

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, PUBLIC BY TELECONFERENCE,
NOVEMBER 2, 2020, 6:30 PM.**

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

Mayor Horton gave the invocation.

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

Representative Dave Belton was in attendance to present an economic, education, and legislative update.

Council member entered the meeting at 6:36 PM.

1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 19, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve minutes from the Called Meeting held on October 23, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck 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 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 unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson 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 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.

5. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett 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 PROVISION OF TITLE 8 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **ADOPTING CHAPTER 8.20 (NOISE CONTROL)** THERETO, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Morgan to amend the agenda to add, “Discussion of Inter – Participant Transaction for Capacity and Reserves for 2021 (Thomasville and LaGrange).”

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to amend the agenda to add, “Discussion of response letter to the Georgia Public Service Commission.”

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve a response letter to the Georgia Public Service Commission with regards to Docket No. 37040, Inspection No. JS20-031.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Nolley asked for some clarification regarding City pickup of yard waste.

9. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to approve licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for **on-premises consumption** only for:

Chili’s Grill & Bar
Little Phillies
The Social Goat Tavern
The Village Grille

14480 Paras Drive
9148 Highway 278 NE
1115 Church Street
10400 Covington Bypass

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to approve licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for **off-premises consumption** only for:

**21 Package Store
Alcovy Chevron
Pace Street BP
Quik Trip # 821
Quik Trip # 798
Walmart # 459**

**6147 Highway 278 NW
10176 Alcovy Road
2106 Pace Street
11124 Highway 142
3214 Highway 278 NW
10300 Industrial Blvd NE**

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Geographic Information Systems.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve an Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) Update for FY 2022-2026.

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 Henderson to approve the sole proposal from the YMCA to provide recreational programming activities.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Williams left the meeting at 7:21 PM.

14. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to approve partnering with the Newton County Arts Association for a concert series.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 15. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson 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 5 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE **PURPOSE OF ADOPTING CHAPTER 5.44 (MOBILE FOOD VENDORS)** THERETO, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

- 16. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the low bid from Gresco in the amount of \$41,355.00, to purchase Hapco security lighting for the Electric Department.

Gresco	\$41,355.00
Anixter	\$42,977.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Williams returned to the meeting at 7:32 PM.

- 17. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a resolution to amend the FY 2020-21 Budget for:

- *\$149,098.00: The Georgia Department of Revenue recently completed an audit of the years 2015-2018 that resulted in a one-time distribution of \$149,098 in the City’s LOST revenue.*
- *\$249,646.00: Refund from MGAG for the TRANSCO pipeline settlement. This represents a transfer into the General Fund from the Gas Fund.*
- *\$88,494.00: Christmas Light contract with Great Estates approved at the council retreat.*
- *\$5,700.00: This is an add-on to the City’s ClearGov solution that will allow staff to generate a budget document that complies with the Government Finance Officers Association’s requirements for the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program.*

- *\$30,000.00: Façade Grants approved at the September 21, 2020 meeting.*
- *\$120,000.00: Increase in the Police Department pay scale approved at the council retreat.*
- *\$31,875.00: Police Department safety hazard incentive pay approved at the July 15, 2020 council meeting.*
- *\$37,115.00: Additional DDA business stabilization grants approved at the September 21, 2020 council meeting.*
- *\$30,000.00: Fire department safety hazard incentive pay approved at the July 15, 2020 council meeting.*
- *\$9,000.00 Repairs to the customer service air tube system in the second drive-through lane.*
- *\$45,560.00: Net increase to General Fund contingency.*
- *\$24,000.00: Reduction to Capital Projects contingency for item #13.*
- *\$24,000.00: Level Two EV Charging Station with two charging ports for the Welcome Center.*
- *\$249,646.00: To record the revenue from the TRANSCO settlement in the Gas Fund*
- *\$249,646.00: To record the transfer of the TRANSCO settlement from the Gas Fund to the General Fund.*

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve an Amended and Restated City of Covington Defined Benefit Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a Real Estate Purchase Agreement to purchase two tracts of land containing 54.60 acres, contingent upon property appraising at minimum of proposed purchase price of \$80,000.00.

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

20. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve

Motion carried with Council members Keck, Baggett, Williams, Henderson, and

Floyd voting for. Council member Morgan voting against.

21. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve

Motion carried unanimously.

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