January 26, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
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City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 26, 2016

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, January 26, 2016, at 7:05 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:
Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, and Sean Smith.

STAFF PRESENT:
Regan Bolli, City Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufriere, Personnel Manager; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Andrew McCurdy, Covington Police Chief; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; Ethan Newton, Parks & Recreation Director; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Bob Lindskov, City Engineer; Brian Bykonen, Associate Planner/Code Enforcement Officer; Rachel Bahl, Aquatics Supervisor; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Wagner invited Josh Maloy of Boy Scout Troop #416 to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:
- George Pearson was honored with the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award.
- Fran McGregor, Human Services Commission Chair, was honored with the 2015 Commissioner of the Year Award.

Councilmembers recessed for a reception honoring the volunteer of the year and the commissioner of the year from 7:12 to 7:27 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

Leroy Stevenson, Covington resident, offered a suggestion on timing public speaker comments. Mr. Stevenson then spoke regarding New Business Agenda Item 1, Recreational Vehicles Ordinance, noting he felt some aspects of the proposed ordinance were too restrictive, particularly dwelling in motorhomes and felt there should be more leniency.

There being no further comments, Mayor Wagner closed the public comment period.
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APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:
C-1. Minutes: January 12, 2016 Special Meeting–Joint Study Session with Planning Commission Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #33514-33570, including ACH payments in the amount of $309,999.83, dated January 8, 2016; and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1004756867-1004756872 and Paylocity Payroll Checks #1004756876-1004756876 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits in the amount of $165,289.74, dated January 15, 2016.

C-3. Accept 2016 King County Youth Sports Facilities Grant.


C-7. Authorize Vehicle Purchase for Parks Maintenance.

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

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:
Human Services Commission – Chair Fran McGregor reported on the January 14 meeting. The December 10 meeting was canceled.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Chair Laura Morrissey reported on the December 16 and January 20 meetings.

Planning Commission – Community Development Director Richard Hart reported on the December 17 meeting. The December 3, January 7, and January 21 meetings were canceled.

Arts Commission – Chair Lesli Cohan reported on the December 10 and January 14 meetings.

Parks & Recreation Priorities Advisory Committee – Chair Jennifer Harjehausen reported on the December 9 special meeting.

Economic Development Council – Co-Chair Jeff Wagner reported on the December 3 special meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Consider Ordinance to Amend Use, Storage, Setback, Screening and Permitting Requirements for Recreational Vehicles.
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Community Development Director Richard Hart introduced Associate Planner/Code Enforcement Officer Brian Bykonen who gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Bykonen and Mr. Hart provided responses.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING THOSE PORTIONS OF THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE (CMC) CHAPTERS 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, AND CHAPTERS 18.50 AND 18.85, ALL RELATING TO THE USE, STORAGE, SETBACK, SCREENING, AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RVS); PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS AND SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Action: After discussion and amendments, Councilmember Harto moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to pass Ordinance No. 05-2016, in substantial form as that included in the agenda packet, to amend portions of Title 8 and 18 of the Covington Municipal Code relating to use, storage, setbacks, and screening of recreational vehicles in residential zones. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:
Councilmembers and staff discussed Future Agenda Topics and made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

Leroy Stevenson, Covington resident, shared a request from a friend regarding re-striping the roadway for two left-turn lanes on Covington Way going north at the light at Kent-Kangley similar to the light at Fred Meyer. Mr. Stevenson also requested a wider turning radius on Covington Way at the light where there is a U-turn back to Costco’s gas station.

Public Works Director Don Vondran indicated that the City had been working with Washington State Department of Transportation for several months regarding widening the U-turn radius. City Engineer Bob Lindskov also provided further information on the project.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
To discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) from 8:35 to 10:12 p.m.
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Mayor Wagner announced the City Council would move into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation for five minutes and then to review the performance of a public employee for approximately 60 minutes after which no further action was anticipated.

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

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