

October 29, 2011 Budget Workshop Minutes
Approved: December 13, 2011

**City of Covington
City Council Budget Workshop Minutes
Saturday, October 29, 2011**

The Budget Workshop was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Saturday, October 29, 2011, at 9:06 a.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza (arrived @ 9:08 p.m.), David Lucavish, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Wayne Snoey, and Jeff Wagner.

STAFF PRESENT:

Derek Matheson, City Manager; Glenn Akramoff, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufrere, Personnel Manager; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Kevin Klason, Covington Police Chief; Karla Slate, Community Relations Coordinator; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Shellie Bates, Public Works Office Supervisor; Don Vondran, City Engineer; Ross Junkin, Maintenance Supervisor; Casey Parker, Accountant; Salina Lyons, Senior Planner; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Margaret Harto called the budget workshop to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Department 2012 Budget Presentations.

- a. Technology Initiative. Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff gave the presentation on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Akramoff and City Manager Derek Matheson provided responses.

- b. Executive. City Manager Derek Matheson and Personnel Manager Noreen Beaufrere gave the presentation on this item.
- c. Finance. Finance Director Rob Hendrickson gave the presentation on this item.
- d. Community Development and Development Services. Community Development Director Richard Hart gave the presentation on this item.

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

The Council recessed at 10:12 a.m. for a morning break and reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

- e. Public Works & Capital Improvement Projects. City Engineer Don Vondran, Office Supervisor Shellie Bates, Maintenance Supervisor Ross Junkin, and Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff gave the presentation on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Public Works staff provided responses.

- f. Parks & Recreation & Capital Improvement Projects. Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas gave the presentation on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Thomas and various staff provided responses.

- g. Police. Police Chief Kevin Klason gave the presentation on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Chief Klason and Mr. Matheson provided responses.

The Council recessed at 12:25 p.m. for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

2. Review Budget Strategies.

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

Councilmembers had no comments or questions on Mr. Matheson's report.

3. Begin 2012 Budget Deliberations.

Councilmembers were in agreement as to the importance of the citizen survey and to look at a fiscally prudent way to allow for its funding.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed the 2012 budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

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