

May 13, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: June 24, 2014

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2014**

(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, May 13, 2014, at 7:01 p.m., with Mayor Margaret Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Joe Cimaomo, Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Wayne Snoey, and Jeff Wagner.

STAFF PRESENT:

Derek Matheson, City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufrere, Personnel Manager; 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; Salina Lyons, Principal Planner; Joey Meisenheimer, Community Development Department Intern; 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 Snoey seconded to approve the Agenda. **Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Communication & Marketing Manager Karla Slate accepted the 2014 Grand Summit Award from the Washington Festival Events Association for the city's Covington Days festival.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Laura Morrissey, Covington resident, thanked Council for keeping youth sports in Covington.

Alex Wilford, Master Builders Association, 325 116th Avenue SE, Bellevue, asked Council to consider electronic permitting and five-foot side yard setbacks in R-8 and lower zones.

Katrina Minton-Davis, American Cancer Society, 2120 1st Avenue North, Seattle, announced the 2014 Relay for Life event and asked for participation and support by the city.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to change the priority order of the summary to: 1) CIP 1127 - SE 272nd Street between Jenkins Creek and 185th Place SE; 2) CIP 1014 – Jenkins Creek Park between SE 267th Place and SE 268th Street; 3) CIP 1201 - 204th Avenue SE between SE 272nd Street SE and SE 259th Street; 4) CIP 1086 - 164th Avenue SE between SE 264th Street and vicinity SE 269th Street; 5) CIP 1128SE 272nd Street between 185th Place SE and 192nd Avenue SE; 6) CIP 1063SE 272nd Street between 160th Avenue SE and 164th Avenue SE; 7) CIP 1056 - SE 256th Street between 172nd Avenue SE and 180th Avenue SE & CIP 1149 - 180th Avenue SE between SE 256th Street and SE Wax Road (N); 8) Town Center 1 - SE 276th Street between 168th Place SE and SE Wax Road; 9) Town Center 2 - 171st Avenue SE (Main Street between SE 275th Street and SE 276th Street); and 10) CIP 1124 - 185th Place SE Extension - Wax Road/180th Ave SE to SE 272nd Street.

3. Presentation on Right-of-Way Design Elements.

Public Works Director Don Vondran provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

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

Council Action: There was Council consensus to request staff to research options to upgrade some of the existing materials used and bring this item back to a future Council meeting.

4. Consider Revisions to Council Rules of Procedure and Adopt Subcommittees.

City Attorney Sara Springer gave the staff report on this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO ADOPT A NEW COMMISSIONER INTERVIEW PROCESS

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to adopt Resolution No. 14-10 amending the Covington City Council Rules of Procedure to adopt a new commissioner interview process. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to appoint:

Councilmembers Harto, Lanza, and Wagner to the Arts Commission Interview Subcommittee with Councilmember Scott as alternate through December 31, 2014;

Councilmembers Harto, Scott, and Wagner to the Human Services Commission Interview Subcommittee with Councilmember Mhoon as alternate;

Councilmembers Harto, Scott, and Wagner to the Covington Economic Development Council (CEDC) Interview Subcommittee with Councilmember Cimaomo as alternate;

Councilmembers Lanza, Mhoon, and Snoey to the Planning Commission Interview Subcommittee with Mayor Pro Tem Wagner as alternate; and

Councilmembers Cimaomo, Harto and Wagner to the Parks and Recreation Commission Interview Subcommittee with Councilmember Lanza as alternate through December 31, 2014. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

5. 2014 First Quarter Financial Reports.

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

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Hendrickson and Community Development Director Richard Hart provided responses.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Councilmember Scott announced he will be on vacation for the May 27 council meeting. Councilmember Mhoon announced she would be on vacation for the May 27 council meeting and both June meetings.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to request staff to gather more information on what steps neighboring cities have taken regarding coal trains.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to assign the task of reviewing setbacks and lot sizes to the Planning Commission.

Councilmembers Scott and Lanza requested more information on electronic permitting. Mr. Hart noted that e-permitting would be implemented on certain permits this year and a decision card would be submitted for purchase in 2015.

Council Action: There was Council consensus for Mayor Pro Tem Wagner and Councilmember Mhoon to vote in agreement at the Growth Management Planning Council and Public Issues Committee meetings to add policy language to the King County Comprehensive Plan and require local governments to have similar kinds of policies for the green house gas emissions reductions targets.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to have Councilmember Mhoon deliver the message to the Public Issues Committee that Covington would support any dues increase to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency that would be necessary now to be in compliance but request them to hold off and engage the cities/dues payers on the aspects of the strategic plan and how to fund.

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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 9:30 p.m.

Prepared by:



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Submitted by:



Sharon Scott
City Clerk