

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, PUBLIC BY TELECONFERENCE, OCTOBER
19, 2020, 6:30 PM.**

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

Saint Paul AME's Associate Pastor Marie Davis gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Horton presented proclamations honoring *Red Ribbon Week* and declaring October as *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*.

1. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the minutes from the Called Meeting held on September 29, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to approve minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 5, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for **on-premises consumption** only for:

Nagoya Japanese Steakhouse

1065 Access Road

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for **off-premises consumption** only for:

**Beverage Mall
Food Depot #44
Ingles Markets #439
Nitro 2 Go Beverage, LLC
Walgreen's #13760**

**7254 Washington Street SW
6169 Highway 278
9167 Highway 278 NE
9135 Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Ave
3188 Highway 278 NE**

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a license for a **Beer and/or Wine Retail Amenity** only for:

Southern Heartland Gallery & Frame Shop 1132 Monticello Street

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for **off-premises consumption and ancillary tastings only**:

Town Square Olive Oil, LLC

1130 Church Street

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held at 6:50 PM for a special use permit for used car dealer/vehicle sales in the Neighborhood Mixed-Use District (NM). Attorney John Strauss was in attendance by teleconference to speak on behalf of the applicant.

7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a SUP for 5192 Dearing Street, to be used as office space only.

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

A public hearing was held at 7:10 PM for a special use permit for a veterinary clinic in the Corridor Mixed Use District (CM). Neighboring property owner Gary Massey and applicant Sean Rainey were in attendance by teleconference to discuss the matter.

8. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve a special use permit for a veterinary clinic to be located at 5294 Adams Street.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the final plat to convey street R-O-W to the City at Covington Town Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held at 7:27 PM concerning a tent amendment to Chapter 16 (Zoning.) Representatives from The Georgia Conservancy were in attendance by teleconference to answer any questions if needed.

10. 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 PROVISION OF TITLE 16 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTION 16.08.010 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 16.08 (INTERPETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS), AMENDING SECTIONS 16.16.020 (PERMITTED USES) AND 16.16.030 (SPACE DIMENSIONS) OF CHAPTER 16.16 (STANDARD ZONING DISTRICTS), DELETING SECTIONS 16.20.205 (DWELLING, MULTIFAMILY) AND 16.20.255 (DWELLING, TOWNHOUSE) OF CHAPTER 16.20 (SUPPLEMENTAL USE PROVISIONS), AMENDING SECTION 16.28.020 (BUILDING DESIGN) AND ADOPTING SECTION 16.28.025 (BUILDING TYPOLOGY) WITHIN CHAPTER 16.28 (CIVIC DESIGN), AMENDING SECTION 16.40.010 (OPEN SPACE) AND SECTION 16.40.020 (BUFFER REQUIRED) WITHIN CHAPTER 16.40 (OPEN SPACE, BUFFERS AND SCREENING) THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

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

11. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a request for outdoor dining for the @ Local Coffee & Study Lounge located at 1109 Church Street.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a request for outdoor dining with a maximum of 4 tables and 8 chairs for the Social Goat located at 1115 Church Street.

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

13. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve the best proposal from Carter & Sloope for a Water Reclamation Facility Engineering evaluation.

<u>Carter & Sloope</u>	\$114,000.00 with a not-to-exceed addition of \$31,000.00
<u>Civil Engineering</u>	\$58,260.00
<u>GWES</u>	\$149,535.50
<u>Goodwyn Mills Cawood</u>	\$164,000.00
<u>Rindt-McDuff</u>	\$70,865.00 estimated on a 'time and materials' bid basis
<u>Turnipseed Engineering</u>	\$39,500.00 plus a percentage of construction costs

Proposals were evaluated based on the following:

Qualifications:	35%
Approach:	40%
Cost:	25%

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to authorize the Mayor to execute a DBE Program Policy Statement for the Covington Municipal Airport.

Transportation Manager John King informed the Council that the Covington Municipal Airport was awarded "Project of the Year" by the Georgia Airports Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a Letter of Intent to provide electric at the new Eastside High School.

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve an Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) FY20 Year-end Statement and Contract Payment Reimbursement in the amount of \$18,195.56, to be refunded via check.

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Morgan 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 10 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTION 10.08.011 (THROUGH TRAFFIC IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS)** AS A PART OF CHAPTER 10.08 (PARKING AND THROUGH TRAFFIC) THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a \$30,000.00 contribution to Newton County BOC for local homeless assistance.

Council members Morgan, Henderson, and Williams voting for. Council members Keck, Baggett, and Floyd voting against. Motion carried with Mayor Horton voting for, breaking 3-3 tie.

Comments from the City Manager:

- Father visited for the first time
- Outdoor dining
- Noise ordinance almost finished
- Community Clean-up 11/21 Nelson Heights area

Community Development Director Trey Sanders gave an update on the opening of the Welcome Center.

Mayor Horton stated CEO/District Health Director Dr. Arona recommended not reopening until December.

Council member Floyd stated we can have a carnival but not reopen?

Council member Keck stated last Saturday's Square event was great and every restaurant was full. Council member Keck further stated the new playground was packed but needed benches.

Council member Morgan suggested a 24 hour Pre-paid meter kiosk.

Council member Williams stated she is excited about the truck ordinance.

Council member Henderson reminded employees to remain professional.

Council member Floyd asked to have an abandoned building/structure at Green Street and Jackson Highway looked at. Council member Floyd also recommended cameras at the hammock park.

Mayor's comments:

- Commended storm recovery efforts by city staff and other entities
- Gave update on what went on in earlier work session regarding boards and committees

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk