

**CALLED MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, TELECONFERENCE, MARCH 27, 2020, 7 PM.**

Mayor Steve Horton presided with Mayor Pro-Tem Susie Keck, Council members: Hawneitha Williams, Kenneth Morgan, Anthony Henderson, Fleeta Baggett, and Don T. Floyd, City Manager Scott Andrews, City Clerk Audra M. Gutierrez, and City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. present.

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Mayor Horton called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. went over changed to an **Amended and Restated Resolution for the Second Declaration of a Local State of Emergency related to COVID-19; and for other purposes:**

Section 5 adding - All Essential Businesses which remain open during the emergency must post signage on entrance doors informing consumers to maintain at least six (6) feet of personal distance between themselves and others.

Section 6 adding - Public parks shall be open but playgrounds and play structures within such parks shall be closed. Individuals or families utilizing such parks shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 12.

Section 12(f) adding:

xxiii. Religious assemblies. As religious assemblies have been a significant contributor to spread of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Georgia, the City strongly encourages, but does not require, Religious Assemblies to voluntarily limit their assembly to no more than ten (10) people and only for the purpose of conducting and producing a religious service for video or audio transmission.

xxiv. Businesses selling firearms or ammunition.

xxv. Outdoor sporting recreation businesses; including golf courses and pay fishing ponds.

xxvi. Funeral homes and crematories; provided the number of attendees at any funeral services, visitation or other gathering shall be limited to the maximum number recommended by the CDC or President of the United States, whichever is less, and which number is, as of this date, ten (10) people, exclusive of employees.

Section 12(h) adding:

i. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses, Minimum Basic Operations or, as to travel outside the jurisdiction, to any essential business as that term is defined in the destination jurisdiction.

1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve amendments as discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a resolution to create and fund the Downtown Development Authority Stabilization Fund of the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Covington.

Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve a 12 week part-time jobs program for up to 50 local persons unemployed as a result of impacts caused by the corona virus.

Motion carried unanimously.

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The City Attorney stated BD has been asked by EPD to ramp-up production only for the duration of the declared emergency and has released a statement to the press.

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Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

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Steve Horton, Mayor

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Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk