

**City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

NOTE: *This City Council meeting was held telephonically and virtually to comply with Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28 (as amended and extended), which, among other things, suspended various requirements under the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 42.30 RCW, and prohibited public agencies from conducting meetings in person through January 19, 2021.*

INTERVIEW: The Council conducted interviews for the Arts Commission, Human Services Commission, Planning Commission, and Parks and Recreation Commission from 5:20 to 6:30 p.m. Applicants interviewed included: Matt Farler, Jessica Fern, Philip Jones, and Jenny Baker.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Jennifer Harjehausen, Jared Koukal, Elizabeth Porter, Sean Smith, and Kristina Soltys.

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Regan Bolli, Covington Police Chief Andrew McCurdy, Parks and Recreation Director Ethan Newton, Public Works Director Don Vondran, Community Development Director Gina Estep, Finance Director Casey Parker, City Attorney Mark Orthmann, Information Technology Manager Mayson Morrissey (in person); and City Clerk Joan Michaud.

All attendees present via Zoom except as noted.

Mayor Wagner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Covington Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Liggett provided the quarterly update.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wagner called for public comments from the public attending via Zoom.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: City Council December 8, 2020 Special Meeting (Interviews) and Regular Meeting Minutes.

- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #41659 - #41712, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers in the amount of \$562,290.30, dated December 4, 2020; Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1013070500 - #1013070505 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$200,475.99, dated December 11, 2020; Vouchers #41713 - #41783, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers in the amount of \$1,393,615.98, dated December 18, 2020; Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1013170502 - #1013170507 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$213,674.88, dated December 24, 2020; and Vouchers #41784 - #41833, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers in the amount of \$707,729.00, dated December 31, 2020.
- C-3. Authorize City Manager to Execute Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County for Conservation Futures Funded Open Space Acquisition Projects.
- C-4. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for Urban Arteria Program Funds in the Amount of \$2,500,000.
- C-5. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Public Works Agreement with Brightview Landscapes, LLC for Landscape Maintenance.
- C-6. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Gray & Osborne for On-Call Engineering Services.
- C-7. Authorize City Manager to Execute an Interagency Agreement with King County for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program for 2021 - 2022.
- C-8. Authorize City Manager to Execute an Amendment to a Consultant Services Agreement with BERK Consulting, Inc. for On-Call Planning Support Services.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Appointment to the Planning Commission.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Harjehausen seconded to move this item to the next council meeting. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

2. Consider Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Council Action: Councilmember Porter moved and Councilmember Harjehausen seconded to move this item to the next council meeting. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

3. Consider Approving the Purchase of the Northern 5.28 Acres of Parcel 292206-9032 for Use as a Public Park and Authorize City Manager to Execute Closing Documents and Other Actions Necessary to Acquire the Property.

Parks and Recreation Director Ethan Newton gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions. Mr. Newton temporarily lost internet connection, and Mr. Bolli provided responses. Mr. Newton was reconnected to the meeting and provided responses also.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Porter seconded to approve the purchase and sale agreement for the northern 5.28 acres of parcel 292206-9032 for use as a public park and authorize the city manager to execute closing documents and other actions necessary to acquire the property. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wagner called for public comments from the public attending via Zoom.

Parks Planning & Development Manager Matthew Keough provided public comments.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- To Review the Performance of a Public Employee Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (g) from 8:15 to 9:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.



Joan Michaud
City Clerk