

March 12, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: March 26, 2013

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 12, 2013**

(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 12, 2013, at 7:40 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, and Wayne Snoey.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Lanza, David Lucavish, and Jeff Wagner.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to excuse Councilmembers Lanza, Lucavish, and Wagner. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

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; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Bill Fealy, Maintenance Worker; John Gaudette, Maintenance Worker; Jesse Dalton, Maintenance Worker; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUCATION:

- Courtney Feeney of the Middle Green River Coalition provided an update on the King County Cedar Downs Natural Area.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Leroy Stevenson, 26838 166th Place SE, Covington, inquired as to the reason why the utility tax on his bill was higher than six percent maximum. Mr. Stevenson advised that when he contacted Puget Sound Energy, he was told that there is a tax on the tax. Mr. Stevenson requested that Council amend the ordinance to exempt taxing the city tax, and preferably exempt the state tax from being taxed by the local utility tax.

City Manager Derek Matheson advised Council that Mr. Stevenson's comments were accurate. Mr. Matheson explained that the tax applies to the gross receipts of the utility including the tax revenue so the rate must be set higher in order to collect the six percent and remit it to the city. Mr. Matheson further explained that this methodology is not just a Covington methodology, but it is actually used by all cities and all utilities.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- C-1. Minutes: February 12, 2013 Study Session Minutes; February 12, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes; and February 26, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #29025—29088, in the Amount of \$160,744.30, Dated February 19, 2013; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001076641-1001076651 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$143,870.79, Dated March 1, 2013.
- C-3. Accept King County Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Council Snoey seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discuss Public Works Reorganization Budget Impacts.

Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff gave the staff report on this item.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to approve staff's recommendation of changing the project inspector position to permanent with 100 percent from Surface Water Management Fund; hiring a permanent fourth maintenance worker with splits of 40 percent Surface Water Management Fund, 40 percent Street Fund, and 20 percent Parks Fund; with Public Works and Finance working during the 2014 budget process to change the payroll and benefit assignment process as detailed in the staff report recommendation in the council agenda packet.

- 2. Transportation Benefit District Timeline.

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

Council Action: There was Council consensus to opt for a public vote in November 2013 on the 0.2% sales tax for transportation purposes.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

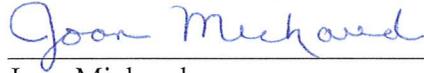
Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Sharon Scott
City Clerk