

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 23, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Jennifer Harjehausen, Margaret Harto, Fran Hollums, Marilla Mhoon, 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; Kathy Hardy, City Attorney; and Sharon Scott, Executive Assistant/City Clerk.

Mayor Wagner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- 47th District Legislators Representative Debra Entenman and Senator Mona Das were recognized.

Council recessed from 7:08 to 7:25 p.m. for a short reception to honor the 47th District Legislators.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

The following people spoke in support of a fireworks ban:

- Joy Cavanaugh, Covington resident
- Nancy Behm, Covington resident
- Titus Schroder, Covington resident
- Walt Stockla, Covington resident
- George Pearson, Covington resident

Patti Melton, Covington resident, spoke against a ban on fireworks.

Michael Carlson, Covington resident, spoke in favor of allowing fireworks.

Jason Trout, Regional Manager for TNT Fireworks, suggested Council form a task force to study what other municipalities have done to enforce current regulations.

Elizabeth Porter, Covington resident, noted that people will still light off fireworks whether or not there is a ban. Ms. Porter liked the idea of an advisory vote and an ad hoc committee.

Rick Holland, Covington resident, spoke against change to parking regulations.

Chele Dimmett, Covington resident, spoke in favor of an advisory vote for fireworks ban.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- C-1. Minutes: City Council June 25, 2019 Special Meeting – Joint Study Session with Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes and City Council June 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #39308- #39367, including ACH payments in the amount of \$346,551.60, dated July 5, 2019; and Paylocity Payroll Vouchers #1010690629 - #1010690644 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$240,553.41, dated July 12, 2019.
- C-3. Authorize City Manager to Execute Agreement with Cordi & Bejarano, Inc. P.S. for Indigent Defense Services.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

- Economic Development Council** – Co-Chair Jared Koukal gave the report.
- Parks & Recreation Commission** – Member Steve Pand gave the report.
- Planning Commission** – Chair David Caudle gave the report.
- Youth Council** – Member Justin Bose gave the report.
- Human Services Commission** – Chair Leslie Hamada gave the report.
- Arts Commission** – Vice Chair Ruby Shrestha gave the report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discuss Options for Council to Consider Regarding Republic Services Request for a Cedar Grove Tipping Fee and Recycle Processing Charge.

Mayor Wagner recused himself from this item and left the Council Chambers.

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

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Hollums seconded to authorize the implementation of the Cedar Grove compost tipping fee of \$0.20 per month per single-family residence. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Harto moved and Councilmember Harjehausen seconded to direct staff to administer Option 3 – Implement Temporary Processing Charge in regard to the Republic Services contract to address the recycle processing charge request. Vote: 5-

1 (Voting yes: Harjehausen, Harto, Hollums, Mhoon, and Smith; voting no: Cimaomo). Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Harto seconded to amend the motion to limit time period for charge for one year from implementation. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Wagner rejoined the meeting.

2. Consider Resolution Calling for a Citizen Advisory Vote Banning Fireworks.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019, AN ADVISORY PROPOSITION ASKING WHETHER QUALIFIED VOTERS RECOMMEND THE COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL PASS AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND DISCHARGE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS AT ALL TIMES WITHIN THE COVINGTON CITY LIMITS; SETTING FORTH THE TEXT OF ADVISORY PROPOSITION 1; DIRECTING CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER PROPERLY RELATED MATTERS.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2019-09 providing for a the submission to the qualified voters of the city at an election to be held on November 5, 2019, an advisory proposition asking whether qualified voters recommend the Covington City Council pass an ordinance prohibiting the sale, possession, and discharge of consumer fireworks at all times within the Covington city limits; setting forth the text of Advisory Proposition 1; directing city officials to take necessary actions, including appointing a pro/con committee; and providing for other properly related matters. Vote: 6-1 (Voting yes: Cimaomo, Harjehausen, Hollums, Mhoon, Smith, and Wagner; voting no: Harto). 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.

Chele Dimmett, Covington resident, speculated that there would be a large turnout for the advisory vote on a fireworks ban. Ms. Dimmett stated that the Timberlane HOA has advised residents in the past on fireworks regulations, and she thanked Council for keeping taxes low.

Elizabeth Porter, Covington resident, asked Council to consider arranging the Covington Days booths to allow more public access. Ms. Porter also asked Council to remember that any changes initiated by the developer to the Lakepointe development would need to go through public process.

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

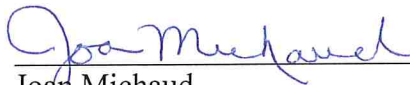
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- To Discuss the Acquisition of Real Estate Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) from 9:35 to 10:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

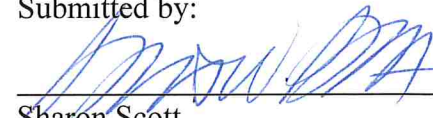
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Prepared by:



Joan Michaud
Senior Deputy City Clerk

Submitted by:



Sharon Scott
City Clerk