

**City of Covington**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 23, 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 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 7:05 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Margaret Harto, David Lucavish, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, and Jeff Wagner.

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mark Lanza and Wayne Snoey.

**Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to excuse Councilmembers Lanza and Snoey who had previously informed Council. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

**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; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Pat Patterson, Recreation Manager; Ethan Newton, Aquatics Supervisor; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor 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 as amended to remove recognition of BPAC which occurred during the dinner and Item 3 which was deferred. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

- Community Development Director Richard Hart accepted the May 2013 National Building Safety Month Proclamation.
- Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff accepted the May 12-18, 2013 National Transportation Week Proclamation and the May 19-25, 2013 National Public Works Week Proclamation.
- Aquatics Supervisor Ethan Newton accepted the May 2013 National Water Safety Month Proclamation.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

**George Pearson, 18623 SE 265th Street, Covington resident**, spoke regarding his appreciation of Brian Bykonen for the excellent code enforcement work he performs. Mr. Pearson also spoke regarding his appreciation to Republic Services for its storm debris clean up assistance in Timberlane. In addition, Mr. Pearson thanked the Public Works Department, in particular John Gaudette, for assistance during a recent clean up event.

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

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

- C-1. Minutes: March 26, 2013 City Council Special & Regular Meetings Minutes and April 9, 2013 City Council Special & Regular Meeting Minutes.
- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #29225—29280, in the Amount of \$111,380.68, Dated April 3, 2013; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001172694-1001172704 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$147,185.90, Dated April 12, 2013..
- C-3. Accept City Hall Carpet Replacement Project.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:**

**Human Services Commission** – No report on the April 11 meeting.

**Arts Commission** – Chair Sandy Bisordi reported on the April 11 meeting.

**Parks & Recreation Commission** – Chair Steven Pand reported on the April 17 meeting.

**Planning Commission** – Chair Daniel Key reported on the April 4 and April 18 meetings.

**Economic Development Council** – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the March 28 meeting.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Discuss Aquatics Fees.

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Thomas and Mr. Matheson provided responses.

**Council Action: There was Council consensus to direct staff not to waive the fees, but be willing to sit down with the school district and discuss ways to creatively look at options that might be available from either side.**

2. Discuss Field Use Fees.

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided several suggestions and asked questions, and Mr. Thomas provided responses.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

3. Surface Water Management Programs Presentation & Reissuance of Permit (removed from agenda).

4. Discuss and Consider Urban Forestry Strategic Plan.

Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmember members provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Akramoff provided responses.

**Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to adopt the Urban Forestry Strategic Plan. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

5. Discuss Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation for Park Name.

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers discussed and asked questions and Mr. Thomas and Ms. Slate provided responses.

**Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to accept *Covington Community Park* as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

6. Town Center Update.

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

7. New City Hall Feasibility Update.

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

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Matheson and Mr. Hendrickson provided responses.

**Council Action: There was Council consensus to direct staff to include a new city hall and town center park in the process to evaluate a future ballot measure for parks and recreation and to direct staff to schedule a council review of the draft Town Center Alternative Process request for qualifications.**

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**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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