

October 18, 2011 Joint City Council Meeting Minutes
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**City of Black Diamond/City of Covington/City of Maple Valley
Joint City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 18, 2011**

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

The Joint Meeting of the City Councils for the cities of Black Diamond, Covington and Maple Valley was called to order at Black Diamond Elementary Gymnasium, 25314 Baker Street, Black Diamond, Washington, Wednesday, October 18, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., with Black Diamond Mayor Rebecca Olness presiding.

BLACK DIAMOND COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rebecca Olness, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Boston, Craig Goodwin, Kristine Hanson, Leih Mulvhill, and William Saas.

BLACK DIAMOND STAFF PRESENT:

Brenda Martinez, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk; Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director; Greg Goral, Acting Police Commander; Chip Hanson, Information Services Manager; and Aaron Nix, Parks Director.

COVINGTON COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Wagner, Mark Lanza, David Lucavish, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, and Wayne Snoey.

COVINGTON COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Margaret Harto.

COVINGTON STAFF PRESENT:

Derek Matheson, City Manager; Glenn Akramoff, Public Works Director; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

MAPLE VALLEY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Noel Gerken, Deputy Mayor Victoria Laise Jonas, Bill Allison (arrived @ 7:30 p.m.), Layne Barnes, Linda A. Johnson, and Erin Weaver.

MAPLE VALLEY COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Dana Parnello.

MAPLE VALLEY STAFF PRESENT:

David Johnston, City Manager; Greg Brown, Parks & Recreation Director; Steve Clark, Public Works Director; Tony McCarthy, Finance Director; Diana Pistoll, Public Works Programs Coordinator; and Shaunna Lee-Rice, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS:

Mayor Olness opened the Fourth Annual Joint Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Olness introduced herself, welcomed everyone, and introduced the Maple Valley councilmembers and staff present. Mayor Olness asked Mayor Pro Tem Wagner to introduce Covington councilmembers and staff present as Mayor Harto was ill. Mayor Olness then asked Mayor Gerken to introduce Maple Valley councilmembers and staff present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Olness called for approval of the agenda.

Council Action: Councilmember Mulvhill moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the agenda. Vote: 17-0. Motion carried.

OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR OLNES:

Mayor Olness provided background and history on the joint tri cities meetings which began in 2008 at Black Diamond, continued in 2009 at Maple Valley, in 2010 at Covington, and now back to Black Diamond in 2011.

ITEMS FOR JOINT COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. Solid Waste Presentation.

Kevin Kiernan, King County Solid Waste Director, gave the presentation on this item which included topics on the background and history, the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, a Collaborative Approach to System Planning, the Transfer System, Facility Locations, Urban Transfer System, Solid Waste Interlocal Agreements, Solid Waste Rates, Other Services, and Looking Forward.

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

2. Update of Previous Initiatives.

- a. Transportation. Councilmember Wayne Snoey gave the presentation on this item which included topics on the Beginning, Working Group, Legislative Advocacy, DMU Feasibility Study Step 1 – State Grant, Step 2 – Federal Grant, State Route 516 Corridor Study, Transit Grant, Transit Co-Marketing Campaign, Changing Times, and SEATS Coalition.

- b. Trails. Parks & Recreation Director Greg Brown, accompanied by Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas and Parks Director Aaron Nix, gave the presentation on this item which included topics on Park and Recreation Regional Collaboration, Regional Trail Corridor, Trail Corridor Activities, Partners, Possible Funding Sources, Progress to Date, Cedar to Green Extension, Southeast County Trail Map, and What Happens Next.

Councilmembers asked questions, and Mr. Brown and Mr. Thomas provided responses.

- c. Regional Infrastructure & Services Funding. Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff, accompanied by Public Works Directors Seth Boettcher and Steve Clark, provided an update on regional infrastructure and services funding.

3. Emergency Management.

Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff, Public Works Director Steve Clark, and Acting Police Commander Greg Goral gave a report on emergency management.

Councilmembers asked questions, and Mr. Akramoff provided responses.

CLOSING REMARKS:

There was consensus among the three councils that staff is working in the proper direction and encouraged them to continue to collaborate. There was also consensus that the joint meetings are valuable and should be continued.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Goodwin seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 18-0. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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