

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2015**

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 10, 2015, at 7:06 p.m., with Mayor Margaret Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Sean Smith, and Jeff Wagner.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Joe Cimaomo and Mark Lanza.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Smith seconded to excuse Councilmembers Lanza and Cimaomo. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufrere, Personnel Manager; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Andrew McCurdy, Covington Police Chief; Pat Patterson, Interim Parks & Recreation Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Salina Lyons, Principal Planner; Bob Lindskov, City Engineer; Angie Feser, Parks Planner; Kelly Thompson, Permit Center Coordinator; Rachel Bahl, Aquatics Supervisor; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto introduced Kyler Howard from Troop 407 who opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Agenda as amended to include the addition of an Executive Session. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Kyler Howard, 9th grade student at Kentwood High School, 16132 SE 264th Place, Covington, reported on his Eagle Scout project at Tahoma National Cemetery and his involvement as a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Leroy Stevenson, 26838 166th Place SE, Covington, expressed his frustration over landscaping workers blocking Kent-Kangley recently. Mr. Stevenson suggested the landscaping be eliminated in the medians. Mr. Stevenson also spoke against Agenda Item No. 4 to implement a vehicle license fee and requested an exemption from the fee for veterans.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: October 13, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes; October 27, 2015 City Council Joint Study Session with Arts Commission Minutes; and City Council October 27, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #33236-33236 in the amount of \$4,689.02, dated October 22, 2015; Vouchers #33237-33297, including ACH payments and electronic fund transfers, in the amount of \$1,119,841.65, dated October 30, 2015; electronic fund transfer in the amount of \$96.76, dated November 2, 2015; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1004435152-1004435166 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits in the amount of \$167,142.65, dated November 6, 2015.

C-3. Accept Recreation and Conservation Office Grant for SoCo Park Acquisition.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive Public Testimony Regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget.

City Manager Regan Bolli provided 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:

2. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update Presentation.

Parks Planner Angie Feser gave the staff report and presentation on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Feser provided responses.

3. Consider Resolution Amending Development, Building Permit, Administrative, and Transportation Impact Fees for 2016.

Permit Center Coordinator Kelly Thompson gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers asked questions, and Ms. Thompson and Ms. Lyons provided responses.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND PERMIT FEES, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, AND TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES FOR 2016.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Wagner seconded to adopt Resolution No. 15-12 amending the development, building permit, administrative, and transportation impact fees for 2016, as proposed. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

4. Consider an Ordinance Implementing a Vehicle License Fee.

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

Councilmembers discussed, provided comments, and asked questions. Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Vondran provided responses.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL VEHICLE LICENSE FEE; ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to pass Ordinance No. 12-15 to implement at \$20 vehicle license fee. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

5. Consider an Ordinance Setting the Utility Tax Rate for Stormwater, Solid Waste and Cable Television.

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

Councilmembers provided comment and discussed. Councilmembers asked questions, and Mr. Hendrickson and City Manager Regan Bolli provided responses.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.70.040, OCCUPATIONS SUBJECT TO TAX, INCREASING THE TAX ON THE GROSS INCOME OF SOLID WASTE, CABLE TELEVISION, AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT

PROVIDERS OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING
FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND
PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Smith seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 13-15 as amended to set the utility tax rate at eight percent for the following utilities: stormwater, solid waste, and cable television and reflect an effective date as 30 days after publication. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

6. Consider Adopting 2016 Legislative Agenda.

City Manager Regan Bolli gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers asked questions, and Mr. Bolli provided responses.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to adopt the 2016 Legislative Agenda as provided in the agenda packet. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

7. 2015 Third Quarter Financial Report.

Finance Director Rob Hendrickson gave the staff report on this item. City Manager Regan Bolli provided additional information.

Councilmembers provided comments, and asked questions. Mr. Hendrickson, Principal Planner Salina Lyons, Aquatics Supervisor Rachel Bahl, and City Attorney Sara Springer provided responses.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Councilmember Smith reported that he will be unable to attend the November 24 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Leroy Stevenson, 26838 166th Place SE, Covington, expressed concern over the way the utility tax is applied which he feels is a tax on a tax. Mr. Stevenson would prefer municipalities exclude taxes from gross revenues of the utility companies.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To Discuss Potential Litigation Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) From 9:23 to 9:33 p.m.

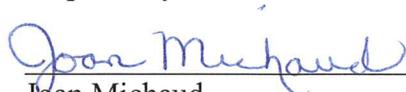
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Mayor Harto announced the City Council would move into Executive Session for ten minutes after which no further action was anticipated.

ADJOURNMENT:

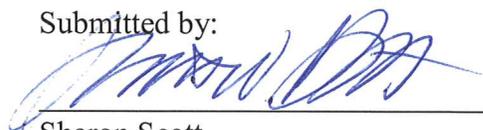
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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Sharon Scott
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