May 8, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes
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City of Covington
Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 8, 2012

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The Special 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, May 8, 2012, at 7:37 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.

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

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

Mayor Harto opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Laura Moser, Representing Waste Management, spoke on Agenda Item 2 regarding the city’s solid waste franchise, pointing out Waste Management’s experience, and encouraging Council to select the request for proposal process to select a solid waste provider.

Don Frey, Representing Republic Services, 12803 SE 231st Way, Kent, spoke on Agenda Item 2, mentioning the advantages of Republic and encouraging Council to keep its current solid waste provider.

John Taylor, Representing CleanScapes, spoke on Agenda Item 2, stating his agreement with Ms. Moser and encouraging Council to select the request for proposal process and consultant to select a solid waste provider.
Dave Amber, Representing Black Diamond Recycling, spoke on Agenda Item 2, stressing their focus on recycling and encouraging Council, in whatever option it chooses, to not imbed the commercial recycling rates into the garbage fee as that would eliminate recycling competition and would not reduce the garbage cost.

Chele Dimmett, 26626 190th Avenue SE, Covington, spoke on behalf of Allied Waste (Republic Services) and expressed appreciation for their community partnership with the Timberlane HOA.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:
C-1. Minutes: April 24, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.


C-3. Approve Contract Amendment for Park Construction Management Services.

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

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Appoint Voting Delegate for Puget Sound Regional Council Assembly Meeting.

Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to have the Mayor appoint a delegate to the 2012 Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly meeting by the deadline. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.


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

Councilmembers asked questions, and Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Hart provided responses.

3. Discuss and Consider Direction on Solid Waste Franchise.

Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Akramoff provided responses.

Council Action: Councilmember Scott moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to authorize the City Manager to proceed with Option No. 3 – negotiate with the current
services provider by hiring a consultant and entering into immediate negotiations with Republic, the current franchise holder, to update the services and conditions of the franchise to meet the changing needs of the city. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Chele Dimmett, Timberlane HOA, gave an update on recent and upcoming activities in Timberlane.

Dave Amber, Representing Black Diamond Recycling, thanked Council for opportunity to speak at the meeting and again urged Council to not imbed commercial recycling into the garbage contract.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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