

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

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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, June 25, 2013, at 7:05 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhoon, and Wayne Snoey.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

David Lucavish, Jim Scott, and Jeff Wagner.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to excuse Councilmembers Lucavish (out of town) and Scott (family commitment) and Mayor Pro Tem Wagner (AWC Conference).

STAFF PRESENT:

Derek Matheson, City Manager; 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; Don Vondran, Interim Public Works Director; 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 as amended to postpone the Executive Session one month. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

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: May 22, 2013 City Council Joint Meeting with Black Diamond and Maple Valley Meeting; June 11, 2013 City Council Joint Meeting with Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes; and June 11, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #29554-29619, in the Amount of \$1,705,811.03, Dated June 11, 2013; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001340464-1001340480 and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001340580-101340580 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$160,105.62, Dated June 21 2013.

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

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Human Services Commission – Vice Chair Fran McGregor-Hollums reported on the June 13 site visit to Crisis Clinic in Seattle.

Arts Commission – Secretary Gini Cook reported on the June 13 meeting.

Planning Commission – Chair Daniel Key reported on the June 6 and June 20 meetings.

Parks & Recreation Commission – No report.

Economic Development Council – No report; June and July meetings canceled; next meeting August 22.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

1. Consider Resolution Adopting 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

Interim Public Works Director Don Vondran gave the staff report on this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A SIX-YEAR (2014 – 2019) TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND DIRECTING THE SAME TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT BOARD.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to pass Resolution No. 13-04 adopting the City of Covington Six-Year (2014 – 2019) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Discuss Selection of Citizen and Honorary Citizen of the Year.

Community Relations Coordinator Karla Slate gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmember Mhoon nominated Mike and Ronda Denbo for Citizen of the Year. Councilmember Lanza nominated Bryan Higgins. Councilmember Mhoon decided to support

the nomination of Bryan Higgins. Councilmember Snoey also supported the nomination of Bryan Higgins.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to name Bryan Higgins as Covington's Citizen of the Year for 2013.

Councilmember Snoey nominated Kollin Higgins as Honorary Citizen of the Year. Councilmember Mhoon supported the nomination of Kollin Higgins. Councilmember Lanza nominated Krista Bates. Mayor Harto nominated Julie Stein. Councilmembers discussed the nominations.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to name Julie Stein as Covington's Honorary Citizen of the Year for 2013.

3. Update on Surface Water Management Programs.

Interim Public Works Director Don Vondran introduced Engineering Technician II Ben Parrish who gave a PowerPoint presentation.

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

4. Briefing on Competitive Bidding.

5. Briefing on Utility Tax Effective Rate.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to postpone Agenda Items No. 4 and No. 5 to a future meeting when more councilmembers are able to be present.

6. Discuss Council Requested Decision Cards.

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

Council Action: There was Council consensus that no additional items were being requested other than those already discussed at previous meetings and workshops.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Councilmember Snoey informed the Council he would be unable to attend the July 9 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Leroy Stevenson, 26828 166th Place SE, Covington resident, advised he had been looking forward to the utility tax report that was postponed and disturbed by the surface water management presentation to the extent he felt it negatively impacted private lives and property.

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Mr. Stevenson also commented that due to the national government being in debt, in his opinion all levels of government need to stop relying on grants and create small sustainable budgets from local revenue.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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