

July 8, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Approved: September 23, 2014

**City of Covington  
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 8, 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 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at 7:01 p.m., with Mayor Margaret Harto presiding.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Margaret Harto, Joe Cimaomo, Mark Lanza (arrived @ 7:09 p.m.), Marlla Mhoon, Wayne Snoey (arrived @ 7:02 p.m.), and Jeff Wagner.

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jim Scott.

**Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Mayor Pro Tem Wagner seconded to excuse Councilmembers Lanza, Scott, and Snoey. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Derek Matheson, 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; and Joan Michaud, Senior Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harto announced City Manager Derek Matheson's new position as Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Kent beginning on August 11.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to approve the Agenda.**

City Manager Derek Matheson recommended two additions to the agenda: 1) Executive Session for Evaluation of Qualifications of Applicants for Public Employment pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g); and 2) a business item following that for possible direction to staff regarding city manager search firms.

**Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to amend the Agenda to add an Executive Session for Evaluation of Qualifications of Applicants for Public Employment pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and then a business**

**item following that for possible direction to staff regarding city manager search firms.  
Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

- Steve Pand was presented with a proclamation as the 2014 Citizen of the Year.
- Krista Bates was presented with a proclamation as the 2014 Honorary Citizen of the Year.

The Council recessed at 7:14 p.m. for a short celebration to recognize the citizen and honorary citizen of the year and reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

**George Pearson, 18623 SE 265<sup>th</sup> Street, Covington,** spoke regarding his desire for a fireworks ban in Covington.

**Barbara Abbott, 26108 191st Place SE, Covington,** also spoke regarding her desire for a fireworks ban in Covington.

**George Gedevanishvili, 18621 SE 256<sup>th</sup> Street, Covington,** also spoke regarding his desire for a fireworks ban in Covington.

**Laura Morrissey, 26313 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Covington,** requested temporary “no parking” signs along the Covington Days parade route by Real Life Church as a safety measure for pedestrians making their way to watch the parade. Ms. Morrissey also spoke in support of New Business Item No. 4, the Parks Planner position becoming full time.

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

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

C-1. Minutes: June 9, 2014 City Council Special Study Session Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #31217-31256, including ACH Payments in the Amount of \$318,343.21, Dated June 23, 2014.

**Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approve Amendment to Solid Waste Contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner recused himself from this item and left the Council Chambers.

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

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

**Council Action:** There was Council consensus to direct staff to look into concerns regarding unlimited yard waste and bring this item back to the July 22 Council meeting for further discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner returned to the Council Chambers.

2. Briefing on Cedar Creek Park.

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas gave the staff report on this item and asked for Council direction.

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

**Council Action:** There was Council consensus to direct staff to continue work on the current path exploring land swap possibilities with the county.

3. Reject All Bids for Aquatics Center Roofing Project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE AQUATIC CENTER REROOFING PROJECT.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to adopt Resolution No. 14-13 rejecting all bids for the aquatic center reroofing project and to modify the project specifications for re-advertisement. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

4. Consider Regular Full-Time Park Planner Position.

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

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

**Council Action:** Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to authorize the City Manager to convert the temporary, limited-term Park Planner position into a regular, full-time position. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Covington Police Chief Klason provided information to Council on the number of calls for police response over the Independence Day holiday weekend.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

**Mary Pritchard, Covington resident**, spoke regarding her support for a ban on fireworks in Covington and informed Council she would be encouraging citizens to place more calls to the police next year. Ms. Pritchard also sought clarification on the location of SoCo Park and commented on the landscaping maintenance recently performed at the post office.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Evaluation of Qualifications of Applicants for Public Employment (RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)) from 8:55 to 9:25 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

5. Discuss the Selection of Search Firm(s) To Begin Advertising and Recruitment for the New City Manager.

City Manager Derek Matheson recommended contacting two to three search firms.

Councilmembers provided comments and discussed.

**Council Action:** There was Council consensus to direct staff to request proposals from Karras, Prothman, and The Mercer Group to search for a new city manager and to place this item on the August 12 City Council meeting for discussion.

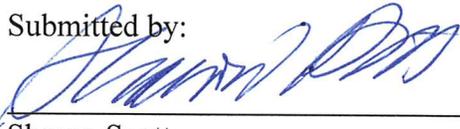
**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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