

September 10, 2013 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: October 8, 2013

**City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2013**

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

INTERVIEWS– 6:20-7:00 P.M.:

The Council conducted interviews for openings on the Planning Commission. Applicants interviewed included Sean Smith and Bill Judd.

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 10, 2013, at 7:10 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Wayne Snoey, and Jeff Wagner.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

David Lucavish.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to excuse Councilmember Lucavish who was ill. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

Derek Matheson, City Manager; Noreen Beaufriere, Personnel Manager; Kevin Klason, Covington Police Chief; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Don Vondran, Interim Public Works Director; Salina Lyons, Principal Planner; Nelson Ogren, Development Review Engineer; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

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 as amended to remove and reschedule the Kohl's Appreciation Proclamation per Kohl's request. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF THE 47TH DISTRICT LEGISLATORS:

Council recognized Senator Fain and Representatives Sullivan and Hargrove with certificates of appreciation for ongoing support of the community and successful efforts to secure funding for Covington economic development, transportation, and parks projects.

RECEPTION:

Council recessed at 7:25 p.m. for a short celebration and reconvened at 7:37 p.m..

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Lila Henderson, Executive Director, Maple Valley Food Bank and Emergency Service, accepted the proclamation for Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry which would occur on Saturday, September 28, 2013.
- Mayor Harto acknowledged City Manager Derek Matheson on his 2013 Washington City/County Management Association award for his leadership in intergovernmental cooperation.
- 2013 Best of Covington/Maple Valley/Black Diamond contest winners and finalists as voted on by the Reporter readers:
 - Mayor Harto acknowledged City Manager Derek Matheson for his selection as winner in the Public Official category and Chief Kevin Klason for his selection as winner in the Police Officer category.
 - Mayor Harto acknowledged Officer Chris Williams, MPO, and Officer Kyle Riches for their selection as finalists in the Police Officer category.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Wagner then acknowledged Mayor Harto for her selection as finalist in the public official category.
- Erika Nuerenberg, Health Care Reform Project Manager for King County, provided a briefing on the *Coverage is Here King County* Program.

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: August 27, 2013 City Council Special and Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001538787-1001538804 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$157,550.60, Dated August 30, 2013.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Appointments to Planning Commission.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Mayor Pro Tem Wagner seconded to appoint Sean Smith to fill a position on the Planning Commission with a term expiring August 31, 2017. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to appoint Bill Judd to fill a position on the Planning Commission with a term expiring August 31, 2017. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to appoint Binoy Varughese to fill a position on the Planning Commission with a term expiring August 31, 2017. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Mayor Pro Tem Wagner seconded to appoint Alex White to fill a position on the Planning Commission with a term expiring August 31, 2017. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

2. Consider Clearing and Grading SEPA amendments Ordinance.

Principal Planner Salina Lyons and Development Review Engineer Nelson Ogren gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Lyons and Mr. Ogren provided responses.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 14.60 OF THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE (CMC) ESTABLISHING CLEARING AND GRADING REGULATIONS, ESTABLISHING NEW STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA) CATEGORICAL THRESHOLDS IN CHAPTER 16.10, AND AMENDING CMC CHAPTERS 13.37, 14.30, 14.35, 14.105, 18.20, 18.55, AND 18.60 RELATED TO THE CLEARING AND GRADING REGULATIONS.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 08-13 creating Chapter 14.60 Clearing and Grading that establishes regulations for clearing and grading activities, amendments to CMC 16.10 SEPA categorical thresholds and associated amendments in Titles 14 and 18 of the City Code. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

3. Discuss Parks & Recreation Priorities Advisory Committee (PRePAC) Charter.

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

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

4. Consider Interlocal Agreement with Covington Water District for Project Management Services.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the City of

**Covington and the Covington Water District relating to project management services.
Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

5. Covington Days Report.

Communications and Marketing Manager Karla Slate gave the staff report on this item.

Council provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Slate provided responses.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Councilmember Lanza suggested discussing the idea of adding the design code to the Planning Commission's work plan at their next joint meeting, and Council concurred.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Review the Performance of a Public Employee (RCW 42.30.110(1((g))) from 9:20 to 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Submitted by:



Sharon Scott
City Clerk