

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2015**

(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, May 26, 2015, at 7:05 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Joe Cimaomo, Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Sean Smith, and Jeff Wagner.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Rob Hendrickson, 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 invited Councilmember Lanza to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott 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. Minutes: May 6, 2015 City Council Special Meeting for Listening Session at Kentlake High School Minutes; May 12, 2015 City Council Special Meeting for Joint Study Session with Covington Economic Development Council and Covington Chamber of Commerce Board Minutes; and May 12, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- C-2. Vouchers: Electronic fund transfers in the Amount of \$211,973.52, Dated May 1, 2015; Vouchers #32526-32591, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers, in the Amount of \$254,740.57, Dated May 15, 2015; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1003751650-1003751659 and #1003751667-#1003751667 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits, in the Amount of \$176,327.91, Dated May 22, 2015.
- C-3. Appoint Voting Delegate for Association of Washington Cities Annual Business Meeting.

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

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Human Services Commission – Chair Fran McGregor reported on the May 14 meeting.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Chair Laura Morrissey reported on the May 20 meeting.

Arts Commission – Chair Lesli Cohan reported on the May 14 meeting.

Planning Commission – Vice Chair Paul Max reported on the May 7 and May 21 meetings.

Economic Development Council – The next meeting is scheduled for May 28.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. To Receive Testimony on Proposed 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

City Engineer Bob Lindskov gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers asked questions, and Public Works Director Don Vondran and Community Development Director Richard Hart provided responses.

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. Discuss Police Officer Funding Options.

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

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions. Mr. Hendrickson, Police Chief Kevin Klason, and Mr. Hart provided responses. City Attorney Sara Springer provided some clarification responses.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to request staff to provide more information on the utility tax option b and bring more alternatives to a future council meeting.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner indicated he would be unable to attend the Tri Cities meeting on May 27 due to attending a landfill tour.

Mayor Harto announced that Councilmember Mhoon was selected as Chair of Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee next year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Chele Dimmett, 26626 190th Avenue SE, Covington, spoke against a utility tax on sewer.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

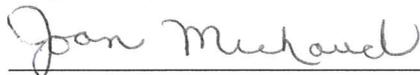
Potential litigation pursuant to (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) from 8:17 to 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Harto announced the City Council would move into Executive Session for five minutes after which no further action was anticipated.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Submitted by:



Sharon Scott
City Clerk