

November 12, 2019 Special (Interview) & Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: December 10, 2019

**City of Covington
Special (Interview) & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

INTERVIEW: The Council conducted an interview for the Arts Commission beginning at 6:40 p.m. Applicant interviewed: Jessica Breeden.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7:03 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Jennifer Harjehausen, Margaret Harto, Marlla Mhoon, and Sean Smith.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Fran Hollums.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Harto seconded to excuse Councilmember Hollums who had a family matter. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Ethan Newton, Parks & Recreation Director; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Gina Estep, Community Development Director; Casey Parker, Finance Director; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Wagner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as amended to add an Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

Patti Melton, Covington resident, spoke on the fireworks advisory vote.

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: City Council October 8, 2019 Special Meeting – Joint Study Session with Human Services Commission Minutes and City Council October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #39862 - #39911, including ACH payments in the amount of \$1,151,820.94, dated October 25, 2019; and Paylocity Payroll Vouchers #1011173808 - #1011173822 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$240,217.93, dated October 18, 2019.
- C-3. Authorize City Manager to Execute Agreement with Puget Sound Energy Regarding the Installation of Street Lights for the 164th Avenue SE Pedestrian Improvement Project.
- C-4. Authorize City Manager to Execute an Amendment to Agreement with Environmental Science Associates that Provides Wetland Mitigation Monitoring Services Related to the Covington Community Park Phase 2 Project.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Receive Testimony from the Public Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

Mayor Wagner called for public comments for the public hearing.

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

NEW BUSINESS;

2. Consider Appointment to Arts Commission.

Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Harto seconded to appoint Jessica Breeden to fill Position No. 6 on the Arts Commission with a remaining term expiring May 31, 2021. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

3. Consider Ordinance Creating New Article III to Chapter 3.10 of the Covington Municipal Code Relating to Establishing a Sales and Use Tax for Affordable and Supportive Housing in Accordance with Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1406.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON ADOPTING LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE A SALES AND USE TAX FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1406 (CHAPTER 338, LAWS OF 2019), AND OTHER MATTERS

RELATED THERETO AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE III TO
CHAPTER 3.10 OF THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to pass Ordinance No. 14-2019 authorizing the creation of a new Article III to Chapter 3.10 of the Covington Municipal Code relating to establishing a sales and use tax for affordable and supportive housing in accordance with Substitute House Bill 1406. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

4. Adopt 2020 Legislative Agenda.

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

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

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to adopt the 2020 Legislative Priorities and Policies. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

5. 2019 Third Quarter Financial Report.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future meeting agendas.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

There was Council consensus to appoint Mayor Wagner as voting delegate to the December 4 Sound Cities Association Annual Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

Jared Koukal, Covington resident, thanked veterans for their service.

Mary Pritchard, Covington resident, asked what Maple Valley was doing to widen SE 272nd from Covington into Maple Valley, asked Council to enact ban on fireworks, and asked Council to ban plastic bags.

Clay (last name unknown), Covington resident, asked what the plans were to relocate City Hall.

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- To Consider Real Estate Acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1) (b) from 7:50 to 8:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Prepared by:



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Submitted by:



Sharon Scott
City Clerk