

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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, Senior Planner Ann Mueller, Information Technology Manager Mayson Morrissey (in person), and Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Krista Bates.

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 amended to add a Small Business Week Proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

- Chamber Executive Director Dana Neuts, Red Canoe Credit Union/Chamber Board Member Bridget O'Connor, Chamber Board President and Assistant Executive Director of The Storehouse Cass Laney, and owner of Walls of Books Gail Vaughn accepted the Small Business Week Proclamation for the week of May 2 - 8, 2021.
- Laura Morrissey accepted the May 2021 National Water Safety Month Proclamation and the April 30, 2021 Arbor Day Proclamation.
- Lisa Grueter with BERK Consulting provided a Lakepointe Final EIS Briefing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Robert Schwindt with Oakpointe provided public comments.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: March 23, 2021 City Council Special Meeting – Joint Study Session with Youth Council Minutes and March 23, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #42150 - #42211, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers in the amount of \$1,136,355.66, dated April 9, 2021; and Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1013655700 - #1013655708 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$231,215.09.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Arts Commission – Chair Marita Ledesma gave the report.

Economic Development Council – Co-Chair Kalen Privatsky gave the report.

Equity, Cultural, and Social Justice Commission – Chair Mani Dhami gave the report.

Human Services Commission – No report.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Chair Laura Morrissey gave the report.

Planning Commission – Vice Chair Murray Williams gave the report.

Youth Council – Naomi Kuria gave the report.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive Public Testimony and Consider an Ordinance Adopting and Renewing Interim Land Use Regulations Pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390 to Control the Provision of On-Site Recreation Space for New Multifamily Development in the Downtown Zone; Amending CMC 18.35.005.

Community Development Director Gina Estep gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions and Ms. Estep provided responses.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING AND RENEWING INTERIM LAND USE REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO RCW 35A.63.220 AND RCW 36.70A.390 TO CONTROL THE PROVISION OF ON-SITE RECREATION SPACE FOR NEW MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN ZONE; AMENDING CMC 18.35.005; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Action: Councilmember Porter moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to approve Ordinance No. 03-2021 adopting and renewing interim land use regulations to control the provision of on-site recreation space for new multifamily development in the downtown zone. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Discussion Regarding City Nepotism Policy and Whether to Amend Code of Ethics to Allow Relatives of Councilmembers to Serve on the Covington Youth Council.

City Attorney Mark Orthmann gave the staff report on this item.

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

There was council consensus to bring this item to a future meeting for further discussion.

3. Discuss Options for a Council Workshop to Refresh the City's Vision, Mission, and Goals.

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

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

Council Action: Councilmember Koukal moved and Councilmember Harjehausen seconded to approve Option 2 (Virtual Workshop) to hold a workshop to refresh the city's vision, mission, and goals. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

There was council consensus to request staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission to bring council a policy for dedicating park benches, etc.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Joan Michaud
City Clerk