City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 10, 2012

(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, April 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:
Margaret Harto, Mark Lanza, David Lucavish, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, and Jeff Wagner.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:
Wayne Snoey.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to excuse Councilmember Snoey who was ill. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:
Derek Matheson, City Manager; Glenn Akramoff, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufre, Personnel Manager; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director; Kevin Klason, Covington Police Chief; Karla Slate, Community Relations Coordinator; Sara Springer, City Attorney; Tom Hargan, Covington Prosecutor; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor 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: 6-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:
Covington Prosecutor Tom Hargan gave a report on prosecution trends and provided a handout charting 2007 to 2011 infractions (not including parking violations), DUI/physical control, other traffic (suspended, negligent), and non-traffic (domestic violence, minor in possession, assault, trespassing, theft).

Council was also provided with a handout on recent public defender screening statistics.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Barry Fretwell and several students, representing Project Uth, reported on Project Uth events and ideas.
Bailey Stober, spoke in support of Project Uth and its benefit to the community.

Leroy Stevenson, 26838 166th Place SE, Covington, spoke regarding King County Animal Control and suggested decentralization and utilizing various rescue groups for sheltering.

Mayor Harto thanked Mr. Stevenson for his efforts in looking for cost savings for the city and asked City Manager Derek Matheson to provide a status report on current efforts by the city regarding animal control. Mr. Matheson informed Mr. Stevenson that he could provide him with the report from the recent joint city council meeting with Black Diamond and Maple Valley.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:
C-1. Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2012 City Council Special and Regular Meeting Minutes; March 20, 2012 City Council Joint Study Session with Covington Water District Minutes; March 27, 2012 City Council Study Session Minutes; and March 27, 2012 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.


RESOLUTION NO. 12-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, FIXING THE TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR VACATION OF A PORTION OF 176TH PLACE SE LOCATED BETWEEN SE WAX ROAD AND SE 270TH STREET.

C-3. Resolution Setting Hearing Date for 176th Place SE Right-of-Way Vacation.

C-4. Adopt Employee Compensation Program Procedure.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 11-03 AND DECLARING ONE VEHICLE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE REPLACEMENT.

C-5. Rescind Resolution to Surplus Vehicles.
Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Citizen Police Volunteer Program.

Covington Police Chief Kevin Klason gave the staff report on this item. Chief Klason shared a suggestion by Councilmember Snoey to revise the residency requirement to include citizens who live within a three-mile radius of city limits. Councilmember Wagner suggested allowing volunteers to use previous Citizen’s Academy certification to satisfy Criteria #6.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Chief Klason provided responses.

2. Public Works Department Strategic Plan Presentation.

Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff gave the presentation which included an Introduction, Philosophy, Choosing a Focus, Priority Levels, Our Commitment, Celebrating and Measuring Success, Filling the Gaps, and References.

Councilmembers provided comments.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Mayor Harto called for public comments.

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

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Prepared by:        Submitted by:
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