

February 23, 2012 Joint City Council Meeting Minutes  
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**City of Black Diamond/City of Covington/City of Maple Valley  
Joint City Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 23, 2012**

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

The Joint Meeting of the City Councils for the cities of Black Diamond, Covington and Maple Valley was called to order at Covington City Hall Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Covington, Washington, Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 7:02 p.m., with Covington Mayor Margaret Harto presiding.

**BLACK DIAMOND COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Rebecca Olness, Mayor Pro Tem Craig Goodwin, Tamie Deady, Joe May, and Ron Taylor.

**BLACK DIAMOND STAFF PRESENT:**

Brenda Martinez, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk and May Miller, Finance Director.

**COVINGTON COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza, David Lucavish, Jim Scott, and Wayne Snoey.

**COVINGTON COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

Marilla Mhoon and Jeff Wagner.

**COVINGTON STAFF PRESENT:**

Derek Matheson, City Manager; Kevin Klason, Covington Police Chief; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

**MAPLE VALLEY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Bill Allison, Deputy Mayor Victoria Laise Jonas, Layne Barnes, Linda Johnson, Sean Kelly, and Erin Weaver.

**MAPLE VALLEY COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

Noel Gerken.

**MAPLE VALLEY STAFF PRESENT:**

David Johnston, City Manager; Tony McCarthy, Finance Director; and Shaunna Lee-Rice, City Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS:**

Mayor Harto opened Joint Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Harto called for approval of the agenda.

**Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to approve the agenda. Vote: 16-0. Motion carried.**

**OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR HARTO:**

Mayor Harto welcomed the three cities.

**ITEMS FOR JOINT COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

1. Shared Animal Services.

Covington City Manager Derek Matheson gave a presentation which included three parts: the King County option; the Southeast option; and the conclusion with a comparison, a recommendation, a request for direction, and some next steps if the staff recommendation acceptable.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Matheson provided responses.

The councilmembers from each city discussed the shared animal services options.

**Council Action:** There was consensus from all three councils on three general statements that can be communicated back to King County: 1) the three councils are generally supportive of this three-year county contract; 2) revenue generation is a huge issue for the three councils; and 3) staff should continue to work on the Southeast option over time so it is not such a rush if a change is needed in 2015.

**Council Action:** There was consensus from all three councils on two specific statements: 1) research information about an amnesty program; and 2) raise the question about early termination.

**COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS:**

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the collaboration between the three cities and noted the benefit of the three cities establishing a regional presence.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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