

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 28, 2014**

(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 28, 2014, at 7:08 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Rob Hendrickson, Interim City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufrere, Personnel Manager; Casey Parker, Deputy Finance Director; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Bob Lindskov, City Engineer; Salina Lyons, Principal Planner; Pat Patterson, Recreation Manager; Bill Fealy, Maintenance Worker-Arborist; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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: City Council September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes; City Council September 21, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes; and City Council September 30, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #31641-31693, including ACH Payments and Electronic Funds Transfers in the Amount of \$435,786.66, Dated October 14, 2014.

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

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Human Services Commission – Chair Fran McGregor reported on the October 9 meeting.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Chair Steven Pand reported on the October 15 meeting.

Arts Commission – Vice Chair Ed White reported on the October 9 meeting.

Economic Development Council – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the October 23 meeting; September 25 meeting canceled.

Planning Commission - Next meeting November; 6; both October meetings canceled.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive Testimony from the Public Regarding 2015 Revenues Sources and Possible Increase in Property Tax Revenues.

Deputy Finance Director Casey Parker gave a PowerPoint presentation on this item.

Mayor Harto called for public comments for the public hearing.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Select Aquatic Center Temporary Art.

Arts Commission Vice Chair Ed White and Recreation Manager Pat Patterson gave the staff report on this item.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to authorize the selection and temporary installation of the metal sculpture “SeaHorse” as recommended by the Arts Commission. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

3. Consider Appointment to Arts Commission.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to appoint Paul Selland to fill open Position No. 3 on the Arts Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2017. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

4. Discuss Animal Control Contract Extension.

Interim City Manager Rob Hendrickson gave the staff report on this item.

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

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to authorize the city manager to sign a non-binding agreement stating interest in extending the Regional Animal Services King County Interlocal Agreement for two years ending in 2017. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to authorize staff to move forward with the Licensing Support program and the automated phone renewal program.

5. Discuss Surface Water Management Rate Study.

Public Works Director Don Vondran gave the staff report on this item.

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

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Personnel Manager Noreen Beaufriere requested Council feedback regarding the city manager interview process.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to begin the November 3 Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to have Ms. Beaufriere attend the special daytime meeting for city manager interviews on November 18, and there was Council consensus that no other management staff would be needed at the daytime special meeting.

Public Works Director Don Vondran requested Council feedback regarding the holiday tree that was blown over during a windstorm.

Council Action: There was Council consensus that staff would work with Big Trees again to obtain a replacement live tree.

Mayor Harto requested councilmember consensus regarding the mayor signing a letter to join with Snoqualmie, North Bend, and Maple Valley giving priority to the completion of Highway 18 into a four-lane highway as well as reconstructing the interchange at Highway 18 and I-90. The letter would be shared at an important Sound Cities Association meeting regarding transportation issues on Friday.

Council Action: There was Council consensus for the Mayor sign a letter on behalf of the city to support the completion Highway 18 and the Highway 18/I-90 interchange project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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Leroy Stevenson, 26838 166th Place SE, Covington resident, noted that budget increases seemed too generous in light of the economy. He also remarked that he felt animal services should be funded a different way.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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