

**City of Covington  
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 22, 2011**

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

**INTERVIEWS – 6:15-7:00 P.M.:**

The Council conducted interviews for an opening on the Planning Commission. Applicants interviewed included Joseph Cimaomo, Jr., Edward Holmes, and Jim Langehough.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at 7:05 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; Glenn Akramoff, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufriere, 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; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Salina Lyons, Senior Planner; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Margaret Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

**Frank Sutton, 17025 SE Wax Road, Covington,** shared his observations regarding testimony at the public hearing on November 8 to raise the utility tax rate to fund Covington Community Park.

**Tim Leeman, 16424 SE 264<sup>th</sup> Street, Covington, Kent Youth Soccer Association coach and board member,** spoke in support of funding for Covington Community Park and said that KYSA would donate goals, nets, and other equipment.

**Mary Pritchard, 26103 197<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Covington,** referenced an email she sent to Council the previous day regarding the funding for Covington Community Park and said she could not support it.

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**Joseph Cimaomo, Jr., 24330 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Covington,** congratulated Mayor Pro-Tem Wagner, Mayor Harto, Councilmember Snoey, and Councilmember Mhoon on winning the November 8 election.

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

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

C-1. Vouchers #26159-26239, in the Amount of \$182,632.04, Dated November 1, 2011; Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000201388-1000201402 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$137,185.53, Dated October 28, 2011; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000219931-1000219944 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$132,652.68, Dated November 10, 2011.

C-2. Execute an Interlocal Agreement with King County for Jail Services.

**Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

**REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:**

**Planning Commission** – Vice Chair Paul Max reported on the November 3 and November 17 meetings.

**Human Services Commission** – Vice Chair Fran MacGregor-Hollums reported on the November 10 meeting.

**Arts Commission** – There was no report.

**Parks & Recreation Commission** – Chair David Aldous reported on the November 16 meeting.

**Economic Development Council** – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the November 3 meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Receive Comments from the Public Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget and Revenue Sources.

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. Consider Appointment to Planning Commission.

**Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded, to appoint Joseph Cimaomo, Jr. to fill a replacement position on the Planning Commission for an applicant residing inside Covington city limits with a term beginning December 1,**

**2011 and expiring August 31, 2015. Vote: 3-4 (Voting yes: Scott, Snoey, and Wagner; voting no: Harto, Lanza, Lucavish, and Mhoon). Motion failed.**

**Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded, to appoint Edward Holmes to fill a replacement position on the Planning Commission for an applicant residing inside Covington city limits with a term beginning December 1, 2011 and expiring August 31, 2015. Vote: 4-3 (Voting yes: Lanza, Lucavish, Mhoon, and Snoey; voting no: Harto, Scott, and Wagner). Motion carried.**

3. Establish Equipment Replacement Fund Policies and Procedures.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON,  
WASHINGTON, RELATING TO EQUIPMENT  
REPLACEMENT FUND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

**Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to adopt Resolution No. 11-08 relating to establishing policies and procedures for the Equipment Replacement Fund. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

4. Discuss Amendments to the Development Fees, Administrative Charges, and Transportation Impact Fees.

Senior Planner Salina Lyons gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers asked questions, and Ms. Lyons provided responses.

**Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to direct staff to prepare a resolution with an inflationary increase of 2.9% to the 2012 development fees, administrative charges, and the transportation impact fees. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

5. Consider Ordinance to Set the Utility Tax Rate at Six Percent and Dedicate One Twelfth of Collections to Covington Community Park.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
AMENDING SECTION 3.70.040 OF THE COVINGTON  
MUNICIPAL CODE TO SET THE UTILITY TAX RATE AT  
SIX PERCENT AND DEDICATE ONE TWELFTH OF  
UTILITY TAX COLLECTIONS TO COVINGTON  
COMMUNITY PARK.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 14-11 to set the utility tax rate at six percent and dedicate one twelfth of utility tax collections to Covington Community Park.

Councilmembers provided comments.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to amend the ordinance to include the language “except that all collections above actual capital and operational costs shall be dedicated to the Street Fund.”

Councilmembers provided more comments and asked questions, and staff provided responses.

**Council Action:** Councilmembers Snoey and Scott withdrew the proposed amendment to the ordinance.

Councilmembers provided more comments.

**Vote: 6-1 (Voting yes: Harto, Lucavish, Mhoon, Scott, Snoey, and Wagner; voting no: Lanza). Motion carried.**

6. Consider Ordinance to Set the 2011 Property Tax Levy for Collection in 2012.

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 15-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON ADOPTING THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2011 FOR COLLECTION IN 2012.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to pass Ordinance No. 15-11 setting the 2011 property tax levy for collection in 2012 at \$2,350,000 exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state-assessed property, any annexations that have occurred, and refunds made. **Vote: 6-0 (Councilmember Lanza was not present in the Council Chambers). Motion carried.**

7. Consider Ordinance Authorizing a Property Tax Increase as Required by RCW.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IN TERMS OF BOTH DOLLARS AND PERCENTAGES AS REQUIRED BY RCW 84.55.120.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to pass Ordinance No. 16-11 authorizing a property tax increase of one percent (1.0%) or \$22,636 as required by RCW 84.55.120. Vote: 6-0 (Councilmember Lanza was not present in the Council Chambers). Motion carried.

**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

**Kollin Higgins, 19025 SE Covington-Sawyer Road, not a Covington resident,** thanked the Council for passing the ordinance on the utility tax increase to fund the park.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Potential Litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) from 8:40 to 8:55 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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