

# Covington: Unmatched quality of life



## **CITY OF COVINGTON SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**

Council Chambers – 16720 SE 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100, Covington

**Tuesday, March 12, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**

**\*\*Please note meeting start time \*\***

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

*The study session is an informal meeting involving discussion between and among the City Council, Commission (if applicable) and city staff regarding policy issues. Study sessions may involve presentations, feedback, brainstorming, etc., regarding further work to be done by the staff on key policy matters.*

### **CALL CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION**

- Introduction (Akramoff)
- Parks (Thomas)
- Facility CIP (Thomas/Akramoff)
- SWM CIP (Akramoff)
- Transportation CIP (Vondran/Lyons/DEA)
- Summary (Akramoff)

**PUBLIC COMMENT** *Persons addressing the Council shall state their name, address, and organization for the record. Speakers shall address comments to the City Council, not the audience or the staff. Public Comment shall be for the purpose of the Council receiving comment from the public and is not intended for conversation or debate. Public comments shall be limited to no more than four minutes per speaker. If additional time is needed a person may request that the Council place an item on a future agenda as time allows.*

### **ADJOURN**

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***\*Note\* A Regular Council meeting will immediately follow at approximately 7:00 pm***

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Covington City Council Study Session

Date: March 12, 2013

SUBJECT: DISCUSS CITY OF COVINGTON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED BY: Derek Matheson, City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

NONE

PREPARED BY: Glenn Akramoff, Public Works Director

### EXPLANATION:

At the City Council Summit of January 26, 2013 an agenda item focusing on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the City was discussed. This study session is in follow-up to that session.

The Study Session will focus on the ongoing process of each program as it leads us to the 2014 comprehensive plan update. Much of our time will be spent reviewing and discussing transportation scenarios. This discussion will be followed by (in future council meetings) the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process. As many projects have been completed in recent years it is an excellent time to update the TIP and include the Town Center street grid in the conversation. The TIP process requires a deadline of July for submission to the state for review. The process of updating all four components of the CIP will continue into 2014.

The citywide CIP is made up of four key components: Transportation, Surface Water, Parks and Facilities. It is important to remember that each of these components play a major role in creating "an unmatched quality of life" within the City of Covington. While the priority of valuable resources are always at the forefront of decision making, no one part of the CIP program stands on its own when it comes to having a positive impact on the community. Each of these components has four main areas that are important to the completion of a successful project. This includes planning and design, property acquisition, funding and construction. Balancing resources in all of these areas is crucial for a successful program.

Below is a summary of each CIP component:

**Transportation** - This program's major focus in recent years has been on major transportation improvements with a focus on safety and capacity. While this will continue to be a part of the program, pedestrian safety, overlay and economic development projects will have equal importance as we move forward.

**Surface Water** – This program has had a maintenance focus in the last few years. The focus will change to retrofitting the system to meet new regulations and meeting the long term capital needs. The SWM fund has some available resources that will allow a fairly aggressive program in the next few years. The backlog of projects is not currently substantial and much progress can be made.

**Parks** – As the Covington Community Park is nearing completion and the Town Center planning process implementation has made it clear that planning and property acquisition need to be a focus. The Park CIP will be undergoing a complete update over the next twelve months. This process will yield top priorities and resource needs.

**Facilities** – The only permanent facility that the city currently has is the Covington Aquatic Center which will be undergoing some renovations in the near future. At the summit the Council directed staff to continue to phase two of the City Hall feasibility study. The Public Works Department has begun phase one of a maintenance facility feasibility study.

ALTERNATIVES:

NONE

FISCAL IMPACT:

NONE

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:     Ordinance     Resolution     Motion     Other

**NO ACTION NECESSARY – DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY**

REVIEWED BY: City Manager, City Engineer, Parks Director, Senior Planner