

**City of Covington
Special & Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 24, 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.*

INTERVIEW: The Council conducted interviews for the Equity, Cultural and Social Justice Commission from 5:20 to 7:00 p.m. Applicants interviewed: Divneet Sraon, Balneet Singh Sraon, Joan King, Mani Dhami, and Kevin Quach Doan.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 7:05 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Jennifer Harjehausen, Jared Koukal, Elizabeth Porter, and Sean Smith.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Kristina Soltys.

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; Dafne Hernandez-Banderas, Assistant Planner; Mayson Morrissey, Information Technology Manager (in person); and Krista Bates, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

All attendees present via Zoom except as noted.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Cimaomo seconded to excuse Councilmember Soltys from this meeting. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

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 Native American Heritage Month Proclamation for the month of November.

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: City Council November 10, 2020 Special Meeting – Joint Study Session with Human Services Commission Minutes and City Council November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers #41568 - #41605, including ACH payments and electronic funds transfers in the amount of \$1,588,038.22, dated November 6, 2020; and Paylocity Payroll Voucher #1012921597 - #1012921605 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$218,689.31, dated November 13, 2020.
- C-3. Authorize City Manager to Execute a New Professional Services Agreement with Parametrix, Inc. for Environmental Consulting Services.
- C-4. Authorize City Manager to Sign a Statutory Warranty Deed for Dedication of Real Property, in the form of Public Right-of-Way, a Statutory Warranty Deed for Trail Dedication, and Declaration of Covenant for Stormwater in Association with the Development of Stack Storage Commercial Site Development Permit (LU17-003/0029).
- C-5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Maple Valley, Covington, and Black Diamond for Joint Public Works Operations and Cooperative Purchasing.
- C-6. Ordinance Setting the 2020 Property Tax Levy for Collection in 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO PASSING THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2020 FOR COLLECTION IN 2021; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- C-7. Ordinance Authorizing a Property Tax Increase in Terms of Both Dollars and Percentages to be Collected in the 2021 Tax Year as Required by RCW 84.55.120.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IN TERMS OF BOTH DOLLARS AND

PERCENTAGES, TO BE COLLECTED IN THE 2021 TAX YEAR, AS PURSUANT TO RCW 84.55.120; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- C-8. Authorize City Manager to Execute Supplement Number 9 with Tetra Tech for Final Design Services for SR 516: Jenkins Creek to 185th Place SE and Local Agency Agreement Supplement Number 13 with Washington State Department of Transportation (CIP 1127).

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Arts Commission – Chair Marita Ledesma gave the report.

Economic Development Council – Co-Chair Josh Lyons gave the report.

Human Services Commission – No report.

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

Planning Commission – No report.

Youth Council – No Report.

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

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

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

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

There was Council consensus to direct staff to retain the current proposed budget as presented and not add any cost of living adjustment.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consider Appointments to the Equity, Cultural and Social Justice Commission.

City Manager Regan Bolli introduced Dafne Hernandez-Banderas, Assistant Planner in the Community Development Department. Ms. Hernandez-Banderas provided a brief introduction of herself as the new staff liaison to the Equity, Cultural and Social Justice Commission.

Council Action: Councilmember Porter moved and Mayor Pro Tem Smith seconded to appoint Joan King to fill Position No. 1 on the Equity, Cultural and Social Justice Commission with a term expiring September 30, 2022. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Harjehausen moved and Councilmember Porter seconded to appoint Mani Dhami to fill Position No. 2 on the Equity, Cultural and Social Justice Commission with a term expiring September 30, 2022. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved and Councilmember Harjehausen seconded to appoint Kevin Doan to fill Position No. 3 on the Equity, Cultural and Social Justice Commission with a term expiring September 30, 2022. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

3. 2020 Third Quarter Financial Report.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

There was Council consensus to cancel the December 22, 2020 City Council meeting.

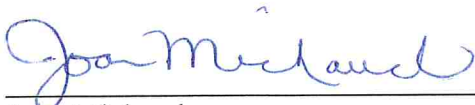
PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Joan Michaud
City Clerk