

**City of Covington  
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 10, 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 December 7, 2020.*

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 7:05 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; Kelly Thompson, Permit Center Manager; Shellie Bates, Programs Supervisor; 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 C-3, Appoint Voting Delegate to Sound Cities Association's Annual Meeting, to New Business Item 5.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

The following people spoke: Leslie Hamada, Pam Kozu, and Ashley Coberly.

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

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

C-1. Minutes: October 24, 2020 City Council Special Meeting – Budget Workshop Minutes; October 27, 2020 City Council Special Meeting – Joint Study Session with Arts Commission Minutes; and October 27, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #41481 - #41567, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers in the amount of \$985,841.79, dated October 23, 2020; and Paylocity Payroll

Voucher #1012862749 - #1012862755 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$209,864.67, dated October 30, 2020.

C-4. Final Acceptance of Covington Community Park Phase 2 Project, CAG 067-2017.

C-5. Ratify the City Manager's Execution of Amendment #1 to Purchased Services Agreement 031-2020 with Long Bay Enterprises, Inc. for Real Estate Services Related to Potential Acquisition for Park Property.

The consent agenda was approved as amended.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. To Receive Public Testimony Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Operating & Capital Budget.

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

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

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

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

There was Council consensus to bank capacity of the property tax at .6 percent for a future date and not take a property tax increase this year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2. Consider Recommendation from Human Services Commission on Human Services Funding Allocation Decisions.

Human Services Commission Chair Debbie Jacobson provided the report on this item.

Councilmembers provided comments and asked questions. Ms. Jacobson, Mr. Bolli, Ms. Parker, and Ms. Johnston provided responses.

**Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to bring this item back for consideration at the December 8 Council meeting. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

3. Consider Resolution to Update the City's Fee Schedule for 2021.

Permit Center Manager Kelly Thompson gave the staff report on this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE CITY OF COVINGTON FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2021 AND REPEALING THE FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18.

**Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2020-23 as provided in the agenda packet. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

4. Discuss Options for Council to Consider Regarding Republic Services Request to Increase the Cedar Grove Compost Tipping Fee and Extend and Increase the Recycling Processing Charge.

Mayor Wagner recused himself from this item 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 and Programs Supervisor Shellie Bates provided responses.

**Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Soltys seconded to allow Republic Services to increase the recycle processing charge to \$1.77 per month for residential and \$5.63 per cubic yard to multi-family/commercial through December 31, 2021. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

**Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Soltys seconded to collect an additional \$0.10 per month per residential customer for yard waste service due to Cedar Grove's tipping fee increase. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith turned the meeting back over to Mayor Wagner.

5. (formerly C-3) Appoint Voting Delegate to Sound Cities Association's Annual Meeting.

**Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to appoint Jeff Wagner as the voting delegate to represent the City of Covington at the 2020 Sound Cities Association Annual Meeting. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

**COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:**

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

Councilmember Soltys requested an excused absence from the November 24 Council meeting as she would be traveling to Africa.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

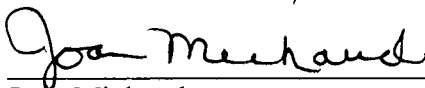
Mayor Wagner called for public comments from the public attending via Zoom.

The following person spoke: Laura Morrissey.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



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Joan Michaud  
City Clerk