

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 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 November 9, 2020.*

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, October 13, 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; 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 amended to correct Item C-1 Minutes Approval to correct scrivener's error to remove attendance of Fran Hollums and change to Elizabeth Porter, remove New business Item 2 and add to a future meeting, and add an Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn provided a COVID-19 and County Update.
- Recognition of 47th District Legislators. Senator Mona Das attended. Representative Sullivan and Representative Entenman were unable to attend.
- Natalie Caulkins, Republic Services, provided an update on Republic Services recycling.
- Kelsey Anderson received the 2020 Citizen of the Year Proclamation.
- Jennifer Liggett received the 2020 Honorary Citizen of the Year Proclamation.
- Rev. Bill Kirlin-Hackett, ITGH Director, accepted the Affordable Housing Week Proclamation for the week of October 12-16, 2020.

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: September 22, 2020 City Council Special (Interview) & Regular Meeting Minutes.
- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #41367 - #41430, including ACH payments in the amount of \$886,577.46, dated September 25, 2020; Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012672498 - #1012672506, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$214,996.54, dated September 18, 2020; and Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012734720 - #1012734726 and #1012734750, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$207,919.95, dated October 2, 2020.
- C-3. Authorize City Manager to Execute Agreement Accepting the Proposed Public Easement for the Station by Vintage Mixed-Use Development.
- C-4. Authorize City Manager to Execute Agreement with Rivers Edge Environmental Services, Inc. for SoCo Park Demolition and Removal Project.
- C-5. Authorize City Manager to Execute First Addendum to the Right of First Refusal Agreement for Parcel #3022069052 Adjacent to Jenkins Creek Park.
- C-6. Authorize City Manager to Execute Addendum to Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Covington and Covington Water District Regarding the Covington Connector/204th Avenue SE Improvement Project (CIP1201).
- C-7. Authorize City Manager to Execute Street Lighting Order – Schedule 51 with Puget Sound Energy Regarding Installation of Street Lights for the Covington Connector/204th Avenue SE Improvement Project (CIP 1201).
- C-8. Ratify City Manager’s Signature on Amendment A to the Interagency Agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce for the Coronavirus Relief Fund for Local Governments.

The consent agenda was approved as amended to correct scrivener’s error in minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. To Receive Public Testimony Regarding an Ordinance Adopting and Renewing Interim Zoning Regulations.

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

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

Public Comments were provided by the following person: Robert Schwindt, Oakpointe Communities.

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

Councilmembers asked questions, and Ms. Estep provided responses.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING AND RENEWING INTERIM LAND USE REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO RCW 35A.63.220 AND RCW 36.70A.390 TO CONTROL THE PROVISION OF ON-SITE RECREATION SPACE FOR NEW MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN ZONE; AMENDING CMC 18.35.005; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Action: Councilmember Porter moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to approve Ordinance No. 15-2020 adopting and renewing interim land use regulations pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 35A.63.390 to control the provision of on-site recreation space for new multifamily development in the downtown zone; amending CMC 18.35.005; adopting findings of fact; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Discuss 2021 Legislative Agenda. (This item was moved to a future meeting.)

3. City Manager Presents 2021 Budget Message.

City Manager Regan Bolli presented the 2021 Budget Message.

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

4. Consider Providing Additional Funding to Local Organizations and Grant Programs that the City is Currently Supporting from Money Allocated to the City Under the CARES Act and Corona Virus Relief Fund.

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

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

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to allocate \$304,600 of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to be split evenly to the following, if those entities can use the funds by November 30, and give the City Manager the authority to reallocate to entities if any entity cannot use the money by November 30: Covington Water

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District, Soos Creek Water & Sewer District, Vine Maple Place, small business grants, and The Storehouse. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- To Consider Real Estate Acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1) (b) from 9:26 to 9:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.



Joan Michaud
City Clerk