

Covington City Council
ANNUAL SUMMIT 2021

AGENDA

Saturday, January 30, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Zoom Video Conferencing

This City Council Special Meeting will be held telephonically and virtually to comply with state executive and legislative actions that indefinitely prohibit public agencies from meeting in person. This prohibition will remain in effect until the termination of the COVID-19 state of emergency, or until rescinded by gubernatorial or legislative action.

The City Council Annual Summit will be held telephonically and virtually as follows:

Join online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87675549260?pwd=KytXMWFZekg5VHpUdE55UTd5am1yQT09>

Passcode: Summit

Join by phone: 253-215-8782

Webinar ID: 876 7554 9260

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THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Discuss revising and/or more closely aligning the vision, mission, goals, strategic plan, and functional/departmental plans.
2. Provide policy direction on issues of importance to the Council, including Town Center, homelessness and housing, public safety, roads, and public art.
3. Determine the role of the Council in advancing the Public Education Plan.

8:00 WELCOME! REVIEW TODAY'S PURPOSE - **Jeff Wagner**, City Mayor; **Regan Bolli**, City Manager

8:05 REVIEW AGENDA AND GROUND RULES - **Jim Reid**, Facilitator

8:07 2020 IN HINDSIGHT - **Council**, **Regan Bolli**, and **Leadership Team (LT)**

PRE-ASSIGNMENT: List 3-5 accomplishments of 2020 that you believe will prove to be of greatest value to Covington's future. For each one, define it in a few words or a sentence. *Please send your list to Jim Reid by Wednesday, January 27 at 5 p.m.*

- What accomplishments did we list? Which were cited most often?
- Are there any significant accomplishments from 2020 that we forgot to list?
- Given the very unusual year that was 2020, what lessons did we learn?

8:37 DISCUSS VISION, MISSION, GOALS, AND STRATEGIC PLAN - **Council and LT**

- What do the vision, mission, and goals mean to the Council?
- Is there a need to revise them? Would it be enough to make changes now or what process might we use later this year?
- An interest has been expressed in more closely aligning the strategic plan with functional and departmental plans. One result could be that decisions related to prioritizing, programming, and funding are guided by this question: "Would this decision strengthen or weaken the vision, mission, and goals?"

9:15 TOWN CENTER: WHAT IS THE COUNCIL'S VISION? - **Council, Regan Bolli, Gina Estep, and LT**

- What is the Council's vision of Town Center? Do we still envision it in downtown?
- Or is there interest in locating it at Lakepointe?
- If that were the case, what options might the City consider for the use of the downtown property?
- Should the City consider partnering with the private sector to develop Town Center?

10:05 BREAK

10:15 HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING: PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA TO GUIDE SPENDING - **Council and LT**

HB 1590 provided for counties to adopt a sales tax of one-tenth of one percent for homelessness and housing. Sixty percent (60%) of this funding must be used for new construction; the remaining 40% may be used for other housing-related needs. Through an interlocal agreement, eight South King County cities, including Covington, recently formed the South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP).

- How would we summarize the problem of homelessness in South King County?
- What are the opportunities to leverage resources through our involvement in SKHHP?
- What are the Council's principles and criteria to guide the use of the 40% of the HB 1590 funding?

11:05 FUNDING POLICE, ROADS, AND PUBLIC ART - **Council, LT; for Revenue Service Discussion: Regan Bolli and Casey Parker**

Public Safety:

- Does the Council continue to support the goal of adding five new officers to the Police Department during the next ten years? If not, what should the goal be?
- What are some options to generate the funding needed to hire and maintain them?
- How might the voters' recent approval of amendments to the King County Charter to bring the Sheriff's Office into King County government, reporting to the Executive and with accountability to the County Council, affect policing in Covington?

Roads:

- What are the key findings from the pavement needs assessment?
- What do they indicate to the Council about which projects to prioritize?
- What revenue source(s) should be considered for funding pavement improvements?

Public Art:

- The Arts Commission has proposed the adoption of a hotel/motel tax to help fund public art. An option already available is the admissions tax. And the City annually devotes \$.50 per capita to public art.
- Are there any other options to explore?
- What are the Council's reactions to the options?

11:50 PUBLIC EDUCATION PLAN: THE COUNCIL'S ROLE IN ADVANCING IT - **Council; Karla Slate**

Following Karla's presentation of the Public Education Plan, the key question for the Council to address is:

- What role does the Council want to play in helping advance this plan?

12:10 UPDATE COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES - **Regan Bolli and Mark Orthmann**

12:25 WHAT ARE WE TAKING AWAY FROM TODAY? - **Everyone**

12:30 ADJOURN