

October 11, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Approved: October 25, 2011

**City of Covington  
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

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, October 11, 2011, at 7:12 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

Wayne Snoey.

**Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to excuse Councilmember Snoey 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 Scott moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to amend the Agenda by removing Item 1. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

**Council Action: Councilmember Lucavish moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the amended Agenda. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

**Sabrina Jones, Senior Services, 2208 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite 100,** gave details on services the senior services offers.

**Tom Burns,** spoke in favor of medical marijuana and provided a medical marijuana handout.

**Clint Rogers, 2809 "R" Place SE, Auburn 98002,** spoke in favor of medical marijuana.

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

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- Don Huling, Auburn resident;
- John Mitchell, Auburn resident;
- Diana Norcross, Auburn resident.

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

- Robley Evans, Kent resident;
- Judy Buckingham, Renton resident;
- Tim O'Mahony, Normandy Park resident;
- Jennifer Nowland, Kent resident;
- Jason Fiorito, Pacific Raceways CEO;
- Tom Pritchett, North Bend resident;
- Robert Rothell, Renton resident.

**Steve Pand, Covington resident**, spoke in favor of parks and hopes that Covington Community Park could be developed.

**Don Pennington, 19011 SE 266<sup>th</sup>, Covington**, spoke in support of parks.

**Bryan Higgins, Covington resident**, agreed with Steve Pand.

**Greg Wingard, just outside of city limits next to park**, supports at least passive use of park.

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

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

C-1. Approval of Vouchers: Vouchers #25988-26046, in the Amount of \$344,759.87, Dated September 19, 2011; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000163290-1000163302 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$138,138.89, Dated September 30, 2011.

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

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss Recently-Adopted Medical Marijuana Moratorium (removed from agenda).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2. Discuss Pacific Raceways' Request for Endorsement of County Legislation.

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

**Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to authorize the City Manager to prepare a letter for the Mayor's signature to King County Council stating that the Covington Council is aware of potential positive and negative**

**impacts of proposal and looks forward to participating in the process to evaluate the impacts created by the legislation.**

There was Council discussion.

**Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to amend the motion to delete “created by the legislation.” Vote: 4-2. Motion carried.**

3. Consider an Ordinance Regarding Banking Services.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS BY CHECK; REVOKING THE STATUS OF BANK OF AMERICA AS THE CITY’S QUALIFIED PUBLIC DEPOSITARY; DESIGNATING US BANK AS THE CITY’S NEW QUALIFIED PUBLIC DEPOSITARY PURSUANT TO RCW 35A.40.020; REPEALING RESOLUTION 97-3 AND ORDINANCE 104-98; AMENDING SECTION 3.25.060 OF THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to pass Ordinance No. 11-11 designating US Bank as the city’s qualified public depository and revoking Bank of America as the city’s qualified public depository and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for banking services with US Bank. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

4. 2012 Operating and Capital Budget Presentation.

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

Councilmembers asked questions and Mr. Matheson provided responses.

5. Discuss Covington Community Park Budget.

City Manager Derek Matheson introduced this item and Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas and Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers asked questions and staff provided responses.

Council gave staff direction to bring this item back to the October 25 Council meeting for further discussion.

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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.

**Linda Worden, 13445 SE 288<sup>th</sup> Street, Auburn,** thanked Council for consideration of both sides of Pacific Raceways issue.

**Greg Wingard, President of Middle Green River Coalition,** spoke regarding his opposition to the Pacific Raceways ordinance and thanked Council for neutral position.

**Mark DeGross, Snohomish resident,** spoke regarding Pacific Raceways.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Potential Litigation. (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) from 9:45 to 9:55.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

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Joan Michaud  
Deputy City Clerk

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Sharon Scott  
City Clerk