

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 26, 2013**

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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, November 26, 2013, at 7:05 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Lanza and Wayne Snoey.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Mayor Pro Tem Wagner seconded to excuse Councilmember Lanza who was ill and Councilmember Snoey who was on vacation. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

Derek Matheson, City Manager; Noreen Beaufriere, Personnel Manager; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Kevin Klason, Covington Police Chief; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; Salina Lyons, Principal Planner; Angie Feser, Parks Planner; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Councilmember Lucavish moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Jeff Wagner gave a report on Republic Services.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Philip Jones, 26827 166th Place SE, Covington, asked Council to exercise restraint when applying the car tab fee now that Proposition 1 failed.

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

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APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: October 22, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes; October 26, 2013 City Council Budget Workshop Minutes; and November 12, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers #30276-30331, in the Amount of \$367,732.97, Dated November 12, 2013; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1001777088-1001777101 Inclusive, Plus Employee Direct Deposits in the Amount of \$174,749.93, Dated November 22, 2013.

C-3. Town Center Study Authorization.

C-4. Timberlane Estates Stormwater Project Task Authorization.

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

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Human Services Commission – Chair Haris Ahmad reported on the November 14 meeting.

Arts Commission – Secretary Gini Cook reported on the November 14 meeting.

Planning Commission – Chair Sean Smith reported on the November 7 and November 21 meetings.

Parks & Recreation – Vice Chair Troy McIntyre reported on the November 20 meeting.

Economic Development Council – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the October 24 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive Public Testimony Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.

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

Mayor Harto called for public comments for the public hearing.

Leroy Stevenson, 26838 166th Place SE, Covington, reiterated his opinion that the budget overhead still seems disproportionate to the amount of actual services provided and requested Council in future budgets to keep looking for ways to reduce the amount of management and overhead of the city and to keep things proportionate not only to the incomes of the citizens, but to the tasks of the city.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2013 FOR COLLECTION IN 2014.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Mayor Pro Tem Wagner seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 11-13 setting the 2013 property tax levy for collection in 2014 at \$2,500,000. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IN TERMS OF BOTH DOLLARS AND PERCENTAGES AS PURSUANT TO RCW 84.55.120.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 12-13 authorizing a property tax increase of two percent (2.0%), or \$47,470, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consider Resolution Amending 2014 Development Fees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-09

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 2014.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to pass Resolution No. 13-09 amending the development, building permit, administrative, and transportation impact fees for 2014, as amended to add Determination of Consistency fee of \$2,070 to the Environmental Review section. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

3. Consider Ordinance Regarding Council Compensation.

Personnel Manager Noreen Beaufrere gave the staff report on this item.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8-97 TO REVISE THE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS; ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION IMPLEMENTATION DATE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Wagner moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 13-13 amending Ordinance No. 8-97 to revise the salaries of the mayor and councilmembers; establishing a compensation implementation date, and establishing an effective date. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

4. Discuss Policy for Councilmember Attendance at Commission Meetings.

City Attorney Sara Springer gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and discussed this item.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to follow staff recommendation in Option 1, to maintain the status quo of no formal or informal policy regarding councilmember attendance at commission meetings.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to start the next Transportation Benefit District meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Chris McCain, spoke on four items: 1) thanked Community Development Director Richard Hart for his research and the communications received regarding the prevailing wages topic; 2) complimented Councilmember Snoey on his speech at the Transportation Committee hearing in Olympia last week; 3) gave his support in favor of a pay increase for the councilmembers; and 4) prevailing wage and apprenticeship utilization. Mr. McCain requested Council to work in partnership with the Department of Labor & Industries by adding a permanent requirement for those contractors performing on taxpayer funded projects to turn their certified payroll over to the city in addition to Labor & Industries.

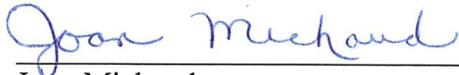
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ADJOURNMENT:

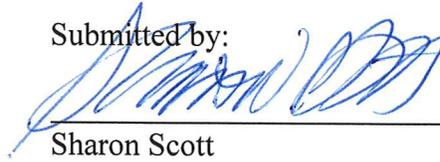
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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