

**City of Covington  
City Council Special Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 30, 2015**

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

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at 7:07 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; Noreen Beaufriere, 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; Darren Mhoon, Management Assistant; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Council Action: Councilmember Smith moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to approve the Agenda.**

Mayor Harto briefed the Council and audience on amendments to the agenda which included instructing the audience regarding the two public comment sections on the agenda requesting that for this special meeting, comments during the first public comment period be focused on city business and comments during the second public comment period be devoted entirely to celebrating Covington Police Chief Klason's retirement.

Mayor Harto also briefed the Council and audience that the second public comment period would be moved to immediately following New Business Item No. 4 and then Council/Staff Comments would follow Public Comments. The meeting would then adjourn to the reception for Chief Klason.

**Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

1. Resolution Establishing Sister City Program.

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Mayor Harto gave the report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY AFFILIATIONS POLICY AND CRITERIA FOR THE FORMATION OF CITIZEN SISTER CITY COMMITTEES.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to adopt Resolution No. 15-05, in substantial form as that provided in the agenda packet, to establish a sister city program and criteria for the formation of citizen sister city associations. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

2. Letter of Intent Ceremony to Adopt Tatsuno, Japan as City of Covington's Sister City.

Mayor Harto introduced this item, and a video was shown providing an overview of Tatsuno, Japan. Mayor Harto invited the Covington Council and Tatsuno Council to join together in front of the dais. Mayor Harto provided remarks and Hajime Kurihara, Mayor of Tatsuno, provided remarks. Both mayors signed the letter of intent and mementos were exchanged.

Council recessed from 7:55 to 8:10 p.m. to allow everyone time to greet the Japanese visitors before their departure to Seattle.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

**Mary Pritchard, 26103 197<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Covington resident,** asked Council to consider a ban on fireworks in Covington. Ms. Pritchard also mentioned her disappointment on the absence of a reporter from the Covington Reporter Newspaper at such a special meeting.

Mayor Harto directed the audience to the flyers provided in the Council Chambers regarding the fireworks regulations in the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority service area.

**Greg McClain, 26426 189<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Covington resident,** provided comments on his concerns regarding the increase in volume and increase in speed of traffic going through the Timberlane neighborhood.

**George Pearson, 18623 SE265th St, Covington resident,** asked Council to consider a ban on fireworks in Covington.

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

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

- C-1. Minutes: May 27, 2015 City Council Tri Cities Special Meeting with Black Diamond and Maple Valley Minutes; June 9, 2015 City Council Special Joint Study Session with Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes; and June 9, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #32652-32694, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers, in the amount of \$164,003.56, dated June 12, 2015; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1003861162-1003861178 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits, in the amount of \$177,760.23, Dated June 19, 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO ASTOUND BROADBAND, LLC D/B/A WAVE, TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPLACE, AND REPAIR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN, ACROSS, OVER, ALONG, UNDER, THROUGH, AND BELOW CERTAIN DESIGNATED PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, FOR A TEN YEAR TERM.

- C-3. Approve Ordinance Adopting Astound Broadband Franchise.
- C-4. Accept Grant from Flood Control District.
- C-5. Approve Maintenance Facility Lease Renewal.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 3. Discuss Selection of Citizen and Honorary Citizen of the Year.

**Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Mayor Pro Tem Wagner seconded to name Laura Morrissey as Covington's Citizen of the Year for 2015. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

**Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to name Kevin Klason as Covington's Honorary Citizen of the Year for 2015. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

- 4. Proclamation Recognizing Outgoing Police Chief Kevin Klason.

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The Council presented a proclamation to Kevin Klason recognizing and commending him for his untiring efforts on behalf of the citizens of the City of Covington as Covington's Police Chief and wishing him a long and healthy retirement.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Harto called for public comments regarding Chief Klason's retirement.

Wayne Snoey, Derek Matheson, and Mary Pritchard, provided comments on Chief Klason's retirement and thanked him for his service to the community.

Mayor Harto shared a proclamation from Metropolitan King County Council and presented it to Chief Klason for Councilmember Reagan Dunn who could not be in attendance.

Mayor Harto shared a letter from the State of Washington, Office of the Governor, signed by Governor Jay Inslee, to Chief Klason thanking him for his service and leadership.

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

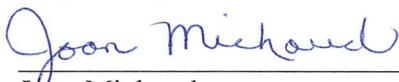
**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

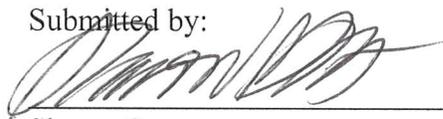
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m. for a reception to recognize outgoing Police Chief Kevin Klason.

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