

March 24, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: April 28, 2015

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 24, 2015**

(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, March 24, 2015, at 7:05 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Joe Cimaomo, Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Sean Smith, and Jeff Wagner.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Kevin Klason, Covington Police Chief; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Bob Lindskov, City Engineer; Darren Mhoon, Management Assistant; Angie Feser, Parks Planner; Bill Fealy, Maintenance Worker – Arborist; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Doug Osterman, Watershed Coordinator, Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (WRIA 9) gave a presentation on WRIA 9: Continuing Watershed-Based Restoration and Salmon Recovery in Covington.

- Council presented proclamations to Japanese exchange students and teachers from Abuno High School and Kitano High School in Osaka, Japan, in recognition of March 24, 2015 as International Student Exchange Day in Covington.

Council recessed from 7:35 to 7:53 p.m. for a brief reception to welcome the exchange students and teachers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Patricia Lynch, 17015 SE Wax Road, Covington, thanked Council for the speed trailer placed on Wax Road.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: March 10, 2015 City Council Special & Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #32243-32295, including ACH Payments and Electronic Funds Transfers, in the Amount of \$141,489.51, Dated March 6, 2015; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1003500497-1003500511 inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$166,794.65, Dated March 13, 2015.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: 7-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Human Services Commission – Chair Fran McGregor reported on the February 12 and March 12 meetings.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Vice Chair Bryan Higgins reported on the March 18 meeting.

Arts Commission – Chair Lesli Cohan reported on the March 12 meeting.

Planning Commission – Chair Bill Judd reported on the March 5 meeting. The March 19 meeting was canceled.

Economic Development Council – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the February 26 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Contract with MacLeod Reckord for Park Design Services.

Parks Planner Angie Feser gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Feser and Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas provided responses.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract between the City of Covington and MacLeod Reckord, in substantial form as that included in the agenda packet, to complete additional design for the City’s Covington Community Park. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

2. Consider Approval of Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Consultant.

Parks Planner Angie Feser gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Feser and Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas provided responses.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Conservation Technix, in substantial form as that included in the agenda packet, to complete the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan update. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

3. Approve Contract for Design of Town Center, City Hall and Public Plaza.

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

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

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to approve the consultant contract and associated scope of services with Helix Design Group to complete a concept design study and drawings of the proposed Covington Town Center and authorize the city manager to sign such contract in substantially the same form as that included in the agenda packet. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

4. Clarify Use of City Seal and Logo.

City Manager Regan Bolli and Communications & Marketing Manager Karla Slate gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and discussed this item.

Councilmember Lanza moved to adopt the language proposed in the agenda packet and for the official seal to remain behind the dais and to be displayed on the flag in front of city hall. There was no second.

Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to adopt the language proposed in the agenda packet and for the official seal to remain behind the dais.

Councilmembers continued comments and discussion.

City Attorney Sara Springer provided comments to councilmembers for clarification purposes.

Councilmember Mhoon withdrew her motion.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to request staff to create a draft policy based on the Council's discussion and bring back to the next meeting for Council's consideration.

5. Presentation of 2014 Year End Financials.

Finance Director Rob Hendrickson gave the staff report on this item.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

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Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Smith seconded to cancel the April 14 meeting due to lack of business items. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

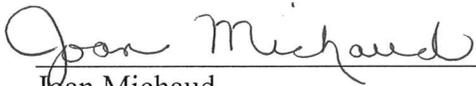
Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

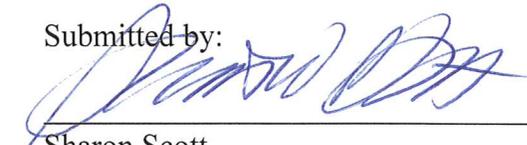
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Prepared by:



Jean Michaud
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Submitted by:



Sharon Scott
City Clerk