

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 25, 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, November 25, 2014, at 7:10 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; Kevin Klason, Covington Police Chief; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Bob Lindskov, City Engineer; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto 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.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Vouchers: Vouchers #31736-31799, including ACH Payments and an Electronic Funds Transfer and Voided Voucher #31800 in the Amount of \$540,060.02, Dated November 10, 2014 and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1003069579-1003069597 and Paylocity Payroll Check #1003069600-1003069600 inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$158,348.09, Dated November 21, 2014.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Human Services Commission – Chair Fran McGregor reported on the November 13 meeting.

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Parks & Recreation – There was no report for the November 19 meeting; the next meeting is January 21.

Arts Commission – Chair Lesli Cohan reported on the November 13 meeting.

Planning Commission – Community Development Director Richard Hart reported on the November 20 meeting. The November 6 meeting was canceled.

Economic Development Council – The next meeting is December 4.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive Public Testimony Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget and Consider Ordinances Setting the 2014 Property Tax Levy for Collection in 2015 and Authorizing a Property Tax Increase.

Deputy Finance Director Casey Parker gave the staff report 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2014 FOR COLLECTION IN 2015.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to pass Ordinance No. 13-14 setting the 2014 property tax levy for collection in 2015 at \$2,500,000. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-14

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 PURSUANT TO RCW 84.55.120.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to pass Ordinance No. 14-14 authorizing a property tax increase of two-tenths of a percent (0.2%) or \$4,976, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consider Resolution Increasing Surface Water Management Rates.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Vondran provided responses including a suggestion to review this item in a couple of years.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A NEW SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 10-24

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to pass Resolution No. 14-18 adopting an annual Surface Water Management rate increase of five percent to begin in 2015 with the final increase going into effect in 2020. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Vondran asked for clarification on the changes worksheet which would be included in the budget adoption agenda item at the City Council December 9 meeting.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to direct staff to include the 2015 programmed capital needs of the Surface Water Management program into the 2015 budget process which included \$52,609 in facility rehabilitation, \$369,200 in neighborhood drainage improvements, \$97,523 in neighborhood ditch maintenance, and \$37,080 in capital equipment.

3. Approve City Manager Contract Resolution.

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

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Beaufriere provided responses.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR CITY MANAGER AND DELEGATING ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS AND DUTIES TO THE CITY MANAGER.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to pass Resolution No. 14-19 authorizing the mayor to execute the proposed contract for city manager and delegating administrative powers and duties to the city manager. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to cancel the December 23 City Council meeting.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to appoint Mayor Harto as voting delegate to Sound Cities Association annual dinner meeting on December 17.

Councilmember Snoey announced that he would step down from the council effective December 31, 2014 to take care of his health and devote more time to family and work.

Mayor Harto invited Councilmember Snoey's wife, Debra, to attend the next council meeting on December 9.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to open the city councilmember position immediately and advertise, indicating that anyone who is interested in the position can send a letter to the Council, with a closing date of January 2 so that Council can conduct the interviews in an open meeting and make a selection with enough time for that person to participate in the Council Annual Summit on January 31.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

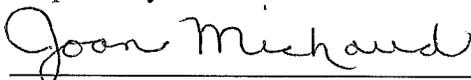
Mary Pritchard, 26103 197th Avenue SE, Covington, thanked Interim City Manager Rob Hendrickson for his service in the last few months and wished a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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