

**City of Covington, Washington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2020**

NOTE: *This City Council meeting was held telephonically and virtually to comply with Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28, 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 May 4, 2020. All items on the agenda are either (1) necessary and routine; or (2) necessary to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and current public health emergency.*

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Jennifer Harjehausen, Fran Hollums, Jared Koukal, Kristina Soltys, and Sean Smith.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Andrew McCurdy, Covington Police Chief; Ethan Newton, Parks & Recreation Director; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Gina Estep, Community Development Director; Casey Parker, Finance Director; Mark Orthmann, City Attorney; Bob Lindskov, City Engineer; Mayson Morrissey, Information Technology Manager (in person); and Krista Bates, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

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:

- King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn provided an update on the State of King County and the regional response to COVID-19.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

The following person spoke: Justin Park.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- C-1. Vouchers: Vouchers #40624 - #40733, including ACH payments in the amount of \$816,241.46, dated March 27, 2020; and Paylocity Payroll Vouchers #1011996166 - #1011996172 and #1011996177 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$234,764.93, dated March 20, 2020.
- C-2. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Deed of Right to Use SoCo Park Parcel No. 362205-9098 for Public Outdoor Recreation Purposes Pursuant to Grant Funding Source.
- C-3. Authorize City Manager to Execute an Administrative Settlement for Property Acquisition for the SR 516: Jenkins Creek to 185th Place SE Project (CIP 1127).
- C-4. Authorize City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 2 to Public Works Agreement with Westgro Corporation for Landscape Maintenance.
- C-5. Ratify City Manager's Execution of a Special Use Agreement with King County, by and through the King County Sheriff's Office, and Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority for Temporary Use of the Former Covington Elementary School Campus for COVID-19 Related Testing of First Responders and Healthcare Professionals and Emergency Operations.

Having found that these actions are necessary and routine, the consent agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. To Receive Public Testimony Regarding Ordinance No. 04-2020 Which Imposed a Temporary 12-Month Moratorium on the Creation, Development, or Expansion of Self-Service Storage Facilities.

City Attorney Mark Orthmann provided background information on this item and Community Development Director Gina Estep gave the staff report.

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

The following persons spoke: Justin Park, Stephen Bourne, Doug Blythe, and Darren Groth.

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

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Estep, Mr. Orthmann, and Mr. Bolli provided responses.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. Adopt a Resolution to Designate a Temporary Official Newspaper for the City of Covington.

City Manager Regan Bolli gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Bolli, Mr. Orthmann, and Ms. Bates provided responses.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DESIGNATING THE SEATTLE TIMES AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF COVINGTON

Council Action: Having found that this action is necessary and routine and necessary to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and current public health emergency, Councilmember Hollums moved and Councilmember Koukal seconded to pass a Resolution No. 2020-07 designating the Seattle Times as the City of Covington's official newspaper. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments related to COVID-19.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

The following person spoke: Beth Porter.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



Joan Michaud
City Clerk