

**City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 26, 2013**

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

INTERVIEWS– 5:40-7:00 P.M.:

The Council conducted interviews for openings on the Covington Human Services Commission. Applicants interviewed included Joyce Bowling, Tracy Sorensen, Lesley Schlesinger, and Haris Ahmad.

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 26, 2013, at 7:05 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza (arrived @ 7:06 p.m.), David Lucavish, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Wayne Snoey (arrived @ 7:17 p.m.), and Jeff Wagner.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to excuse Councilmembers Lanza and Snoey who would be arriving late. Vote: 5-0. 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; 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 Mhoon seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Parks & Recreation Commission Chair Steven Pand accepted the April 26, 2013 Arbor Day Proclamation and the April 22, 2013 Earth Day Proclamation.
- Managing Librarian Mary Jo Edelman accepted the April 1, 2013 Covington Library 20th Anniversary Proclamation.
- Finance Director Rob Hendrickson and Accountant Casey Parker accepted the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awarded to the City of Covington

by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

- Council presented proclamations to Japanese exchange students and teachers from Abuno High and Kitano High in Osaka, Japan, in recognition of March 26, 2013 as International Student Exchange Day in Covington.

Council recessed from 7:32 to 7:45 p.m. for a brief reception to welcome the exchange students and teachers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- C-1. Minutes: March 12, 2013 Study Session Minutes and March 12, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #29089—29161, in the Amount of \$156,264.47, Dated March 5, 2013; Vouchers #29162-29163, in the Amount of \$7,619.05, Dated March 12, 2013; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001107961-1001107975 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$144,673.08, Dated March 15, 2013.
- C-3. Approve Contract with SBS Legal Services, PLLC for City Attorney Services.
- C-4. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Black Diamond for Building Code Administration, Inspection, and Plan Review.
- C-5. Accept Billing Agreement with Soos Creek Water & Sewer District for Lift Station 46.
- C-6. Accept Engineering Contract for Project Design.

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

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Human Services Commission – Chair Haris Ahmad reported on the March 14 meeting.

Arts Commission – Chair Sandy Bisordi reported on the March 14 meeting.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Chair Steven Pand reported on the March 20 meeting.

Planning Commission – Community Development Director Richard Hart reported on the March 7 meeting. The March 21 meeting was canceled.

Economic Development Council – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the February 28 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Appointments to Human Services Commission.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to appoint Joyce Bowling to fill open Position No. 3 on the Human Services Commission with a term expiring March 31, 2016. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to appoint Lesley Schlesinger to fill open Position No. 6 on the Human Services Commission with a term expiring March 31, 2016. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Lucavish moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to appoint Haris Ahmad to fill open Position No. 7 on the Human Services Commission with a term expiring March 31, 2016. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

2. Discuss Citizen Survey Questions.

Community Relations Coordinator Karla Slate gave the staff report on this item and handed out survey questions.

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

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to move forward with the 2013 Covington Citizen Survey as presented giving staff discretion to fine tune it as needed. Vote: 4-3 (voting yes: Harto, Lanza, Mhoon, and Wagner; voting no: Lucavish, Scott, and Snoey). Motion carried.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to direct staff to proceed with web-based surveying in addition to the telephone survey.

3. Update on Aquatic Center Renovations.

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas introduced this item, and Aquatics Supervisor Ethan Newton gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers asked questions and Mr. Newton provided responses.

4. Discussion on Aquatics and Field Use Fees.

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers discussed, provided comments, and asked questions. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Newton provided responses.

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COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to extend the meeting to 10:10 p.m. Vote: 6-1 (voting yes: Harto, Lanza, Lucavish, Mhoon, Scott, and Snoey; voting no: Wagner). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Mary Pritchard, 26103 197th Avenue SE, Covington resident, spoke regarding her attendance at the Community Workshop the previous evening and how nice it was to see so many new people participating. Mrs. Pritchard also advised the council that she felt the Parks & Recreation Commission's chosen name of "Covington Community Park" was boring and suggested that council should look over the entire list of names that were submitted as she felt there were quite a few good ones.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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