

November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: December 13, 2011

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 8, 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, November 8, 2011, at 6:07 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; Glenn Akramoff, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufriere, Personnel Manager; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; 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 Mhoon seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Barry Fretwell, Executive Director of Project U(th), along with four youth, gave a program review presentation on Project U(th) and presented a partnership proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Approval of Minutes: October 25, 2011 City Council Joint Study Session and with Human Services Commission Meeting Minutes and October 25, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Approval of Vouchers: Paylocity Payroll Checks #1000201388-1000201402 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$137,185.53, Dated October 28, 2011.

C-3. Award Contract for King County Sheriff's Office Sublease Tenant Improvement.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive Comments from the Public on a Proposal to Increase the Utility Tax to Fund Covington Community Park Construction and Maintenance.

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

Mayor Harto called for public comments for the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the increase to the utility tax to fund the park:

- Brad Price, Board President of Covington Community Sports, resides outside Covington;
- Donald Pennington, Board Member of Kent Youth Soccer Association, 19011 SE 266th, Covington;
- Conni Elliott, 15642 SE 262nd Place, Covington;
- Kollin Higgins, 19025 SE Covington-Sawyer Road, resides outside Covington;
- Steven Pand, 25828 185th Place SE, Covington;
- Bryan Higgins, 17727 SE 260th Place, Covington;
- Jack Brooks, 25738 175th Way SE, Covington;
- Cynthia Pennington, 19011 SE 266th, Covington;
- William Pand, 25828 185th Place SE, Covington.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the increase to the utility tax to fund the park:

- Mary Pritchard, 26103 197th Avenue SE, Covington;
- Frank Sutton, 17225 SE Wax Road, Covington;
- Peter Hawley, 27016 201st Avenue SE, Covington;
- Robin Hale, 17101 SE 267th Street, Covington;
- Joseph Cimaomo, Jr., 24330 188th Avenue SE, Covington.

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

Councilmembers concurred to keep the Public Hearing written comment period open, including email comments, until November 21 at 5:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consider 2012 Legislative Agenda.

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

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to adopt the 2012 Legislative Agenda.

Council Action: Councilmember Snoey moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to amend motion to revise language from “Medical Marijuana: Support legislation to clarify medical marijuana statutes” to “Medical Marijuana: Support legislation enabling medical marijuana use.” Vote: 6-1 (Voting yes: Harto, Lanza, Lucavish, Mhoon, Scott, and Snoey; voting no: Wagner.) Motion carried.

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

3. 2011 Third Quarter Financial Reports.

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

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Leslie Hamada, 28026 189th Avenue SE, unincorporated King County, Human Services Commissioner, spoke in support of Project U(th) and encouraged Council to partner with them.

George Pearson, 16823 SE 265th Street, Covington, thanked Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff, Maintenance Supervisor Ross Junkin, and the maintenance crew for their assistance in the Timberlane neighborhood on “Make a Difference Day.” Mr. Pearson praised Associate Planner/Code Enforcement Officer Brian Bykonen on doing an excellent job on taking over code enforcement duties.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

Joan Michaud
Deputy City Clerk

Sharon Scott
City Clerk