

October 25, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: November 8, 2011

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 25, 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, October 25, 2011, at 7:35 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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, 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:

Mayor Harto requested removal of the Public Communication portion of the agenda as Mayor Harto would be making the presentation honoring centenarian resident Justine Siler with a proclamation at the Weatherly Inn on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 2 p.m. during her birthday party.

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Snoey seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Liz Fast, Parks & Recreation Commission Vice Chair and Covington resident, submitted a letter (read by Parks & Recreation Commissioner Kollin Higgins as Ms. Fast needed to leave the meeting) regarding lack of recreation and sports opportunities in Covington and supporting Covington Community Park.

Cindy Higgins, 17727 SE 260th Place, Covington, spoke in support of developing Covington Community Park and urged Council to fund the park.

Kollin Higgins, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, not a Covington resident, spoke in support of Covington Community Park and urged Council to fund the park this year.

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

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APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2011 City Council Study Session Minutes, and October 11, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Approval of Vouchers: Vouchers #26047-26098, in the Amount of \$151,814.94, Dated October 3, 2011; Vouchers #26099-26158, in the Amount of \$398,735.35, Dated October 17, 2011; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000182696-1000182708 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$131,000.35, Dated October 14, 2011.

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission – Vice Chair Daniel Key reported on the October 6 meeting; the October 20 meeting was canceled.

Human Services Commission – The report was covered during the City Council and Human Services Commission Joint Study Session held just prior to this regular City Council meeting.

Arts Commission – Chair Sandy Bisordi reported on the October 13 meeting.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Commissioner Kollin Higgins reported on the October 19 meeting.

Economic Development Council – No report as the October 27 meeting was canceled; the next meeting is scheduled for November 3.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive Comments from the Public Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget and Revenue Sources and Set the Property Tax Levy.

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

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.

2. Receive Testimony from the Public Regarding Adopting the Kent School District Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan and 2012 School Impact Fee Schedule.

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

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:

3. Consider Ordinance Adopting the Kent School District Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan and the 2012 School Impact Fee Schedule.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2012-2017 CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN AND THE SCHOOL IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2012 PURSUANT TO CMC 18.120.020, RCW 36.70A, and RCW 82.02.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Scott seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 12-11, adopting the Kent School District Impact Fee Schedule for 2012 Pursuant to CMC 18.120.020, RCW 26.70A, and RCW 82.02. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

4. Accept Department of Commerce Grant for Covington Community Park.

Councilmembers provided comments on this item.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to authorize the City Manager to sign the grant contract in substantially the same form as the attachment to this agenda item in the agenda packet for construction of the soccer field at Covington Community Park. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

5. Consider Covington Community Park Possible Funding Sources.

City Manager Derek Matheson, Parks & Recreation Director Scott Thomas, and Community Relations Coordinator Karla Slate gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers asked questions and provided comments on this item.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to direct staff to prepare an ordinance for the November 22 meeting to impose an additional one-half of one percent (.5%) to the utility tax.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to amend the motion to include that the increase is dedicated to Covington Community Park. Vote: 6-1 (voting yes: Harto, Lanza, Mhoon, Scott, Snoey, and Wagner; voting no: Lucavish). Motion carried.

Vote: 6-1 (voting yes: Harto, Lucavish, Mhoon, Scott, Snoey, and Wagner; voting no: Lanza). Motion carried.

6. Consider Inattentive Driving Ordinance.

Police Chief Kevin Klason gave the staff report on this item.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 10.50 OF THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING INATTENTIVE DRIVING AS A TRAFFIC INFRACTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to pass Ordinance No. 13-11 of the City Council of the City of Covington, King County, Washington, creating a new section of Chapter 10 of the Covington Municipal Code related to Inattentive Driving. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Mayor Harto advised the Council that currently the Council Rules of Procedure state that when there is a general election day, the Council meeting shall be held at the same hour and place on the following business day.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure in Section 7A and hold the next Council meeting on Tuesday, November 8, with a starting time of 6:00 p.m. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to extend the meeting to 10:15 p.m. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: There was Council consensus for Mayor Harto to be the voting delegate at the November 16 Suburban Cities Association annual business meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Kollin Higgins thanked the Council for moving the Covington Community Park issue forward to a public hearing next month. Mr. Higgins also mentioned that the park impact fee had not been charged to any development in approximately four years and a new park impact study was needed before that revenue source could be collected.

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

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

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Sharon Scott
City Clerk