

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 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, December 10, 2013, at 7:20 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; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Angie Feser, Parks Planner; 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 Lucavish seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Covington Sports Board President Martin Lynch briefed the Council on the financial challenges they are facing and reported that they have been losing older participants to competitive programs, down to one staff member, and out of cash reserves. Mr. Lynch also advised fees have not been raised in three to four years, programs have been added but are not generating enough revenue to sustain them, and basketball will be offered this winter and probably soccer and baseball in the spring. In summary, the best-case scenario is that Covington Sports is able to continue to operate, and the worse case is closure this spring.

Councilmembers asked questions and Athletic Director Erick Schug provided responses.

The City Council concurred to discuss this topic at its Annual Strategic Summit and directed staff to continue to communicate with Covington Sports.

- City Manager Derek Matheson announced the 2013 Employee Pride Award recipients:
 - Consistently High Performer: Kelly Thompson; also nominated: Victoria Throm;
 - Best Role Model: Staci Cles; also nominated: Gregg Christenson;
 - Best Teamwork: Casey Parker; also nominated: Bill Fealy, Aquatic Center staff, Karla Slate, and Kelly Thompson;
 - Most Notable Innovator: Nelson Ogren; also nominated: Brian Bykonen;
 - Biggest Savings to City Resources: Ethan Newton;
 - Outstanding Performance on a Project: Ann Mueller; also nominated: Kelly Thompson.

- Mayor Harto recognized City Manager Derek Matheson for his selection to serve on the Sound Cities Association Board of Directors as the 2014 representative for city administrators and city managers.

- Outgoing Councilmember Lucavish was recognized for his contributions to the Covington community by Mayor Harto, Mayor Pro Tem Wagner, and fellow councilmembers.

Council recessed from 7:55 to 8:15 p.m. for a reception to honor Councilmember Lucavish.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to adjourn the City Council meeting until one minute from the current time. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

(The Regular Meeting of the City Council was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. to call the Transportation Benefit District meeting to order and then adjourn the Transportation Benefit District meeting.)

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

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 #30332-30384, in the Amount of \$332,717.43, Dated November 25, 2013; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001820118-1001820126 and Paylocity Payroll Check #1001820129-1001820129 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$145,410.22, Dated December 6, 2013.

C-2. Authorize an Agreement for Recycling Events for 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE 2013 BUDGET BY AMENDING SECTION 2 AND 5 OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-12.

C-3. Pass Ordinance No. 14-13 Adopting a 2013 Budget Amendment.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE CY2014 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET AND IMPLEMENTING THE CY2014 COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

C-4. Pass Ordinance No. 15-13 Adopting the CY2014 Operating and Capital Budget.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Design Contract for Covington Community Park Phase II.

Parks Planner Angie Feser gave the staff report on this item.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract between the City of Covington and MacLeod Reckord to complete additional design for the City's Covington Community Park. 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 appoint Mayor Pro Tem Wager as the voting delegate to Sound Cities Association's South Caucus on Wednesday, December 18.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to direct the Parks & Recreation Director and staff to continue communications with Covington Community Sports that will ensure consideration of all available options for successful continuation of sports programs for the children in the Covington community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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Philip Jones, 26827 166th Place SE, Covington, wished Council time to enjoy their families during holiday season.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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