March 28, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: April 11, 2017

City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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, March 28, 2017, at 6:59 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:
Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Margaret Harto, Fran Hollums, Mark Lanza, Marilla Mhoon, and Sean Smith.

STAFF PRESENT:
Regan Bolli, City Manager; Andrew McCurdy, Covington Police Chief; Ethan Newton, Parks & Recreation Director; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; Kathy Hardy, City Attorney; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Wagner invited Cub Scout Packs 405 and 416 to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:
• Alix Compton, Director of External Relations, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, accepted the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation.

• Council presented proclamations to Japanese exchange students and teachers from Abuno High School and Kitano High School in Osaka, Japan, in recognition of March 28, 2017 as International Student Exchange Day in Covington.

Council recessed from 7:05 to 7:27 p.m. for a brief reception to welcome the exchange students and teachers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

Chris May, Covington resident, spoke regarding concerns on the rising cost of living and requested Council to discourage raising taxes and to be mindful of those on fixed incomes.

Mike Porter, Covington resident, spoke on the Lakepointe Urban Village and requested an amendment to the agreement to increase the buffer to a minimum of 100 feet.
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Elizabeth Porter, Covington resident, also spoke on the Lakepointe Urban Village and requested an amendment to the developer agreement to preserve the buffer and have residential zoning between the existing neighborhood and the Lakepointe development.

Phillis Bodle, Librarian Services Manager, representing the King County Library System, spoke regarding the Library’s strategic scenarios for the next three to five years. Ms. Bodle provided a handout and requested Council to take a quick survey on those scenarios.

Jon Morrow, Covington resident, provided a handout and shared concerns about a proposed homeless car camp at St. John the Baptist Church.

Colin Lund, Developer, Lakepointe Urban Village, assured Council that there would not be a “budget” hotel at the entrance to Lakepointe. He also confirmed the 50-foot buffer has been increased to a 70-foot buffer and the hotel building has been pushed back further away from the existing residential neighborhood.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:
C-1. Vouchers: Vouchers #35449-35501 in the amount of $2,389.56 dated March 3, 2017; Vouchers #35502-35593, including ACH payments and electronic fund transfers, in the amount of $208,627.49, dated March 17, 2017; and Paylocity Payroll Vouchers #1006571651-#1006571667 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of $184,285.81, dated March 10, 2017.

C-2. Accept Contract Amendment No. 2 with Brightview Landscape Services for Landscape Maintenance Agreement.

C-3. Award Contract to Iron Creek Construction LLC for Shoulder Regrading.

C-4. Accept Interlocal Agreement with King County Flood Control District for Flood Reduction Fund Grant.

C-5. Accept Puget Sound Regional Council Grant for 164th Avenue SE Pedestrian Improvement Project.

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

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:
Human Services Commission – Chair Leslie Hamada reported on the March 9 off-site visitation to the Washington Poison Center.

Arts Commission – Vice Chair Ed White reported on the March 15 special meeting.
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Planning Commission – Community Development Director Richard Hart reported on the March 2 and March 16 meetings.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Chair Laura Morrissey reported on the March 15 special meeting.


NEW BUSINESS:
1. Discuss and Consider Approval of Proposed Resolution Seeking Full Certification from Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) of the Covington 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATED TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION BY THE PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL (PSRC); DOCUMENTING CERTAIN CITY POLICIES, ACTIONS, AND COMMITMENTS THAT SUPPORT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF PSRC’S VISION 2040 AND THE REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY THEREIN; AND REQUESTING FULL CERTIFICATION OF THE COVINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2015-2035 BY THE PSRC EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Council Action: Councilmember Harto moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2017-04 for the PSRC Executive Board requesting full certification of the Covington Comprehensive Plan 2015-2035 and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution as outlined in Attachment No. 2 in the agenda packet. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

Council Action: There was Council consensus to bring the vehicle license fee update discussion to an upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Lanza announced he would be out of town for the April 11 meeting; therefore, he requested that the above discussion on vehicle license fees be held at a different meeting than the April 11 meeting.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:
Councilmembers and staff made comments.
PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

Ed White, Covington resident, spoke in favor of a hotel in the Covington community. 

Elizabeth Porter, Covington resident, offered suggestions for promoting the openings on the Human Services Commission through “Next Door” and her group called “Informed Neighbors Project.”

Chris May, Covington resident, spoke regarding concerns with sex offenders and their proximity to schools and concerns with police officers talking on cell phones and looking at computers while driving.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
To Discuss Real Estate Acquisition Pursuit to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) from 8:45 to 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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