

City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 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 October 1, 2020.*

INTERVIEW: The Council conducted an interview for the Youth Council from 6:40 to 7:00 p.m. Applicant interviewed: Maya Bachmeier-Evans.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 7:00 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:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Andrew McCurdy, Covington Police Chief; Ethan Newton, Parks & Recreation Director; Matthew Keough, Parks Planning & Development Manager; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Gina Estep, Community Development Director; Casey Parker, Finance Director; Mark Orthmann, City Attorney; Karla Slate, Communications & Marketing Manager; 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 COMMUNICATION:

- Mayor Wagner read the Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry Proclamation set for Saturday, September 26, 2020.
- Community Volunteer Melanie Taylor accepted the October 2020 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation.
- School Resource Officer Karen Davy accepted the Safe Schools Week Proclamation for the week of October 17-23, 2020.
- Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Assistant Fire Marshal Scott Webster accepted the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation for the week of October 4-10, 2020.
- Executive Director Jennifer Liggett provided the Covington Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

The following person provided comments: Angela Dannenbring, Executive Director, Domestic Abuse Women's Network.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: City Council September 8, 2020 Special (Interview) & Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #41317 - #41366, including ACH payments in the amount of \$261,978.79, dated September 11, 2020; and Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012614671 - #1012614674 and #1012614693, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$209,308.04, dated September 4, 2020.

C-3. Authorize City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Whirlwind Services, Inc. for Joint Street Sweeping.

C-4. Authorize City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Gray & Osborne for Design of SR 516 – 185th Place SE to 192nd Avenue SE Project (CIP 1128).

C-5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Amendment #3 with DCI Engineers to Extend the Term of the Contract for the Covington Connector Project (CIP 1201).

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

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

Arts Commission – Chair Marita Ledesma gave the report.

Economic Development Council – No report.

Human Services Commission – No report.

Planning Commission – Chair David Caudle gave the report.

Youth Council – No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Appointment to the Youth Council.

Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to appoint Maya Bachmeier-Evans to fill Position No. 1 on the Youth Council with a term expiring the last day of the month of graduation from high school. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

2. Consider Appointing Councilmember(s) to the Aquatic/Recreation Center Feasibility Study Steering Committee.

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

Council Action: Councilmember Koukal moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to appoint Mayor Wagner and Councilmember Soltys to the Aquatic/Recreation Center Feasibility Study Steering Committee for the duration of the study. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

3. Discuss Selection of Citizen and Honorary Citizen of the Year.

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

Councilmembers provided comments.

Council Action: Councilmember Porter moved and Councilmember Harjehausen seconded to name Jennifer Liggett as Covington's Honorary Citizen of the Year for 2020. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Councilmembers provided comments.

Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Koukal seconded to name Kelsey Anderson as Covington's Citizen of the Year for 2020. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

4. Discuss Possibility of Enacting a Utility Tax on the Gross Revenues of Water and Sewer.

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

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Parker and Mr. Bolli provided responses. There was Council consensus to bring this item back for further discussion at the Budget Workshop.

5. Consider Resolutions to Support or Oppose King County Charter Amendment No. 5, Making the King County Sheriff an Appointed Position.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING KING COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 5, MAKING THE KING COUNTY SHERIFF AN APPOINTED POSITION.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Koukal seconded to pass Resolution No. 2020-19 opposing King County Charter Amendment No. 5. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

6. Consider Resolutions to Support or Oppose King County Charter Amendment No. 6, Structure and Duties of the Department of Public Safety.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING KING COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 6, REGARDING THE STRUCTURE AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Soltys seconded to pass Resolution No. 2020-20 opposing King County Charter Amendment No. 6. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

7. Consider Resolution for Establishing a Cultural Equity and Social Justice Commission.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE EQUITY, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Koukal seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2020-18, in substantial form as that provided in the agenda packet, establishing the City of Covington Equity, Cultural, and Social Justice Commission. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

8. Consider Resolution Adopting the South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP) Work Plan and Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE SOUTH KING HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PARTNERS 2020-21 WORK PLAN.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to approve Resolution No. 2020-21 adopting the 2020-21 South King Housing and Homelessness Partners Work Plan. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

9. Consider Awarding the Construction Contract for the Covington Connector/204th Ave SE Project (CIP 1201) to the Lowest Responsible Bidder, Scarsella Bros., Inc. and Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Transpo Group USA, Inc. for Construction Management Services.

Councilmember Harjehausen recused herself from this item due to her family's relationship with Scarsella Bros., Inc. and left the meeting.

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

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to award the construction contract for the Covington Connector/204th Avenue SE project (CIP 1201) to Scarsella Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$11,995,370.60, subject to the Covington Water District Board approving the award of the Schedule B portion of the contract. Vote: 6-0.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Soltys seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Transpo Group USA, Inc. in the amount of \$1,521,094.21 for construction management services. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Harjehausen returned to the meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

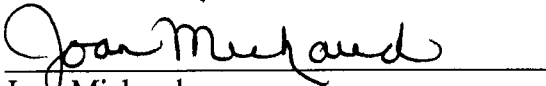
Mayor Wagner called for public comments from the public attending via Zoom.

The following person provided comments: Robert Schwindt, Senior Project Manager, Oakepointe Communities.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.


Joan Michaud
City Clerk