

October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: November 10, 2015

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 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 7:11 p.m., with Mayor Margaret Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Joe Cimaomo, Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Sean Smith, and Jeff Wagner.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufrere, Personnel Manager; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Andrew McCurdy, Covington Police Chief; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; Pat Patterson, Interim Parks & Recreation Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Salina Lyons, Principal Planner; Shellie Bates Programs Supervisor, Rachel Bahl, Aquatics Supervisor; Angie Feser, Parks Planner; Casey Parker, Senior Accountant; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Dr. Calvin Watts, Kent School District Superintendent, accepted the October 18-24, 2015 America's Safe Schools Week Proclamation.
- Representative Mark Hargrove was recognized for his ongoing support of the Covington community.
- Green River Coalition President Greg Wingard provided introductory remarks and introduced Green River College interns Danielle Kies and Stephen Melanson who provided a report on the Covington Community Park project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Frank Sutton, 17025 SE Wax Road, Covington, spoke against mandatory yard waste service.

Leroy Stevenson, 26838 166th Place SE, Covington, spoke against mandatory garbage and yard waste service.

George Pearson, 18623 SE 265th Street, Covington, spoke in favor of mandatory yard waste, garbage, and recycling services.

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Mary Pritchard, 26103 197th Avenue SE, Covington, spoke in favor of mandatory yard waste, garbage, and recycling services. Mrs. Pritchard also asked members of the audience to step outside with the side conversations so other audience members could hear the meeting.

Pat Lynch, 17015 SE Wax Road, Covington, spoke against mandatory yard waste service.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: September 8, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes and September 22, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #33082-33133, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers, in the amount of \$719,134.03, dated September 18 2015; Vouchers #33134-33174, including ACH payments and electronic fund transfers, in the amount of \$317,365.72, dated October 2, 2015; Paylocity Payroll Checks #1004206548-1004206560 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits in the amount of \$166,618.77, dated September 11, 2015; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1004254776-1004254789 and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1004254833-1004254833 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits in the amount of \$225,420.19, dated September 25, 2015.

C-3. Approve Partial Termination of Easement for Maple Hills.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Receive Public Testimony and Consider an Ordinance Authorizing the City of Covington's Assumption of the Rights, Powers, Functions, and Obligations of the Covington Transportation Benefit District.

City Manager Regan Bolli provided the staff report on this item.

Mayor Harto called for public comments for the Public Hearing.

Leroy Stevenson, 26838 166th Place SE, Covington, spoke in favor of this ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 07-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ASSUMING

THE RIGHTS, POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE COVINGTON TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT; REPEALING SECTION 12.125.020 AND AMENDING SECTIONS 12.125.030 AND .040 OF THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT THE SAME; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to pass Ordinance No. 07-15, in substantial form as that included in the agenda packet, to eliminate the Covington Transportation Benefit District as a separate governmental entity and for the City of Covington to assume the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of the Covington Transportation Benefit District. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

2. Consider Ordinance to Include Mandatory Garbage Collection and/or Yard Waste & Recycling.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner recused himself from this item and joined the audience in order to answer questions as requested by Councilmember Lanza.

Councilmembers asked questions relating to the solid waste services contract, and Mr. Wagner provided responses in his role with Republic Services.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked further questions, and City Attorney Sara Springer provided responses.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Smith seconded to reconsider the vote on the ordinance relating to universal mandatory solid waste collection services (Option No. 1). Vote: 5-1 (voting yes: Harto, Mhoon, Smith, Scott, Lanza; voting no: Cimaomo). Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO UNIVERSAL MANDATORY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON; AMENDING CHAPTER 8.15 OF THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE AND RELATED ORDINANCES REGULATING SOLID WASTE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, SEVERABILITY, AND SUMMARY PUBLICATION.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to pass Ordinance No. 08-15, in substantial form as that provided in the agenda packet, relating to universal mandatory solid waste collection services in the City of Covington and amending Chapter 8.15 of the Covington Municipal Code to affect the same, with an effective date of

July 1, 2016. Vote: 4-2 (voting yes: Mhoon, Scott, Lanza, and Harto; voting no: Cimaomo and Smith). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Town Center Presentation.

Community Development Director Richard Hart introduced this item, and the consultants from Helix Design Group provided a presentation.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and the consultants provided responses.

4. Consider Funding Sources.

Councilmember Lanza began this discussion and outlined his reasons for requesting to have this topic placed on this meeting's agenda. Councilmember Lanza also noted his concerns and asked questions. Mayor Harto and staff provided responses.

Councilmember Mhoon added input as to her reasons for requesting to have this topic placed on the agenda. Councilmember Mhoon also asked questions and sought clarification from Finance Director Rob Hendrickson who provided responses.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner provided comments and sought clarification, and City Manager Regan Bolli provided a response.

Councilmember Cimaomo added input as to his reasons for requesting to have this topic placed on the agenda.

Councilmember Lanza further stated his concerns and requested further information on this subject.

Other councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and staff provided responses.

Mayor Harto provided a summary of the discussion and indicated this item would be discussed further at the Budget Workshop on October 31.

5. Discuss Items for the 2016 Legislative Agenda.

City Manager Regan Bolli gave the staff report for this item.

Councilmembers discussed the topics on the draft legislative agenda and provided input to staff who will bring this item back for final adoption at an upcoming meeting.

6. City Manager Presents 2016 Budget Message.

City Manager Regan Bolli presented the 2016 Budget Message.

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Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to extend the meeting for one hour. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

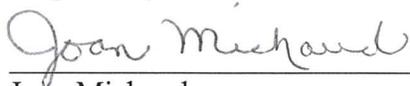
To Consider Real Estate Acquisition Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (b) and to Discuss Potential Litigation Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) From 10:10 to 11:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

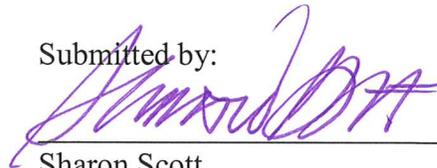
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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