

August 23, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Approved: September 27, 2011

**City of Covington  
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 23, 2011**

(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, August 23, 2011, at 7:06 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Margaret Harto, David Lucavish, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Wayne Snoey, and Jeff Wagner.

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mark Lanza

**Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to excuse Councilmember Lanza. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Derek Matheson, City Manager; Glenn Akramoff, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufriere, Personnel Manager; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Karla Slate, Community Relations Coordinator; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Margaret Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Agenda as amended to remove Item 1. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

- Jackie Berganio of King County Mental Health accepted the September 2011 National Recovery Month proclamation.
- Community Relations Coordinator Karla Slate accepted the September 10, 2011 Third Annual Clean Covington Day proclamation.
- David Hull of King County Metro Transit gave a presentation on Metro Transit Strategic Plan and Congestion Reduction Charge.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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**George Pearson, 18623 SE 265<sup>th</sup> Street, Covington resident,** spoke regarding Timberlane's ongoing problems with several different code enforcement issues.

**Garth Hanson, Timberlane, Covington resident,** spoke regarding a fence code violation he received and his feeling that city codes are "all over the place." Mr. Hanson also mentioned that he felt the street he lives on in Timberlane should have a "no parking allowed" sign installed.

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

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

C-1. Vouchers #25716-25778, in the Amount of \$121,634.10, Dated August 8, 2011; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000090903-1000090921, Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$138,662.22, Dated August 5, 2011.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:**

**Arts Commission** – Secretary Rudi Sullivan reported on the July 7 and August 11 meetings.

**Parks & Recreation Commission** – Chair David Aldous reported on the July 20 and August 17 meetings.

**Planning Commission** – Community Development Director Richard Hart reported on the July 7, July 21, August 4, and August 18 meetings.

**Human Services Commission** – Chair Haris Ahmad reported on the July 14 and August 11 meetings.

**Economic Development Council** – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the July 28 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Award Aqua Vista Drainage Construction Contract. (Removed from the agenda.)

Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff gave a staff report to Council on the reason this item was removed from the agenda.

2. Consider Agreement to Conduct Pavement Condition Assessment and ADA Inventory.

Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff gave the staff report on this item.

**Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Perteet to conduct a citywide pavement condition assessment and ADA inventory. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

3. Consider SEARCH Interlocal Agreement.

Personnel & Human Services Analyst Victoria Throm and City Manager Derek Matheson gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and discussed this item.

**Council Action:** There was Council consensus to accept the staff recommendation **Alternative No. 1, to direct the city manager to negotiate modifications to the interlocal agreement to address the city attorney's concerns and then present the interlocal agreement to Council for approval.**

4. Consider Letter to Ashton Regarding the City Hall Lease.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to authorize the city manager to send a letter to Ashton Capital Corporation in substantially the form of Attachment 1 of this agenda item stating the city will not exercise the early termination clause in its lease. **Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

5. Discuss Public Engagement Process Charter.

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

Councilmembers discussed this item.

**Council Action:** There was Council consensus to request staff to 1) look for a catchier name for the committee; 2) use an invitation process to seek qualified participants; 3) look into the option of a facilitator; and 4) not arbitrarily exclude qualified people but make sure there is a significant representation of registered voters within the city limits on the committee.

6. 2011 Second Quarter Financial Reports.

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

Councilmembers provided comments.

**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff briefed Council on and requested approval to submit a King County Office of Emergency Management Coordinated Policy and Decision Making Memorandum of Understanding for Disasters on a future meeting consent agenda. Council agreed.

Mr. Akramoff also updated Council on a couple of new pedestrian transportation issues brought to the city's attention along with an existing list and requested Council's feedback.

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Mayor Harto suggested that the City Council could benefit from a study session or presentation from staff regarding the criteria used to determine the need and order of priority for crosswalks, stop signs, etc. Mayor Harto also suggested that the seniors at Covington Place Apartments and homeowner associations could benefit from a presentation.

Mr. Akramoff noted this item would be added to a future Council meeting agenda, and staff would look into the follow-up presentations for other focus groups.

Councilmember Scott noted he would not be at the next Council meeting due to a vacation in Arizona.

Councilmember Snoey asked if Covington had resources to coordinate with the other jurisdictions to address gang wars. City Manager Derek Matheson indicated he would discuss the issue with Chief Klason and report back to Council.

**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 9:37 p.m.

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