

October 9, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: November 13, 2012

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 9, 2012**

(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 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at 7:02 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Derek Matheson, City Manager; Noreen Beaufrere, Personnel 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; and Joan Michaud, Senior Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the assistance of Troop 448 Boy Scouts Eli Knobloch and Patrick Kissinger who lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Lisa Parsons, Executive Director, Middle Green River Coalition, gave a report on the Cedar Downs Natural Area. Ms. Parsons indicated she would like to organize a tour of the area for city councilmembers and parks commissioners to give an in depth look at the park. In addition, Ms. Parsons requested council support for a memorial honoring former Maple Valley Councilman Gary Patrick who was instrumental in preserving this section of the park.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Barb Burnsed, not a Covington resident, resident of the Northern Notch area, thanked the Council for its efforts in trying to convince King County to add the Notch to the city's urban growth area and asked the Council to continue its efforts.

Mark Pursley, Executive Director, Greater Maple Valley Community Center, spoke regarding Agenda Item No. 3, Recommendations for 2013-2014 Human Services Grant Funding, in particular the Center's request for funding to hire an additional driver for its transportation program.

Barry Anderson, BranBar, LLC, thanked Council for its efforts with the Northern Notch and the comprehensive plan amendment process currently in front of King County.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Vouchers #28269-28327, in the Amount of \$991,433.80, Dated September 18, 2012; Vouchers #28328-28328, in the amount of \$2,821.35, Dated September 27, 2012; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000758469-1000758477 and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000758479-1000758480 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$146,417.02, Dated September 28, 2012.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive Public Testimony and Consider Ordinance Adopting Kent School District's Six Year Capital Facilities Plan and School Impact Fees.

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

Mayor Harto called for public comments for the public hearing.

Gwenn Escher-Derdowski, Planning Administrator, Finance Department, Kent School District, noted the School District appreciates the past support from the City and looks forward to the adoption of the plan.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2013-2018 CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN AND THE SCHOOL IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2013 PURSUANT TO CMC 18.120.020, RCW 36.70A, and RCW 82.02.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to pass Ordinance No. 15-12 adopting the Kent School District Impact Fee Schedule for 2013 Pursuant to CMC 18.120.020, RCW 26.70A, and RCW 82.02. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Continue Northern Notch Discussion.

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

Community Development Director Richard Hart then reported on the King County Planning Directors meeting of Thursday, October 4, at which a presentation was given on the buildable lands process.

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

Council Action: There was Council consensus to send the thank you letter included in the meeting agenda packet to the King County Council in December.

3. Recommendations for 2013-2014 Human Services Grant Funding.

Personnel & Human Service Analyst Victoria Throm gave the staff report on this item and provided an additional handout to support the other materials in the agenda packet.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Throm and members of the Human Services Commission provided responses.

4. City Manager's 2013 Budget Message.

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

Councilmembers asked questions, and Mr. Matheson provided responses.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Councilmember Mhoon reported on the Suburban Cities Association Public Issues Committee support for a King County stewardship program that provides a safe and effective means for disposal of pharmaceutical products.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to support the Suburban Cities Association's position to encourage the King County Board of Health to establish a medicine return program.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Steve Pand, Covington resident, advised he was troubled with the need for additional taxes, and as a Covington citizen he would be much more troubled by a \$100 car tab fee than he would by an increase in the sales tax. In addition, Mr. Pand expressed his support for any continued lobbying efforts that could be done regarding the Northern Notch.

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

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

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