

**CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND/CITY OF COVINGTON/CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY
JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

MAY 22, 2013

Covington City Hall-Council Chambers
16720 SE 271st Street, Covington, WA

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Maple Valley Mayor Bill Allison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mayor Allison led the Flag Salute.

INTRODUCTIONS:

BLACK DIAMOND COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Tamie Deady, Janie Edelman, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Benson and Mayor Rebecca Olness.
Absent were Craig Goodwin and Ron Taylor

COVINGTON COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Lanza, David Lucavish, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Wayne Snoey, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Wagner, and Mayor Margaret Harto

MAPLE VALLEY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Sean P. Kelly, Layne Barnes, Erin Weaver, Noel Gerken, Linda Johnson, Deputy Mayor Victoria Laise Jonas, and Mayor Bill Allison.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Covington Mayor Pro Tem Wagner and **seconded** by Maple Valley Councilmember Weaver to approve the agenda. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor.

OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR ALLISON:

Maple Valley Mayor Bill Allison welcomed all attendees and introduced King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn.

ITEMS FOR JOINT COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. King County Council Update from Councilmember Reagan Dunn

King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn provided an update on the following items: transportation funding; Metro bus service cutbacks; parks levy on August ballot; King County Emergency Medical Services levy on November ballot; King County Flood Control District's Opportunity Fund authorizing a property tax levy; Sheriff's office re-opening a precinct in

Southeast King County; protection of 43,000 acres of White River Forest; and “donut hole” legislation signed by Governor Inslee allowing Maple Valley to annex the property.

2. Public Safety Collaboration

City of Maple Valley Sgt. Don Davis reported on collaborative efforts between Maple Valley, Covington, and Black Diamond, in response to community needs, which include: DUI enforcement; speed patrols, Click-it-or-Ticket, and party patrols (emphasis patrols); event assistance; proactive investigations; joint training exercises (Tahoma lockdown drill); incident support with needed additional resources; detectives and undercover support among departments

There was discussion regarding city resources and the Reserve Officer Program.

3. Tri-City Trail Progress

City of Black Diamond Parks and Recreation Director Aaron Nix presented the Power Point with information on the history of the collaboration between the cities, including the regional trail work with King County. Director Nix advised of the considerations for the trail collaboration as safety, public right-of-way and alignments, sensitive areas, physical or engineering constraints, and possible user conflicts.

Kevin Brown, Director of the King County Parks Department, addressed the Feasibility Study, conducted by King County in 2011-2012 to determine regional trail concepts. Mr. Brown stated that King County is holding a Parks Levy vote on the August 6th ballot. He also discussed the possible future development of the Green-to-Cedar Rivers Trail and the Covington Highlands Trail. Mr. Brown discussed the preferred trail standards and the next steps, which include right-of-way acquisitions and preliminary design phase.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possible construction start dates. King County hopes to complete the design phase and begin construction in late 2015 or possibly early 2016.

4. Update of Previous Initiatives

a. Transportation Collaboration

City of Black Diamond Mayor Olness handed out Southeast Area Transportation Solution (SEATS) Coalition brochures discussing its history and its goals. Mayor Olness spoke about the projects on State Route 516. She stated that Senator Mullet feels that if the transportation budget package is passed by the Legislature, the projects for the communities ‘could be funded. She recommended that each Council pass a resolution from the cities to the Legislature asking for their support of the transportation budget package.

Mayor Olness advised of the Southeast Regional Shuttle Program provided by the Maple Valley Community Center, and funding has been reduced by \$35,000.00. Maple Valley Community Center Director Mark Pursley was present to answer questions regarding the reduction. Covington Councilor Snoey advised the state operating budget must be passed before the state transportation budget. Many legislators do not want to take more than one tax vote, which could

be detrimental to the transportation budget package. There was a brief discussion regarding Metro Transit route 168 from Kent to Maple Valley, which is funded partially by a grant that expires in 2014.

b. Animal Control Contract Expiration

Mayor Olness addressed this item discussing the work done in 2012 to determine what would be the options in 2013. All three Councils opted to continue with the current Animal Control Services Agreement with King County. She advised that the Agreement with King County for Animal Control Services is expiring in December 2015 and questioned whether the tri-cities should discuss future options tonight. She also spoke about South County Cats services are available to members of the Animal Control Services Agreement.

Covington City Manager Derek Matheson advised that staff from all three cities would need to get King County to respond as to whether they are going to continue to subsidize the system and whether they are planning to replace the existing shelter within the next cycle. Staff will work on these answers and meet with their respective Councils to determine the plan moving forward.

There was consensus that each Council should discuss individually, the options moving forward before deciding whether to look at other options as a group.

c. City of Covington/Covington Water District Joint Staff Work Group 2011-12

Covington City Manager Derek Matheson addressed this item advising of the collaborative effort between the City of Covington and the Covington Water District 2011-2012. The work was to review the water rates, fees, standards, and specifications. Manager Matheson presented a PowerPoint with the outcome of the process that was presented to the City of Covington City Council in March. Manager Matheson gave the history and the outcome of the process, which was that the Covington Water District staff will update standards for water mains in downtown Covington in their next comprehensive plan update. They may address the deviation/variance concept in the next standards update and continue to work together with City staff on economic development, affordable rates, and high quality public service.


Covington Water District General Manager Gwen Maxfield was present to answer questions.

Covington Councilor Jeff Wagner questioned whether the Comprehensive Plan updates had been started by Covington Water District. Ms. Maxfield responded that the Comprehensive Plan update is due in 2014, and their staff is working on it now.

Mayor Allison closed by thanking the City of Covington for hosting, thanked staff for all of the work they put into setting up this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Rebecca Olness, Mayor



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk