City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 27, 2013

(This meeting was recorded and will be retained for a period of six years from the date of the meeting).

INTERVIEWS– 5:20-6:20 P.M.:
The Council conducted interviews for openings on the Planning Commission. Applicants interviewed included Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.; Brian Lord, and Alex White.

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, August 27, 2013, at 7:05 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:
Margaret Harto, David Lucavish, Marlla Mhoon, and Jim Scott.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:
Mark Lanza, Wayne Snoey, and Jeff Wagner.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to excuse Councilmembers Lanza and Snoey and Mayor Pro Tem Wagner. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

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, Interim Public Works Director; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:
- Communications & Marketing Manager Karla Slate accepted the Saturday, September 14, 2013 Clean Covington Day Proclamation.
- Friends of the Covington Library President Mary Pritchard and Board member Barbara McPherson accepted the 20th Anniversary of the Friends of the Covington Library Proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Mary Pritchard, 26103 197th Avenue SE, Covington, informed Council that she heard a report of a cougar sighting and asked if the city had received this report.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: July 9, 2013 City Council Special and Regular Meeting Minutes and July 23, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #29770—29832, in the Amount of $309,469.11, Dated July 22, 2013; Vouchers #29833-29902, in the Amount of $348,144.77, Dated August 6, 2013; Vouchers #29903-29956, in the Amount of $644,402.87; Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001451511-1001451525 and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001451552-1001451552 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of $164,373.84, Dated August 2, 2013; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001491574-1001491589 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of $157,845.13, Dated August 16, 2013.

C-3. Approve SCATBd Agreement.

C-4. Approve Bonneville Power Administration/Soos Creek Water and Sewer District Covington Way Agreement.

Council Action: Councilmember Lucavish moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:
Human Services Commission – August 8 meeting – no report.

Arts Commission – Chair Sandy Bisordi reported on the August 8 meeting.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Chair Steven Pand reported on the August 21 meeting.

Planning Commission – Chair Daniel Key reported on the August 15 meeting; August 1 meeting was canceled.

Economic Development Council – August 22 meeting – no report.

Mayor Harto recognized Daniel Key for his contributions to the city as he retires from the Planning Commission at the end of August after reaching the term limits allowed by the Planning Commission rules.

PUBLIC HEARING:
1. Public Testimony and Possible Action on Medical Marijuana Moratorium Extension.

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

Councilmembers asked questions, and City Attorney Sara Springer provided responses.

Mayor Harto called for public comments for the public hearing.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 07-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, LOCATION, OPERATION, LICENSING, MAINTENANCE, OR CONTINUATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, PRODUCTION FACILITIES, PROCESSING FACILITIES, COLLECTIVE GARDENS, AND RELATED BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY OF COVINGTON FOR SIX MONTHS; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MORATORIUM; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT SUPPORTING THE MORATORIUM ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NOs. 08-11, 12-12, and 01-13; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 07-13 providing for a six-month moratorium on medical marijuana collective gardens, production and processing facilities, dispensaries, and related businesses. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Briefing on Zoning for Recreational Marijuana.

City Attorney Sara Springer gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Springer and Police Chief Kevin Klason provided responses.

3. Cleaning and Grading SEPA Amendments.

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

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Principal Planner Salina Lyons and Development Review Engineer Nelson Ogren provided responses.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to continue this item to the September 10 meeting when the full Council would be in attendance.

4. Status Report on Hawk Property Subarea Plan.

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

Councilmembers asked questions, and Mr. Hart provided responses.

5. Discuss Stormwater Pond Rehabilitation Projects.

Interim Public Works Director Don Vondran gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Vondran provided responses.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to give staff direction to move forward with the project as presented.

6. Second Quarter Financial Report.

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

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

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:
Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Council concurred to direct staff to contact Sean Smith to reschedule his Planning Commission interview to Tuesday, September 10.

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 8:52 p.m.

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