

September 13, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: September 27, 2011

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 13, 2011**

(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, September 13, 2011, at 7:01 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Scott.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to excuse Councilmember Scott: Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

Derek Matheson, City Manager; Glenn Akramoff, Public Works Director; Kevin Klason, Covington Police Chief; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Salina Lyons, Senior Planner; Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst; and Joan Michaud, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Margaret Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Pacific Raceways President Jason Fiorito gave a presentation on Pacific Raceways which included the history of the race track, current use, and an expansion proposal in front of the King County Council.
- Lila Henderson, Director of Maple Valley Food Bank, accepted the Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry Proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

The following people spoke regarding their opposition to the Pacific Raceways expansion plans located in unincorporated King County at 31001 144th Avenue SE, Kent 98042.

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- Don Huling, 17117 SE 329th Street, Auburn;
- Sandra Gaither, 15032 SE Auburn-Black Diamond Road, Auburn;
- Jeff Guddat, 28920 134th Place SE, Auburn;
- Larry Worden, 13445 SE 288th Street, Auburn;
- Linda Worden, 13445 SE 288th Street, Auburn;
- Peter Rimbo, Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council, Chair of Growth Management Committee, Vice Chair of Transportation Committee, 19711 241st Avenue SE, Maple Valley;
- Sally Neary, representing Sierra Club South King County, 22608 115th Place SE, Kent;
- Julia Wood, 32028 199th Avenue SE, approximately three miles outside Covington city limits;
- Leah Boehm, 34 South 333RD Lane, Federal Way (moved away from Pacific Raceways);
- Pete Tetlow, Soos Creek Area Response Chair, 14426 SE Auburn-Black Diamond Road, Auburn;
- Mark Boehm, 34 South 333rd Lane, Federal Way (moved away from Pacific Raceways);
- Tracy Felton, 15426 SE 318th Street, Auburn (lives next to Pacific Raceways).

The following people spoke regarding their support of the Pacific Raceways expansion plans located in unincorporated King County at 31001 144th Avenue SE, Kent 98042.

- Jennifer Nowland, R.A.C.E. Coordinator, 15333 SE 304th Place, Kent, (lives next to Pacific Raceways);
- Yvonne Simmermon, lived in Covington area for 38 years, Maple Valley resident now.

Morris Malakoff, President of Prestige Park II Homeowners Association, 25430 156th Place SE, Covington resident, spoke concerning Agenda Item No. 2, Consider Resolution Adopting Street Lighting Policy, and requested Council to amend the policy before approving.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- C-1. Approval of Minutes: August 9, 2011 City Council Special and Regular Meeting Minutes.
- C-2. Approval of Vouchers: Vouchers #25779-25837, in the Amount of \$382,747.01, Dated August 24, 2011; Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000106917-1000106936, Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$143,865.01, Dated August 19, 2011; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000127634-1000127652, Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$143,055.65, Dated September 2, 2011.
- C-3. Approve Interlocal Agreement with King County for Regional Affordable Housing Program.
- C-4. Approve Interim Planning Commission Appointment.

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Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

1. Consider Public Engagement Process Charter.

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

Councilmembers provided comments and feedback.

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to adopt the charter as amended to add the word “Covington” before registered voters under the Structure heading portion of the charter. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consider Resolution Adopting Street Lighting Policy.

Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff gave the staff report on this item including addressing the concerns Mr. Malakoff voiced during Public Comments.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING
A STREET LIGHT POLICY.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to pass Resolution No. 11-07 providing for a street light policy. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

3. Consider an Ordinance Granting Covington Water District a Franchise.

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

Councilmember provided comments.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to add this ordinance to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

4. Discuss the Grant Funding Project Agreement for Construction of Covington Community Park.

5. Discuss the Grant Contract for Construction of the Soccer Field at Covington Community Park.

Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas gave the staff report on these items.

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Councilmembers asked questioned, provided comments, and discussed.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to authorize the city manager to sign the grant funding project agreement for construction of Covington Community Park and the grant funding contract for construction of the soccer field at the Covington Community Park. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Pacific Raceways President Jason Fiorito, spoke regarding allegations against him during the first public comment.

Bryan Higgins, Covington resident, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, spoke regarding the grant funding for the park project and thanked Council for its support in authorizing the grants to construct the park and soccer field.

Julia Wood, thanked Council for approving the soccer field and park grants and suggested the public pay a parking fee or event fee to help offset the maintenance costs.

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- Linda Worden, 13445 SE 288th Street, Auburn;
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- Don Kitch, Jr., Proformance Driving School owner.

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

Mayor Harto extended the Council's appreciation for the respectful way that the audience expressed their opinion on both sides and advised that while the Covington City Council is not involved in the decision making process for the Pacific Raceways project, the Council appreciated the opportunity to hear the different perspectives and the educational opportunity provided.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

Joan Michaud
Deputy City Clerk

Sharon Scott
City Clerk