

City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 11, 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 September 1, 2020.*

INTERVIEW: The Council conducted interviews for Council Position No. 6 from 6:00 to 6:40 p.m. Applicants interviewed: Marita Ledesma and Elizabeth Porter.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, August 11, 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 (arrived @ 7:06 p.m.); Ryan Harriman, Planning Manager; 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 amended to move Consent Item 3, Ordinance Amending Chapter 16.15 CMC Flood Damage Prevention, to New Business Item 3 with Existing Items 3 and 4 moving to Items 4 and 5.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Angela San Filippo, Executive Manager, SKHHP, gave a presentation on the interlocal agreement with South King Housing and Homelessness Partners.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Members of the public who spoke: Bob Lurry, Vice President, King County Police Officers Guild.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- C-1. Minutes: July 28, 2020 City Council Special Meeting – Study Session Minutes and July 28, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #41186 - #41219, including ACH payments in the amount of \$754,721.44, dated July 31, 2020; and Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012440974, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$192,979.10, dated July 24, 2020.
- C-4. Ordinance Amending Section 2.15.020 CMC, Planning Commission Membership.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AMENDING COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.15.020, PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- C-5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Local Agency Agreement Supplement Number 4 with Washington State Department of Transportation and Amendment Number 2 with DCI Engineers for Additional Real Estate Services for the Covington Connector Project (CIP 1201).

The consent agenda was approved as amended to move Item C-3 to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Appointment to Council Position No. 6.

Mayor Wagner outlined the process for the appointment.

Councilmember Harjehausen nominated Marita Ledesma for Position No. 6.

Councilmember Cimaomo nominated Elizabeth Porter for Position No. 6.

Councilmembers Harjehausen and Cimaomo provided comments regarding their nominations.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Councilmember Soltys, and Councilmember Koukal provided comments regarding the nominations.

Elizabeth Porter and Marita Ledesma provided comments on their nominations.

Council Action: Councilmember Koukal, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Councilmember Soltys, and Councilmember Cimaomo voted for Elizabeth Porter. Councilmember Harjehausen voted for Marita Ledesma. Elizabeth Porter was selected to fill Council Position No. 6.

2. Consider Appointment to Human Services Commission.

There was no Council action on this item.

3. (Formerly Consent Item C-3) Ordinance Amending Chapter 16.15 CMC, Flood Damage Prevention.

Planning Manager Ryan Harriman gave the presentation on this item.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, AMENDING CHAPTER 16.15 CMC FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2020 of the City of Covington, Washington, amending Chapter 16.15 CMC, Flood Damage Prevention. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

4. (Formerly 3.) 2020 Second Quarter Financial Report.

Finance Director Casey Parker gave the staff report on this item.

5. (Formerly 4.) 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 discussed and provided direction to staff on the purpose of the commission, name of commission, membership requirements, length of terms, and the staff liaison for the commission.

Councilmembers asked questions, and Mr. Bolli provided responses.

Council directed staff to bring this item back with a resolution to create the commission to the September 22 City Council meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

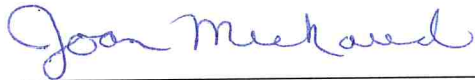
Mayor Wagner called for public comments from the public attending via Zoom.

Members of the public who provided comments: Robert Schwindt, representing Oakpointe, and 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 9:04 p.m.



Joan Michaud
City Clerk