

**City of Covington**  
**Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

**NOTE:** *This City Council meeting was held telephonically and virtually to comply with Governor Insee'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 June 17, 2020.*

**INTERVIEW:** The Council conducted an interview for the Arts Commission from 6:20 to 6:40 p.m. Applicant interviewed: Lilianna (Lily) Fernandez (via Zoom). The second applicant for the Arts Commission canceled the scheduled interview, and the Youth Council applicant missed the scheduled interview.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 7:02 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; 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); 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 move Consent Item C-5 to New Business Item 5.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

- City Lobbyists Vice President Briahna Murray and Assistant Governmental Affairs Consultant Holly Cocci, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs, gave the End of Session Legislative Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

The following person provided public comments: Brian Ross.

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

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

- C-1. Minutes: March 10, 2020 City Council Special (Interviews) & Regular Meeting Minutes; March 24, 2020 City Council Special (Interview) & Regular Meeting Minutes; April 14, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes; April 28, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes; and May 12, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #40949 - #41000, including ACH payments in the amount of \$665,729.95, dated May 22, 2020; and Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012234062, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$147,349.49, dated May 29, 2020.
- C-3. Authorize City Manager to Execute Release of Interest and First Amendment to Restriction Agreement and Grant of Easement.
- C-4. Authorize City Manager to Execute Facility Modification/Relocation Agreement with Puget Sound Energy for 204<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Project (CIP 1201).
- C-5. Moved to New Business Item 5.
- C-6. Resolution to Ratify and Confirm Proclamations of Emergencies and Orders, Nos 02-2020 and 03-2020 Executed by City Manager on June 1, 2020 and June 2, 2020 Respectively, both of which Declared Emergencies and Imposed Curfews Related to the Regional and Local Civil Unrest.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM THE CITY OF COVINGTON PROCLAMATIONS OF EMERGENCIES AND ORDERS, NOS. 02-2020 AND 03-2020, EXECUTED BY THE CITY MANAGER ON JUNE 1, 2020 AND JUNE 2, 2020, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH OF WHICH DECLARED EMERGENCIES AND IMPOSED CURFEWS RELATED TO THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL CIVIL UNREST.

The consent agenda was approved as amended.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Consider Appointments to Arts Commission.

**Council Action: Councilmember Koukal moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to appoint Lilianna Fernandez to fill Youth Position No. 4 on the Arts Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2021. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

2. Consider Appointment to Youth Council.

As the Youth Council applicant did not attend the interview as scheduled, there was Council consensus to ask staff to reschedule the interview and move this item to a future meeting.

3. Consider Resolution Adopting City of Covington 2021-2026 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Public Works Director Don Vondran gave the staff report on this item.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2021-26  
SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

**Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to pass Resolution No. 2020-11 adopting the City of Covington 2021-26 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

4. Authorize City Manager to Execute an Amendment to a Public Works Agreement for Construction Services to Conduct Electrical Work at the former Covington Elementary School for Temporary Use as a COVID-19 Testing Facility and Emergency Operations Center.

Covington Police Chief Andy McCurdy provided the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers asked questions, and Chief McCurdy provided responses.

**Council Action: Councilmember Koukal moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute amendment #1 to the public works agreement with Ferris Turney General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$60,846 to conduct electrical work at the former Covington Elementary School in order to maintain functionality as a COVID-19 Testing and Emergency Operations Center. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

5. Authorize City Manager to Execute Local Agency Agreement Supplemental Number 3 and Prospectus with Washington State Department of Transportation to Obligate Construction Funds for the Covington Connector/204<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Project (CIP 1201).

Public Works Director Don Vondran gave the staff report on this item.

Councilmembers asked questions and Mr. Vondran provided responses.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Koukal seconded to authorize the city manager to execute Local Agency Agreement Supplement Number 3 and Prospectus with WSDOT to obligate construction funds in the amount of \$21,733,400 for the Covington Connector/204<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Project (CIP 1201). Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

City Manager Regan Bolli reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission Joint Study Session with Council would need to be rescheduled from June 23 to another future date as the commission had not been able to meet for the last couple of months.

There was Council consensus to request staff to bring an agenda item to a future meeting to discuss creation of a City of Covington multicultural diversity commission.

There was also Council consensus to request staff to bring an agenda item to a future meeting to discuss options for diversity training opportunities for city staff and elected officials.

**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Krista Bates asked the Council about preferences for the Citizen of the Year scheduling. There was Council consensus to postpone until fall.

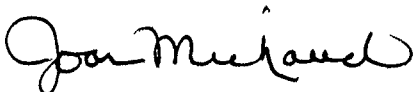
**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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 8:52 p.m.



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Joan Michaud  
City Clerk