

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

(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, February 28, 2012, at 7:04 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza, David Lucavish, Wayne Snoey, and Jeff Wagner.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Marlla Mhoon and Jim Scott.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to excuse Councilmembers Mhoon and Scott. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

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; Ann Mueller, Senior Planner; and Joan Michaud, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Arts Commission Chair Sandy Bisordi accepted the Youth Art Month Proclamation.
- Aquatics Specialist Rachel Bahl accepted the Aquatic Center 35th Anniversary Proclamation.
- Finance Director Rob Hendrickson accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Award.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Keil Carr, Project Uth, spoke regarding pet licensing and domestic violence awareness activities that Project Uth is undertaking.

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Noel Campbell, Project Uth, spoke regarding a pool party event on April 6 Project Uth is planning.

Raylin Carpenter, Project Uth, spoke regarding an activity survey for teenagers that Project Uth will be conducting.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes of January 28, 2012 Annual Strategic Planning Summit.

C-2. Vouchers #27220-27294, in the Amount of \$143,034.98, Dated February 6, 2012; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000371645-1000371659 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$144,665.47, Dated February 17, 2012.

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Human Services Commission – Chair Haris Ahmad reported on the February 9 meeting.

Arts Commission – Chair Sandy Bisordi reported on the February 9 meeting.

Planning Commission – Chair Daniel Key reported on the February 2 and February 16 meetings.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Chair David Aldous reported on the February 15 meeting.

Economic Development Council – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the January 26 and February 23 meetings.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive Comments from the Public on a Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption to Identify Residential Target Areas Ordinance.

Community Development Director Richard Hart gave the staff report on this item.

Mayor Harto opened the public hearing and called for public comments.

Gerald Gobel, 15812 SE 256th Street, Covington, asked Council to consider whether it is advantageous to focus on the downtown area as the target area for tax exemptions.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 05-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON CREATING CHAPTER 3.80 OF THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION FOR MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING IN DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL TARGETED AREAS AND ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL TARGETED AREAS FOR THE MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTY TAX.

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 05-12 identifying the areas to be designated as a residential target area for multi-family tax exemptions in the City of Covington and adopting CMC 3.80 Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption. Vote: 4-1 (Voting yes: Harto, Lanza, Snoey, Wagner; voting no: Lucavish). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Discuss Citizen Request Regarding Setbacks.

Community Development Director Richard Hart gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers discussed this item and provided comments.

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to select Option No. 2 as the desired policy option on the issue of setting setbacks for accessory structures in residential zones and give direction to staff. (Option 2: The issue of providing additional exceptions to setbacks for certain accessory structures in residential zones may need some study and should be considered as part of the Planning Commission's and Council's Work Program for 2013.) Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

3. Approve City Manager Merit Goals for 2012.

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

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to approve the 2012 Merit Goals for the City Manager as follows: 1) Provide excellent professional advice and administrative support to help the Budget Priorities Advisory Committee (BPAC) fulfill its charter; 2) Construct Covington Community Park Phase One on time and within budget; and 3) Implement the Northern Gateway Study (i.e. complete those tasks planned for 2012). Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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Leroy Stevenson, 26838 166th Place SE, Covington, spoke regarding the setback issue, pet licensing, and downtown zoning.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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