

**City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 23, 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 July 1, 2020.*

INTERVIEW: The Council conducted interviews for the Human Services Commission and Youth Council from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Applicants interviewed: Sara Parker, Shelia Harrison, and Haley Dang.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, June 23, 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; Julie Johnston, Personnel & Human Services Planner; Bob Lindskov, City Engineer; Pat Patterson, Recreation & Cultural Arts Manager; and Krista Bates, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk (in person).

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:

- Executive Director Jennifer Liggett provided a quarterly update on the Covington Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Wagner recognized retiring Councilmember Fran Hollums for her years of service on the Human Services Commission and the City Council. Mayor Wagner noted that a plaque and flowers had been delivered to Councilmember Hollums’ home.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- C-1. Minutes: May 26, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes; June 2, 2020 City Council Emergency Meeting Minutes; June 9, 2020 City Council Special (Interview) & Regular Meeting Minutes; and January 25, 2020 City Council Summit Summary with Corrected Scrivener's Error.
- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #41001 - #41064, including ACH payments in the amount of \$203,308.61, dated June 5, 2020; and Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012284478 - #1012284478, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$150,103.51, dated June 12, 2020.
- C-3. Authorize City Manager to Execute Supplement Number 1 with Transpo Group USA, Local Agency Agreement Supplement Number 2 with Washington State Department of Transportation, and Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement with Covington Water District for the SR 516 and Covington Way Intersection Improvement Project (CIP 1063).

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

- Art Commission** – Chair Marita Ledesma gave the report.
- Economic Development Council** – No report.
- Human Services Commission** – Vice Chair Dawn Allen gave the report.
- Parks & Recreation Commission** – No report.
- Planning Commission** – Chair David Caudle gave the report.
- Youth Council** – No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Presentation on South King Housing and Homelessness Partners.

SKHHP Executive Manager Angela San Filippo gave the presentation.

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

- 2. Consider Appointment to Human Services Commission.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Koukal seconded to appoint Sara Parker to fill adult Position No. 2 on the Human Services Commission with a term expiring March 31, 2023. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

- 3. Consider Appointment to Youth Council.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Harjehausen seconded to appoint Haley Dang to fill Position No. 6 on the Youth Council with a term expiring the last day of the month of graduation from high school. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

4. Discuss Replacement Options for Holiday Tree.

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

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

There was Council consensus to ask staff to bring this item back to a future meeting with the live tree replacement option.

5. Consider Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Seek Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Funds for the SE 256th Street Culvert Replacement and Road Widening Project (CIP 1145).

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

Mayor Wagner asked some clarification questions, and Mr. Lindskov provided responses.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2020-12, in substantial form as that provided in the agenda packet, authorizing the city manager to seek Washington State Recreation and Conversation Office grant funds for the SE 256th Street Culvert Replacement and Road Widening Project (CIP 1145). Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

6. Accept Councilmember Hollums Resignation and Approve Process to Fill Vacancy of Council Position No. 6.

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

Council Action: Councilmember Koukal moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to accept the resignation of Councilmember Hollums effective June 30, 2020 and approve the process to fill the vacancy on Council Position No. 6. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

7. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Evergreen Business Capital, a 501(C)(4) Nonprofit, to Administer, Distribute, and Provide Audit-Ready Reporting on Funds Provided Under the CARES Act for Small Locally-Owned Business Rapid Relief Grant Program.

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

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

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Soltys seconded to authorize the city manager to execute a contract between the City of Covington and Evergreen Business Capital to administer grant funds of \$130,000 to local businesses. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

8. Consider Allocation of CARES Act Funds to Provide Assistance to The Storehouse Foodbank.

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

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

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Soltys seconded to allocate \$20,000 of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to The Storehouse. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

There was Council consensus to cancel the August 25, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting.

Staff and councilmembers thanked Councilmember Hollums for her service and congratulated her on her retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:


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

The following people provided comments: Elizabeth Porter and Patti Melton.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.



Joan Michaud
City Clerk