

July 13, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: August 10, 2021

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 13, 2021**

NOTE: *This City Council meeting was held telephonically and virtually in compliance with state executive and legislative actions responding to the COVID-19 emergency.*

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 7:05 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, Planning Manager Ryan Harriman, Finance Director Casey Parker, City Attorney Mark Orthmann, Information Technology Manager Mayson Morrissey (in person), Communications and Marketing Manager Karla Slate, Parks Planning and Development Manager Matthew Keough, 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 presented.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Executive Director Dana Neuts gave the Covington Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

People from the public providing comments: George Pearson, Matt Bond, and Amy Bond.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: May 25, 2021 City Council Special (Interviews) and Regular Meeting Minutes and May 26, 2021 City Council Special Meeting – Black Diamond/Covington/Maple Valley Joint Meeting Minutes.

- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #42407 - #42457, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers in the amount of \$534,602.29, dated June 18, 2021; Vouchers #42458 - #42496, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers in the amount of \$2,930,420.48, dated July 2, 2021; and Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1013973980 - #1013973989 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$244,849.64, dated June 25, 2021.
- C-3. Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.35 of the Covington Municipal Code to Add a new Section 3.35.110 Establishing an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 3.35 OF THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3.35.110 ESTABLISHING AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- C-4. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Interagency Data Sharing Agreement with the Office of the Washington State Auditor.
- C-5. Ratify and Approve City Manager's Execution of all Documents Required for Acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act Funds.
- C-6. Acceptance of the 164th Avenue SE Pedestrian Improvement Project.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Appointment to Covington Economic Development Council.

Council Action: Councilmember Koukal moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to appoint Kathy Fosjord to fill a position on the Covington Economic Development Council with a term expiring July 31, 2023. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

2. Consider Resolution Expressing Support for Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Proposition 1 on the August 3, 2021 King County Primary and Special Election Ballot to Approve a Permanent Fire Benefit Charge.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith recused himself from this item and left the meeting.

Chief Morris, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, gave the report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Chief Morris provided responses.

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

People from the public providing comments for this item: Greg Markley.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR PUGET SOUND REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY (“PSRFA”) PROPOSITION 1 WHICH WILL APPEAR ON THE AUGUST 3, 2021 BALLOT, WHEREIN VOTERS WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE A PERMANENT FIRE BENEFIT CHARGE TO FUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.

Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Soltys seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2021-07 supporting Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Proposition No. 1, which would approve a permanent fire benefit charge. Vote: 5-1 (voting yes: Cimaomo, Koukal, Harjehausen, Soltys, Wagner; voting no: Porter). Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith returned to the meeting.

3. Consider Authorizing the Implementation of a Park Bench Dedication Program.

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

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

Council Action: Councilmember Porter moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to authorize staff to create and implement a park bench dedication program in similar form as presented to the council. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

4. Discuss Proposal for Issuing Cell Phones to City Councilmembers to Conduct City Business.

Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Krista Bates gave the staff report on this item.

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

There was Council consensus to bring back a proposal to Council later this year for a new phone system with the mobile app.

5. Discuss Proposal for Hybrid Options for Public Meetings.

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

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

There was Council consensus to choose Option 2 as presented in the agenda packet to contract out a “full room audio/video integration” to a professional audio/video installation company.

6. Consider Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Develop and Implement an Incentive Policy Limiting Spending Authority to the Amounts Set Forth in the City of Covington Purchasing Policies and Procedures for Purchasing Supplies.

Communications and Marketing Manager Karla Slate gave the staff report on this item.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN INCENTIVE POLICY LIMITING SPENDING AUTHORITY TO THE THRESHOLDS SET FORTH IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASES OF SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, OR EQUIPMENT.

Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2021-08 authorizing the city manager to develop and implement an incentive policy limiting spending authority to the thresholds set forth in the City of Covington Purchasing Policies and Procedures for purchases of supplies, materials, or equipment. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

7. Discussion of the Requirements for House Bill (HB) 1220.

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

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

There was Council consensus to bring this item back to a future Council meeting with an ordinance for interim regulations.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council discussed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

There was Council consensus to hold the Vision, Mission, Goals Workshop in person the days of October 8 and October 9.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

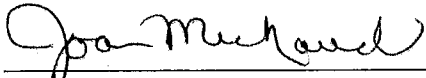
There being no comments, Mayor Wagner closed the public comment period.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To discuss Real Estate Acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.(1)(b) from 9:10 to 9:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.



Joan Michaud
City Clerk