

CALLED MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, NOVEMBER 20, 2019, 6:30 PM.

Mayor Ronnie Johnston presided with Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth Morgan, Council members: Hawnethia Williams, Josh McKelvey, Anthony Henderson, Michael Whatley, and Susie Keck, City Manager Leigh Anne Knight, City Clerk Audra M. Gutierrez, and City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. present.

Council member Hawnethia Williams gave the invocation.

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

1. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve the Adoption of GDOT Procurement Policy for the Procurement, Management and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member McKelvey, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a budget adjustment for a new position in Cemetery & Parks.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member McKelvey 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 SECTION 5.12.260 (COVINGTON HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT)** OF CHAPTER 5.12 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried with Council members Whatley, Keck, McKelvey, and Henderson voting for. Council members Morgan and Williams voting against.

4. Motion made by Council member McKelvey, 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 SECTION 5.12.270 (LEGION FIELD ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT)** OF CHAPTER 5.12 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

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

5. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to appoint Scott Andrews as City Manager.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Denise Williams asked for clarification of how residents will be moved from the Housing Authority's meters to the City's utility system.

Housing Authority Director Shemica Tucker explained the process.

The City Manager gave an update on the Bohannon Street Drainage project.

Council member Whatley stated the speed hump issue needs to be resolved.

Council member Morgan stated the City needs to have a policy/ordinance in place. Council member Morgan thanked everyone for supporting the council for the City Manager decision.

Council member Keck stated she knows it is the right decision.

Council member Williams asked everyone to trust the council to do what's right for the citizens and community.

Council member McKelvey stated the council spent a lot of time picking a City Manager and thinks it was a good decision. Council member McKelvey further stated he would like to see a list of locations for speed humps at the next meeting.

Council member Henderson congratulated the new City Manager Scott Andrews and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Johnston asked everyone to pray for his father-in-law, Dr. B. Wiley Stephens, who is in ICU. Mayor Johnston reminded everyone of the Lighting of the Square tomorrow.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Ronnie Johnston, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk