

**City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2013**

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

INTERVIEWS– 6:00-7:00 P.M.:

The Council conducted interviews for openings on the Covington Economic Development Council. Applicants interviewed included Binoy Varughese, Kevin Holland, and Steven Pand.

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, July 9, 2013, at 7:07 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza, David Lucavish, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, and Jeff Wagner.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Wayne Snoey.

STAFF PRESENT:

Derek Matheson, City 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.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to excuse Councilmember Snoey who was on vacation. Vote: 6-0.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Bryan Higgins was presented with a proclamation as 2013 Citizen of the Year.
- Julie Stein was presented with a proclamation as 2013 Honorary Citizen of the Year.

The Council recessed at 7:17 p.m. for a short celebration to recognize the citizen and honorary citizen of the year and reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Barry Anderson, asked Council to continue to leave the door open on the Northern Notch issue and watch for prospects.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: June 25, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #29620—29681, in the Amount of \$254,444.78, Dated June 24, 2013; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001373908-1001373922 and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001374009-101374009 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$159,858.30, Dated July 5, 2013.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Appointment to Covington Economic Development Council.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to appoint Kevin Holland to fill Position No. 2 on the Covington Economic Development Council with a term expiring July 31, 2015. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to appoint Binoy Varughese to fill Position No. 8 on the Covington Economic Development Council with a term expiring July 31, 2015. Vote: 2-2-2 (Voting yes: Lanza and Mhoon; voting no: Lucavish and Wagner; abstaining: Harto and Scott.) Motion failed.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to appoint Steven Pand to fill Position No. 8 on the Covington Economic Development Council with a term expiring July 31, 2015: Vote: 2-2-2 (Voting yes: Lucavish and Wagner; voting no: Lanza and Mhoon; abstaining: Harto and Scott.) Motion failed.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Mayor Pro Tem Wagner seconded to appoint Steven Pand to fill Position No. 8 on the Covington Economic Development Council with a term expiring July 31, 2015: Vote: 4-2 (Voting yes: Mhoon, Lanza, Lucavish, and Wagner; abstaining: Harto and Scott). Motion carried.

It was later determined that the last three Council votes were invalid and would be voted upon at the next meeting.

2. Briefing on Competitive Bidding.

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

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

3. Briefing on Utility Tax Effective Rate.

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

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

4. Discuss Northern Notch Advocacy.

Community Development Director Richard Hart gave the staff report on this item.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to uphold the City Council's current policy that supports the addition of the Jenkins Creek Notch to the Urban Growth Boundary area and to direct staff to defer advocacy efforts pending future Council review and direction. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

5. Discuss Commission Exit Interviews.

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

Council Action: There was Council consensus to request staff to draft changes to City Council Rules for future review to include the following: exit interviews offered to all departing commissioners; interviews conducted by a Council subcommittee created for the sole purpose of conducting exit interviews; interviews initiated by City Clerk's Office; interviews scheduled prior to council meetings that do not have pre-meetings; some standard questions combined with informal conversation; and outcomes reported by verbal report by interviewer during council/staff comments at the next regular council meeting.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to cancel the August 13 meeting.

Councilmember Mhoon announced she would be out of town on vacation for the July 23 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Barry Anderson, not a Covington resident, thanked Council for its continued support on Agenda Item 4.

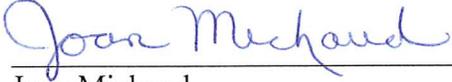
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There being no further comments, Mayor Harto closed the public comment period.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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City Clerk