at 7:13 p.m. for a short celebration and reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Darren Linse, 17801 SE 259th Street, Covington, asked Council to consider changes to setback requirements on residential lots.

Ed Cook, Covington Economic Development Council Member, spoke regarding branding for the city and noted that CEDC would be looking into this in 2012.

RuthAnne Kepler, 19470 SE 266th student at Cedar Valley Elementary, spoke on the importance of keeping Cedar Valley Elementary open.

Chele Dimmett, 26626 190th Avenue SE, Timberlane resident, gave a report on the current activities in Timberlane and thanked city staff and council for assistance during storm.

Leroy Stevenson, 26838 166th Place SE, Covington, spoke in agreement of Darren Linse's request for changes in the setback requirements.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Approval of Minutes: January 10, 2012 Special and Regular Meetings Minutes; January 24, 2012 Joint Study Session with Planning Commission Minutes; and January 24, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Approval of Vouchers: Vouchers #27147-27219, in the Amount of \$221,949.29, Dated January 23, 2012; Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000349307-1000349321, Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$139,268.76, Dated February 3, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON,
DECLARING THREE VEHICLES AS SURPLUS
PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT.

C-3. Resolution Declaring Surplus Vehicles.

C-4. Franchise Fee and Utility Users Tax Compliance Review Services Contract.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Social Media Plan.

Community Relations Coordinator Karla Slate gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Slate provided responses.

Councilmember Lanza suggested a link to the council meeting agendas on the city's Facebook page.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to authorize the city manager to implement the proposed Social Media Plan. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

2. Appoint Budget Priorities Advisory Committee (BPAC).

City Manager Derek Matheson gave the staff report on this item.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to add to the Budget Priorities Advisory Committee Charter “if a member misses three consecutive meetings, they may be replaced without cause by the city manager.”

Council Action: Mayor Harto moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to amend the designations given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd adult alternates by moving Laura Morrissey to the 1st adult alternate and Daniel Key to the 3rd alternate. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to appoint the Budget Priorities Advisory Committee per the city manager’s recommendations as amended and to authorize the city manager to fill vacancies from among applicants. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

3. Cedar Valley Elementary School Possible Closure.

City Manager Derek Matheson reported that the Save Cedar Valley Committee recently announced that the Kent School District was no longer considering a school closure in Covington, and staff had confirmed that with school district administration.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to send a thank you letter to the Kent School District after the official notice has been announced by the District.

Council Action: There was also Council consensus to send a recognition letter to the Save Cedar Valley group.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

George Pearson, 18623 SE 261st Street, Covington, thanked the city and acknowledged the maintenance crew for their hard work during the recent storm.

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Potential Litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) from 8:50 p.m. to 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

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Deputy City Clerk

Sharon Scott
City Clerk