City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 25, 2012

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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, September 25, 2012, at 7:06 p.m., with Mayor Harto presiding.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:
Marlla Mhoon.

STAFF PRESENT:
Derek Matheson, City Manager; Glenn Akramoff, Public Works Director; Noreen Beaufreere, 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; Scott Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Council Action: Councilmember Lanza moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to excuse Councilmember Mhoon who was on vacation. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Harto invited the Spartans Patrol from the Webelos Den of Pack 506 Cub Scouts to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lucavish seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:
- Kent School District Superintendent Dr. Edward Lee Vargas accepted a proclamation recognizing the week of October 21-27, 2012 as “Safe Schools Week” in Covington.
- Community Development Director Richard Hart accepted a proclamation recognizing the week of October 7-13, 2012 as “Fire Prevention Week” in Covington.
- Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff accepted a proclamation recognizing Saturday, October 27, 2012, as “Make a Difference Day” in Covington.
- Planning Commission Chair Daniel Key accepted a proclamation recognizing the month of October 2012 as “National Community Planning Month” in Covington.
Personnel & Human Services Analyst Victoria Throm accepted a proclamation recognizing the month of October 2012 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Covington.

Mayor Harto recognized Finance Director Rob Hendrickson for his 21 years of receiving the annual Professional Finance Officer Award from the Washington Financial Officers Association for the State of Washington.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Brandon Anderson with BranBar LLC asked Council to continue its efforts to bring the Northern Notch inside city limits.

Robert Thorpe, President of R.W. Thorpe & Associates, Inc., suggested that there was confusion with the process to bring the Notch inside city limits and offered his clarification and his suggestion for an alternative which was to ask the county council to give Covington nine more months to provide the county with additional information.

Personnel & Human Services Analyst Victoria Throm gave a report on the recent Mayor’s Day of Concern food drive.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:
C-1. Minutes: September 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.


Council Action: Councilmember Wagner moved and Councilmember Lanza seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:
Human Services Commission – Chair Haris Ahmad reported on the September 13 meeting.

Arts Commission – Chair Sandy Bisordi reported on the August 9 and September 13 meetings.

Budget Priorities Advisory Committee – Member Joseph Cimaomo, Jr. reported on the August 1, August 15, and September 19 meetings. The September 5 meeting was canceled.

Parks & Recreation Commission – No report. The August 15 and September 19 meetings were canceled.
Planning Commission – No report. The August 2, August 16, September 6, and September 20 meetings were canceled.

Economic Development Council – No report. The July and August meetings were canceled.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Debrief Northern Notch Advocacy Effort.

City Manager Derek Matheson gave the staff report on this item.

Community Development Director Richard Hart then provided information about the County’s plans regarding the population and employment targets.

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

Council concurred to let city staff make inquiries of King County staff to get input on going further in the process and what could be done to continue the advocacy effort.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Mayor Harto called for public comments.

Robert Thorpe, President of R.W. Thorpe & Associates, Inc., offered some input regarding previous questions that Council had regarding the Notch process and said he would send Council additional information.

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

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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