

October 22, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: November 26, 2013

City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 22, 2013

(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 22, 2013, at 7:15 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; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto introduced First Class Scout Robert Walden of Troop 594, who 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. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Leroy Stevenson, 26838 166th Place SE, Covington, brought to Council's attention an issue he felt was a safety problem on 164th Avenue SE, just north of 268th as the hill begins. Mr. Stevenson indicated cars have started parking in this area creating a possible hazard for pedestrians and other vehicles. Mr. Stevenson requested Council to change this area into a "no parking" zone and provide signage.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Vouchers #30102—30153, in the Amount of \$100,075.70, Dated October 1, 2013; Vouchers #30154-30154, in the Amount of \$80.00, Dated October 9, 2013; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001654191-1001654203 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$149,438.94, Dated October 11, 2013.

C-2. Approve Interlocal Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON; TO JOINTLY SELF-INSURE CERTAIN HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR BENEFICIARIES THROUGH A DESIGNATED ACCOUNT WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST.

Council Action: Councilmember Lucavish moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended with the correction to Consent Item 1 for a scrivener's error. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to further amend the Agenda to include Commission Reports. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Human Services Commission – Chair Haris Ahmad reported on the October 10 meeting.

Arts Commission – October 10 meeting report was given during the joint meeting held earlier in the evening.

Planning Commission – October meetings were canceled.

Economic Development Council – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the August and September meetings.

Parks & Recreation – Chair Steven Pand reported on the October 16 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Receive Testimony from the Public Regarding 2014 Revenue Sources and Possible Increase in Property Tax Revenues.

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

Mayor Harto called for public comments for the public hearing.

Philip Jones, Covington resident, spoke in favor of the growth of Covington and fiscal soundness. Mr. Jones mentioned the citizen survey and budget items and offered suggestions for future road project maintenance. Mr. Jones also stated that in his opinion the future of education is on-line and classrooms should not be built unless there was a particular vocational skill for the student to go directly to work.

Leroy Stevenson, Covington resident, expressed his ongoing concern regarding the utility tax and suggested the ordinance should be re-written.

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

2. Receive Testimony from the Public and Consider Adopting Kent School District's Six Year Capital Facilities Plan and 2014 School Impact Fees.

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

Mayor Harto called for public comments for the public hearing.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 09-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SIX-YEAR CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN FOR 2013-2019 AND THE 2014 KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE; AMENDING THE CAPITAL FACILITIES ELEMENT OF THE COVINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCLUDE THE SAME; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to pass Ordinance No. 09-13 adopting the updated Kent School District Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan for 2013-2019 and the 2014 Kent School District Impact Fee Schedule and amending the Capital Facilities Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan to include the same. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Discuss Interim Zoning Regulations Regarding Recreational Marijuana.

City Attorney Sara Springer and Community Development Director Richard Hart gave the staff report for this item.

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

4. Briefing on Results of Salary Survey.

Personnel Manager Noreen Beaufre gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and feedback on the staff report.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

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Leroy Stevenson, Covington resident, spoke regarding staff salaries and stated he felt compensation should be proportionate to the citizens.

Mary Pritchard, 26103 197th Avenue SE, Covington, spoke in support of city staff and suggested the council chamber audience chairs had worn out and should be replaced.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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