

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, TELECONFERENCE, JULY 6, 2020, 6:30 PM.**

Mayor Steve Horton presided with Mayor Pro-tem Susie Keck, Council members: Hawnethia 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.

Mayor Horton gave the invocation.

Mayor Horton called for a moment of silence honoring Judge Horace Johnson and asked everyone to keep the Johnson family in their prayers.

1. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 15, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the minutes from the Called Meeting held on June 18, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve the **final** 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.

4. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to **deny** the **final** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington **AMENDING SECTION 16.12.140 (SPECIAL USE PERMITS) OF CHAPTER 16.12 (PROCEDURES)**.

Motion carried with Council members Keck, Morgan, Williams, Floyd and Henderson voting for. Council member Baggett abstained from voting.

5. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of amendment to the Williams Street Water Treatment Facility Agreement."

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Morgan to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of working with Sustainability Newton and GA Tech students on a greening the fleet study."

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to amend the agenda to **remove** item 14, "Discussion of Greenrock LLC Leachate Contract."

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Archie Shepherd stated there are issues with dirt bikes on Villedge Drive. Mr. Shepherd further stated they start around 5:30 – 6 PM.

The City Manager stated Chief Cotton will look into the matter immediately.

A public hearing was held at 7:03 PM concerning a Special Use Permit to operate an axe throwing amusement entertainment business.

8. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a Special Use Permit to operate an axe throwing amusement entertainment business at 1113 Church Street.

Motion carried with Council members Keck, Baggett, Floyd, and Henderson voting for. Council members Morgan and Williams voting against.

9. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to re-appoint Mark Sullivan, Jared Rutberg, and Steve Plitt to the Covington Planning Commission.

Motion carried with Council members Keck, Baggett, Williams, Floyd and Henderson voting for. Council member Morgan voting against.

The Council decided to discuss other appointments at the upcoming retreat.

10. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a modification to City's existing Hangar Ground Lease Agreement from 10 years to 25 years.

Motion carried with Council members Keck, Baggett, Williams, Floyd and Henderson voting for. Council member Morgan voting against.

11. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a MGAG Trade Confirmation with Verescence.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve a supplemental contract with MGAG for Gas Portfolio V Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a Consecutive Water System Intergovernmental Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve an amendment to the Williams Street Water Treatment Facility Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a Pratt Recycling Supply Contract.

Motion carried with Council members Keck, Williams, Floyd and Henderson voting for. Council member Morgan and Baggett voting against.

16. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a GDOT Agreement for sidewalks in the City of Oxford, contingent upon legal approval of final contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a Professional Services Agreement with the PATH Foundation in the amount of \$50, 540.00, for the construction of the Cricket Frog Trail.

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve 2011 SPLOST allocation for the Cricket Frog Trail, not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve tabling a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Intergovernmental Agreement until the July 20th council meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

20. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve working with Sustainability Newton and GA Tech students on a greening the fleet study.

Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the City Manager:

- Thanks to staff for their hard work scaling back due to COVID-19
- Welcome Center getting up & running

Council member Williams sent condolences to Michelle Johnson and two sons.

Council member Keck asked everyone in Covington and Newton County to be more diligent regarding COVID-19.

Council member Henderson asked everyone to wear masks and social distance.

Council member Floyd thanked staff for their efforts.

Mayor's comments:

- PFD reports due in by July 1st
- Letter sent to Feds for funding for COVID-19
- Census reporting for Georgia is 62%, even less for Covington
- COVID numbers going up
- City has posted new information for testing
- Future robo calls w/information

Mayor Horton asked everyone to pray for the Johnson Family and first responders.

Council member Morgan thanked staff for the weekly report. Council member Morgan stated the Pace Street project turned out great. Council member Morgan sent condolences to the Johnson Family.

Council member Williams stated with the Lord's help we can get through COVID-19 together.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk