

CALLED MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM AND TELECONFERENCE, JUNE 18, 2020, 5:30 PM.

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

Council member Morgan gave the invocation.

Mayor Horton led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Horton discussed parking spaces in the downtown area and stated the City will be following state law.

Advanced Disposal's GA Marketing and Community Affairs Manager Steve Edwards was in attendance to address any concerns the Council may have with the City's commercial waste pickup.

Council member Baggett expressed concerns regarding dumpster issues but added it has gotten better recently.

Mr. Edwards stated there is a new driver in the area.

Covington Police Chief Stacey Cotton informed the Council of another Square Assembly Permit scheduled for tomorrow night from 5 PM to 8:30 PM.

Council member Morgan expressed concerns stating this is a march and not just an assembly.

1. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to allow the Spillers Park property CO64-5, which has 13.87 acres, to revert back to the Spillers and the City to sign a quit claim deed conveying such.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve the purchase of 1.63 acres, CO11-2-14 on Glover Street in the amount of \$66,267.68, due to storm water issues and allow a 20 foot buffer for neighbor.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a resolution for a Partnership with the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission for the City's 2022 Comprehensive Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve the **first** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTED AND ADOPTED ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 16 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTION 16.08.010 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 16.08 (INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS), AMENDING SECTION 16.16.020 (PERMITTED USES) OF CHAPTER 16.16 (STANDARD ZONING DISTRICTS), ADOPTING SECTION 16.20.475 (MIXED-USE BUILDING) OF CHAPTER 16.20 (SUPPLEMENTAL USE PROVISIONS)** AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve the **first** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington:

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Motion carried unanimously.

ICMA Fellow Maddie Powers was introduced to the Council.

A public hearing was held at 6:52 PM concerning the first reading of ordinance amending 16.08.010, 16.16.020, and 16.20.475.

A public hearing was held at 6:57 PM concerning the first reading of ordinance amending 16.12.140.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk