

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

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 May 31, 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, May 26, 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; Mayson Morrissey, Information Technology Manager (in person); Bob Lindskov, City Engineer; Matthew Keough, Parks Planning & Development Manager; Julie Johnston, Personnel & Human Services Planner; 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 amended to add a COVID-19 Non-Discrimination Proclamation and add New Business Item 7, Consider Ordinance Relating to the Adoption of Interim Land Use Regulations.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Mayor Wagner read the COVID-19 Non-Discrimination Proclamation.

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. Vouchers: Vouchers #40899 - #40948, including ACH payments in the amount of \$238,738.56, dated May 8, 2020; Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012105961 - #1012105964, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$222,560.88, dated April 17, 2020; Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012147598, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$151,418.80, dated May 1, 2020; and Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012185550 - #1012185550, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$140,660.73, dated May 15, 2020.
- C-2. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Wetland Notice Acknowledging Wetland and Wetland Mitigation Restrictions at Covington Community Park.
- C-3. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Deed of Right to Use the SoCo Park Parcel No. 362205-9035 for Public Outdoor Recreation.
- C-4. Ratify City Manager's Execution of an Emergency of an Emergency Public Works Agreement for Construction Management Services to Conduct Repairs to the Former Covington Elementary School for Temporary Use as COVID-19 Testing and Emergency Operations Center.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. Receive Public Testimony on Proposed 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

City Engineer Bob Lindskov gave the staff report on this item.

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

The following people provided public comment: Beth Porter.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. 2020 First Quarter Financial Report.

Finance Director Casey Parker provided the staff report on this item.

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

- 3. Appoint Voting Delegates for Association of Washington Cities 2020 Annual Business Meeting.

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

Council Action: Having found this action to be necessary and routine, Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Koukal seconded to appoint Mayor Wagner, Councilmember Soltys, and Councilmember Cimaomo as the voting delegates to represent the City of Covington at the 2020 Association of Washington Cities Annual Business Meeting. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

4. Discuss Options for Providing Residential Rental Assistance through CARES Act.

City Manager Regan Bolli gave the staff report on this item and noted Julie Johnston, Personnel & Human Services Planner was also standing by to answer questions.

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

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 Cimaomo moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to allocate up to \$40,000 of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to rental assistance. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

5. Consider Resolution to Seek Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Funds for Jenkins Creek Park and Trail Project.

Parks Planning & Development Manager Matthew Keough gave the staff report on this item.

Council Action: Having found that this action is necessary and routine, Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Koukal seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2020-08, in substantial form as that provided in the agenda packet, to seek Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office grant funds for Jenkins Creek Park and Trail Project. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

6. Consider Resolution to Seek Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Funds to Acquire Land for Welcome Park.

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

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

Council Action: Having found that this action is necessary and routine, Councilmember Koukal moved and Councilmember Harjehausen seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2020-09, in substantial form as that provided in the agenda packet, to seek Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office grant funds to acquire land for Welcome Park. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

7. Consider Ordinance Relating to the Adoption of Interim Land Use Regulations.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF 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; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND ESTABLISHING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Action: Having found this action to be necessary and routine, Councilmember Soltys moved and Councilmember Harjehausen seconded to approve an Ordinance relating to the adoption of interim land use regulations pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 35A.63.390 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; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments related to items necessary and routine or COVID-19.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

The following people provided public comments: Beth Porter and Julie Johnston.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.



Joan Michaud
City Clerk