

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 28, 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 August 1, 2020.*

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 7:04 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.

The following person provided public comments: Elizabeth Porter.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- To Evaluate the Qualifications of Applications for Public Employment Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) from 7:08 p.m. to 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Wagner announced the council would go into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: July 14, 2020 City Council Special (Interviews) & Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #41143 - #41185, including ACH payments in the amount of

\$374,507.54, dated July 17, 2020; and Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012386102, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$174,451.36, dated July 10, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON REPEALING COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.70, ARTS COMMISSION; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- C-3. Consider Ordinance Repealing Covington Municipal Code Chapter 2.70, Arts Commission and Consider Resolution Reinstating the Arts Commission with New Membership Rules.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON REPEALING COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.40, HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- C-4. Consider Ordinance Repealing Covington Municipal Code Chapter 2.40, Human Services Commission, and Consider Resolution Reinstating the Human Services Commission with New Membership Rules.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON REPEALING COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.45, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- C-5. Consider Ordinance Repealing Covington Municipal Code Chapter 2.45, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Consider Resolution Reinstating the Parks & Recreation Commission with New Membership Rules.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING RESOLUTION

NO. 2017-09 TO ALLOW MEMBER TERMS TO END UPON
GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL

- C-6. Consider Resolution Amending Youth Council Terms to End Upon Graduation from High School.
- C-7. Authorize City to Execute an Amendment to a Consultant Services Agreement with BERK Consulting for On-Call Planning Support Services.
- C-8. Ratify City Manager's Signature to Execute Amendment No. 2 to a Public Works Agreement for Construction Services to Install Security Fencing at the former Covington Elementary School for Temporary Use as COVID-19 Testing Facility and Emergency Operations Center.

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 – Chair Debbie Jacobson gave the report.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Chair Laura Morrissey gave the report.

Planning Commission – Chair David Caudle gave the report.

Youth Council – No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Appointment to Fill Vacancy on Council Position No. 6.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Koukal seconded to schedule interviews for the City Council Position 6 vacancy on August 11. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to schedule interviews with Marita Ledesma and Elizabeth Porter for the City Council Position 6 vacancy on August 11. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

2. Consider Council Appointment to Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee.

Council Action: Councilmember Koukal moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to appoint Councilmember Cimaomo as the primary member and Councilmember Soltys as the alternate member to Sound Cities Association's Public Issues Committee (PIC) for the remainder of 2020. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

3. Discuss Republic Services Rates Increase Request.

Mayor Wagner recused himself from this item. Mayor Wagner left the Zoom meeting and turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Smith.

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

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions. Mr. Vondran, Mr. Orthmann, and Mr. Bolli provided responses. Council requested a presentation from Republic Services. Mr. Vondran indicated he would contact them to set that up for a future meeting.

Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Koukal seconded to authorize the implementation of the B&O Tax increase of 0.25 percent along with the annual rate adjustment beginning January 1, 2021. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Soltys seconded to allow Republic Services to extend the recycling processing charge until December 31, 2020. Vote: 4-1 (voting yes: Harjehausen, Koukal, Smith, and Soltys; voting no: Cimaomo). Motion carried.

Mayor Wagner returned to the Zoom meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

There was Council consensus to add the Diversity and Inclusion Commission discussion item to the August 11 agenda.

There was Council consensus to add a discussion item regarding initiatives of King County Council regarding amendments to the Sheriff's Office to the September 8 meeting with possible action at the September 22 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

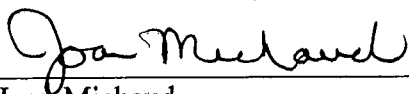
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There being no further comments, Mayor Wagner closed the public comment period.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Joan Michaud
City Clerk