

September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: October 13, 2015

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

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, September 8, 2015, at 7:15 p.m., with Mayor Margaret Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Joe Cimaomo (arrived @ 8:30 p.m.), Mark Lanza (arrived @ 7:40 p.m.), Jim Scott, Sean Smith, and Jeff Wagner.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Marlla Mhoon.

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufrere, Personnel Manager; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Andrew McCurdy, Covington Police Chief; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; Angie Feser, Interim Parks & Recreation Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney (arrived @ 7:53 p.m.); Salina Lyons, Principal Planner; Rachel Bahl, Aquatics Supervisor; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting by inviting Traton Nixon, Adam Laws, and Elric Good from Boy Scout Troop 594 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Smith seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Lila Henderson, Executive Director of Maple Valley Food Bank, accepted the Saturday, September 19, 2015, Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry Proclamation.
- Battalion Chief Tom Betenson accepted the October 4, 2015 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation.
- Personnel & Human Services Analyst Victoria Throm accepted the October 2015 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation.
- Paula Frederick, Kent Youth & Family Services, accepted the September 2015 National Recovery Month Proclamation.
- Senator Joe Fain and Representative Pat Sullivan were recognized for their ongoing support of the Covington community.

Council recessed for a reception honoring the state legislators from 7:35 to 7:50 p.m.

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: July 28, 2015 City Council Special Study Session Minutes; July 28, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes; and August 11, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Electronic fund transfer in the amount of \$26,930.10 dated July 21, 2015; Vouchers #32880-32957, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers, in the amount of \$253,673.40 dated August 7, 2015; Vouchers #32958-33022, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers, in the amount of \$888,908.71 dated August 21, 2015; Vouchers #33023-33028, including ACH payments, in the amount of \$4,477.08 dated August 24, 2015; Vouchers #33029-33029, including ACH payments, in the amount of \$150.00 dated August 27, 2015; Paylocity Payroll Checks #1004086714-1004086728 and Paylocity Payroll Checks# 1004086733-1004086733 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits, in the amount of \$180,453.73, dated August 14, 2015; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1004148643-1004148654 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits in the amount of \$201,932.39 dated August 28, 2015.

C-3. Consider Resolution Adopting Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Fourth Edition.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE CITY OF COVINGTON COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN, FOURTH EDITION AS APPROVED BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

C-4. Authorize Use of Traffic Impact Fees for Right-of-Way Phase of CIP 1127.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

1. Continue Discussion of Funding Priorities.

City Manager Bolli gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers discussed projects and the prioritization of them. Councilmembers also discussed available funding options.

Council Action: There was Council consensus that hiring a police officer is the Council's top priority and hiring a maintenance worker is the second priority.

Council Action: There was also Council consensus that the Town Center is a top priority and Council wishes to press forward in doing what it is able to do to make that become a reality.

Council Action: There was also Council consensus to direct staff to merge the Covington Transportation Benefit District and the Covington City Council pursuant to new legislation and implement a \$20 car tab fee councilmanically as the best option at this point in time for increased funding. Council directed staff to place the merging of the Transportation Benefit District and the car tab ordinance on an upcoming agenda as soon as that was possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consider Appointments to Arts Commission.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Smith seconded to appoint Tyler Bykonen to fill open Position No. 1 on the Arts Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2016. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

3. Consider Appointments to Parks and Recreation Priorities Advisory Committee (PRePAC).

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to appoint the Parks and Recreation Priorities Advisory Committee per the city manager's recommendations and to authorize the city manager to fill vacancies from among applicants. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to appoint Jennifer Harjehausen as chair of the Parks and Recreation Priorities Advisory Committee. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

4. Covington Community Park Phase 1 Funding and Project Timeline Update.

Interim Parks & Recreation Director Angie Feser gave the staff report for this item.

Councilmembers provided preferences on the amenities for the park and asked questions, and Ms. Feser provided responses.

5. 2015 Second Quarter Financial Report.

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

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Public Works Director Don Vondran asked for Council authority to proceed with a change order for the Jenkins Creek Park Pedestrian Project contract. The paperwork would follow on the consent agenda for the September 22 meeting.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to proceed with the change order with the final paperwork being added to the consent agenda for the September 22 meeting.

Finance Director Rob Hendrickson asked for Council authority to proceed with a request for proposals on the financial audit, as Covington, as well as many other cities, has concerns over the State Auditor's Office conducting the audits recently.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to direct Mr. Hendrickson to proceed with a request for proposals for financial auditing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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

Council Action: There was Council consensus to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

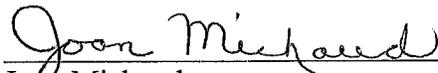
To discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) from 9:50 to 10:30 p.m.

Mayor Harto announced the City Council would move into Executive Session after which no further action was anticipated.

ADJOURNMENT:

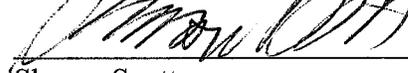
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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