

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, PUBLIC BY TELECONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 16, 2020, 6:30 PM.

Mayor Steve Horton presided with Council members: Hawnethia 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 Pro-Tem Susie Keck attended via teleconference.

Council member Morgan gave the invocation.

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

1. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on November 2, 2020, with change:

Motion 12 change to, "Motion carried unanimously."

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve **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 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.

3. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Henderson to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of allowing the sale of alcohol for public consumption in the Downtown Entertainment District on

November 28th 2020 between the hours of 11:00 AM and 8:00 PM for the Shop Local Event.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Williams to amend the agenda to add, “Discussion of upcoming Downtown Christmas Lighting Event.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Thelma Starr Nolley congratulated Freddy Morgan on his recent promotion. Ms. Nolley also discussed a city code enforcement officer sending her a letter. Ms. Nolley stated she wants New Life Church out of her neighborhood.

A representative from Fortune Equity stated they were issued a Stop Work order due to work being done in the Historic District without going before the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

5 O'clock	7191 Turner Lake Road
Amici Italian Café	1116 College Ave SE
Applebee's Grill & Bar	5176 Highway 278
Bangkok Grill	5135 Highway 278
Benchwarmers Sports Grill	10205 Access Road Ste. A
Bradley's Bar-B-Que	1160 Church Street
City Pharmacy	1105 Church Street
El Chaparro	6193 Highway 278
El Charro #1	3165 Elm Street NE
El Charro #5	9148 Dr. MLK Jr. Ave
Johnny's New York Style Pizza	10176 Carlin Drive
Longhorn Steakhouse	6112 Pavilion Way
Ms. Tonya's Soul Food	8105 Washington Street
Mystic Grill	1116 Clark Street
Pizza Hut # 36042	4169 Highway 278 NE
Pockets Billiards	6185 Highway 278
RL's Off The Square	1113 Floyd Street
Tello's Mexican Grill	4139 Highway 278 NW

The Depot Sports Bar & Grill
The Mini Crab

4122 Emory Street NW
3116 Highway 278

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Bond's BP
Covington Food Mart
Covington Package
Food Mart
Hazelbrand Store LLC
Hester Package Store
Ingle's #452
Newton Package
Turner Lake Marathon

8145 Washington Street
9123 Highway 278
6138 Jackson Highway
6155 Highway 36
9225 Highway 142 N
5148 Washington Street
7173 Turner Lake Road
9197 Highway 278
6206 turner Lake Road

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve licenses for **wholesale distribution** only for:

Leon Farmer & Co.
Northeast Sales Dist. Inc.

100 Rail Ridge Road, Athens, GA
840 Ronald Wood Road, Winder, GA

Motion carried unanimously.

8. 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:

Ridge Avenue and Company

1120 Monticello Street

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a license for an Art Shop to allow patrons to bring and consume Beer and/or Wine in limited quantities:

Wildart LLC

1105 Washington Street

Motion carried unanimously.

- 10. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a Personal Service beer and/or wine licenses only for:

Beauty Bar Restoration Med Spa/Beauty Bar
Fenice Dry Bar and Salon

1109 Floyd Street
1123 Church Street, Ste. 102

Motion carried unanimously.

- 11. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the best RFP from CPL in the amount of \$36,025.00, for Redevelopment Plan Update.

CPL	\$36,026.00
The GA Conservancy	\$9,075.00

Motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to approve an Encroachment Agreement with ER Snell Contractor, Inc. for natural gas construction for the new Eastside High School project.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 13. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to authorize the City to reapply for DCA's State Opportunity Zone designation.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 14. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve 100% of the MEAG Off-system Energy Sales and Voluntary Deposits for 2021 in the Flexible Operating Account, Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio.

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the sole bid from ACS in the amount of \$226,150.00, to install VRF cooling units at City Hall.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director Kevin Sorrow updated the Council on authorizing Pittman Construction to add an OGI asphalt layer to Brown Bridge Road to the city limits. Mr. Sorrow stated the layer is good for leveling and prevention of reflective cracking. Mr. Sorrow further stated the overage, if any, will be paid out of 2011 SPLOST funds.

16. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve the proposal of GWES, Inc. in the amount of \$108,032.00, for sidewalk project design on Brown Bridge Road, Turner Lake Road, and Flat Shoals Road.

Sidewalk RFP Proposal Summary		
Company	Cost	Proposed Competition Date (Construction)
Keck & Wood	\$155,000.00	May 2022
GWES	\$108,032.00	December 2021

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a resolution to amend the FY 2020-21 Budget for adding an intake position for Planning & Development.

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve proposed 2021 Council Meeting calendar:

January	4 th & 19 th	July	6 th & 19 th
February	1 st & 15 th	August	2 nd & 16 th
March	1 st & 15 th	September	7 th & 20 th
April	5 th & 19 th	October	4 th & 18 th
May	3 rd & 17 th	November	1 st & 15 th
June	7 th & 21 st	December	13 th

Motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve allowing the sale of alcohol for public consumption on November 28th 2020 between the hours of 11:00am and 8:00pm for the Shop Local Event.

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

20. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Henderson to continue with upcoming Downtown Christmas Lighting Event to be held on November 19th.

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

Ms. Nolley continued her discussion regarding the earlier discussed issues.

Council member Floyd discussed displaying the American Flag on several days throughout the year according to the US Flag Code.

Comments from the City Manager:

- Thanks to HR for recent Diversity Training
- LMIG update
- There will be a live tree on the square

Covington Police Chief Stacey Cotton updated the Council on morale challenges, field training processes, in-house Diversity Training, and manpower.

Council member Baggett stated the City needs to look at other counties regarding jail services due to an earlier incident and the City not having any recourse. Council member Baggett wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council member Keck stated she would like the City to look at building a skate park in the near future.

Council member Morgan stated there is some bulk waste that needs to be picked up on Fowler Street and the street across from Commissioner's Henderson resident needs some attention if it's a City street. Council member Morgan further stated he is concerned about people's actions since they cannot be arrested. Council member Morgan stated he appreciates what CPD does every day in the community and all lives matter.

Mayor's comments:

- During recent storm, both chiefs were on location
- 10 positions open on City Boards and Committees
- COVID numbers are going up, do all you can to slow the spread
- Happy Thanksgiving

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk