

**City of Covington  
City Council Special Meeting - Budget Workshop Minutes  
Saturday, October 24, 2020**

**NOTE:** *This City Council meeting was held in accordance with RCW 42.30.070. This 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 Special Meeting for the Budget Workshop was called to order, Saturday, October 24, 2020, at 8:03 a.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; Noreen Beaufriere, Personnel Manager; Lindsay Hagen, Senior Accountant; and Krista Bates, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Agenda was approved as presented.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Review Budget Strategies.

City Manager Regan Bolli reviewed the budget strategies.

2. Department 2021 Budget Presentations.

- Executive – City Manager Regan Bolli gave the staff report on this item. Councilmembers asked questions and Mr. Bolli and Ms. Parker provided responses.
- Finance – Finance Director Casey Parker gave the staff report on this item.
- Police – Covington Police Chief Andy McCurdy gave the staff report on this item. Councilmembers asked questions, and Mr. Bolli and Chief McCurdy provided responses.
- Community Development – Community Development Director Gina Estep gave the staff report on this item. Councilmembers asked questions, and Mr. Bolli provided responses.
- Public Works – Public Works Director Don Vondran gave the staff report on this item. Councilmembers asked questions, and Mr. Vondran provided responses.

- Parks & Recreation - Parks & Recreation Director Ethan Newton gave the staff report on this item. Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Newton and Mr. Bolli provided responses.

3. Other Budget Considerations.

- HB 1406 Sales Tax Credit – Options for Spending. City Manager Bolli gave the presentation on this item. Councilmember Cimaomo provided a report on the request for funds from South King Housing and Homelessness Partners. Councilmembers asked questions and provided comments. Councilmember Cimaomo, Mr. Bolli, and Ms. Parker provided responses.

Council recessed from 9:50 to 10:00 a.m. for a brief break.

- HB 1590 Sales Tax Credit – Options for Spending. City Manager Regan Bolli gave the presentation on this item. Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions. Mr. Bolli, Mr. Orthmann, and Ms. Parker provided responses.

Council provided direction to staff.

Council then moved to discussion on the allocation of the remaining 40 percent to be used for operation, delivery, or evaluation of mental and behavioral health treatment programs and services or housing-related services. Councilmembers asked questions and provided comments and Mr. Bolli, Mr. Orthmann, and Ms. Parker provided responses.

Council provided direction to staff.

Council then returned to discussion on the allocation of HB 1406 funds. Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions. Mr. Bolli and Ms. Parker provided responses.

Council provided direction to staff.

- Initiative 976 Ruling. City Manager Regan Bolli gave the staff report on this item. Additionally, Public Works Director Don Vondran provided a report on the Public Works Department portion. Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions. Mr. Bolli, Ms. Parker, and Mr. Vondran provided responses.

Council provided direction to staff.

- Potential Police Move. City Manager Regan Bolli and Chief McCurdy gave the staff report on this item. Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions. Chief McCurdy and Mr. Vondran provided responses.

There was Council consensus to approve the Police Department move.

Council recessed from 11:50 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a brief break.

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4. Review Budget Forecast.

Finance Director Casey Parker gave the staff report on this item. Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions, and Ms. Parker and Mr. Orthmann provided responses.

5. Budget Deliberations.

Council provided direction to staff.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.



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Joan Michaud, City Clerk