

City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 27, 2011

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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 27, 2011, at 7:03 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Wayne Snoey, and Jeff Wagner.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

David Lucavish.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to excuse Councilmember Lucavish who was ill. Vote: 6-0. 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; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to approve the Agenda as amended to add the Safe Schools Week Proclamation to Public Communications. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Captain Larry Rabel, Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority, accepted a proclamation recognizing the week of October 9-15, 2011 as “Fire Prevention Week” in Covington.
- Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff accepted a proclamation recognizing Saturday, October 22, 2011, as “Make a Difference Day” in Covington.
- Planning Commission Chair Sean Smith accepted a proclamation recognizing October as “Community Planning Month” in Covington.
- Personnel & Human Services Analyst Victoria Throm accepted a proclamation recognizing October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Covington.
- Kent School District Superintendent Dr. Lee Vargas accepted a proclamation recognizing the week of October 16-22, 2011 as “Safe Schools Week” in Covington.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Jason Fiorito, President of Pacific Raceways, 31001 144th Avenue SE, Kent, requested Council endorsement of the proposed legislation that sets forth a process through which Pacific Raceways would gain approval and a development agreement with King County.

Chris McCain, 17615 SE 240th Street, Kent, property borders Covington Community Park, provided Council with a letter which he read into the record requesting a fence to be installed along his property line to separate public use from private use.

Tamara Rose, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, was introduced by Mayor Harto and spoke about how she is looking forward to helping Covington grow.

David Aldous, 17743 SE 261st Street, Covington, spoke regarding the budget for ongoing maintenance of Covington Community Park and requested Council ensure funding for this park.

Kollin Higgins, just outside of Covington city limits, spoke regarding his opposition to the Pacific Raceways proposed expansion and also spoke regarding the importance of ensuring grant funding for Covington Community Park.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Approval of Minutes: August 23, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes and September 13, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Approval of Vouchers: Vouchers #25838-25897, in the Amount of \$187,780.78, Dated September 7, 2011; Vouchers #25898-25987, in the Amount of \$2,047.40, Dated September 15, 2011; City of Covington Voucher #1043 and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000145925-1000145931 and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000146010-1000146015, Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$141,811.81, Dated September 16, 2011.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON GRANTING COVINGTON WATER DISTRICT A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPLACE AND REPAIR A WATER SYSTEM WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

C-3. Approve Ordinance No. 09-11 Granting Covington Water District a Franchise.

C-4. Approve Memo of Understanding with King County for Coordinated Policy and Decision Making During an Emergency.

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C-5. Approve Contract for Storm Sewer Cleaning.

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

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Human Services Commission – Personnel & Human Services Analyst Victoria Throm reported on the September 8 meeting.

Economic Development Council – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the August 25 and September 22 meetings.

Arts Commission – September meeting canceled; next meeting October 13.

Parks & Recreation Commission – September meeting canceled; next meeting October 19.

Planning Commission – September meetings canceled; next meeting October 6.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive Comments from the Public Regarding the Recently Adopted Medical Marijuana Moratorium.

Mayor Harto called for public comments for the public hearing and informed the audience that written testimony would also be received until 5 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2011.

The following people spoke in favor of medical marijuana and the Covington dispensary.

- Katelyn Higby, volunteer and patient at Covington Holistic Medicine;
- Starla Ramirez, not a Covington resident, medical marijuana patient;
- Sharon Mercer, Black Diamond resident, medical marijuana license;
- Stuart Lunde, just outside of Covington limits; patient at Covington Holistic Medicine;
- Tom Burns, representative of Covington Holistic Medicine;
- Art Priest, employee and patient at Covington Holistic Medicine;
- Colleen O'Rourke, one of the directors of Covington Holistic Medicine, submitted list of signatures and letters from patients and provided a handout.

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

Council Action: There was Council consensus to request staff to place this issue on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consider Ordinance Amending the Covington Comprehensive Plan.

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

Councilmembers asked questions and Mr. Hart provided responses.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON UPDATING THE CITY OF COVINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING THE DOWNTOWN ELEMENT, CHAPTER 4; THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, CHAPTER 5; THE PARKS ELEMENT, CHAPTER 6; CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 13, THE SHORELINE ELEMENT; RENUMBERING THE REFERENCES AND APPENDICES CHAPTER 13 TO CHAPTER 14; AND AMENDING THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE (CMC) SECTION 18.31.060 DOWNTOWN ZONING DISTRICTS STREET TYPES MAP BY ADDING A MISSING SEGMENT OF THE PROPOSED 171ST AVE SE AS A TYPE I STREET.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to pass Ordinance No. 10-11 updating the City of Covington Comprehensive Plan by amending the Downtown, Parks, and Transportation, Elements; creating a new Shoreline Element; renumbering the References and Appendices Chapter; and amending CMC 18.31.060 Downtown Street Types Map for Design Standards in the Zoning and Development Regulations, in accordance with Attached Exhibits A-F. 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.

George Pearson, 18623 SE 265th Street, Covington, Timberlane HOA Board of Directors, reported that the Timberlane Homeowners Association will be starting a quarterly recycle event the first Saturday of the quarter starting this Saturday, October 1.

Rick Oliveira, 17224 SE Wax Road, CEO of Covington Chamber of Commerce, introduced Tamara Rose, new Executive Director of Covington Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Oliveira also thanked the Council and gave accolades to Derek Matheson and Richard Hart for their efforts on Covington Economic Development Council.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

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Sharon Scott
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