

**City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 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 August 1, 2020.*

INTERVIEW: The Council conducted interviews for the Covington Economic Development Council from 6:40 to 7:00 p.m. Applicants interviewed: Kalen Privatsky and Laura Roth.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Jennifer Harjehausen, 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); 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 presented.

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. Minutes: June 23, 2020 City Council Special (Interviews) & Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #41065 - #41107, including ACH payments in the amount of \$455,716.93, dated June 19, 2020; Vouchers #41108 - #41142, including ACH payments in the amount of \$2,174,146.46, dated July 3, 2020; and Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012331584 and #1012331586, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$168,270.69, dated June 26, 2020.

C-3. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Washington State Department of Commerce Interagency Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds for Local Governments.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. To Receive Public Testimony Regarding Interim Zoning Regulations.

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

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 comment period for the public hearing.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consider Appointments to Covington Economic Development Council.

Council Action: Councilmember Koukal moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to appoint Kalen Privatsky to fill a position on the Covington Economic Development Council with a term expiring July 31, 2022. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Soltys moved and Councilmember Harjehausen seconded to appoint Laura Roth to fill a position on the Covington Economic Development Council with a term expiring July 31, 2022. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

3. Review 2020 Summit Action Items List.

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

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

4. Consider Resolution to Adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex.

Emergency Manager Program Manager Andy Jenkins gave the staff report on this item.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN ANNEX.

Council Action: Councilmember Koukal moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to pass Resolution No. 2020-13 adopting the City of Covington Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

5. Discuss Options for Establishing a Commission to Address Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice Issues.

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

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

There was Council consensus to invite Preeti Shridhar, Deputy Public Affairs Administrator from the City of Renton, to a Council Study Session on July 28 to speak regarding Renton's efforts in establishing the Renton's Mayor's Inclusion Task Force to provide guidance on creating a commission related to equity and social justice.

6. Discuss Opportunities for Racial Equity/Bias Trainings and Workshops for City Council and City Staff.

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

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

Council Action: Councilmember Koukal moved and Councilmember Soltys seconded to approve racial equity/bias training and workshop Option No. 4 from the alternatives listed in the agenda packet: Recorded Webinars – Four-Part Series and direct the city manager to organize these mandatory trainings and workshops for full time staff and city councilmembers and with part-time staff and commissioners on a voluntary basis. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

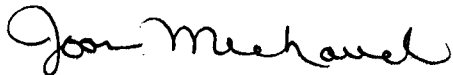
Mayor Wagner called for public comments from the public attending via Zoom.

The following person provided public comments: Elizabeth Porter.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



Joan Michaud
City Clerk