

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, TELECONFERENCE, DECEMBER 7, 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, Assistant City Manager Freddy Morgan, City Clerk Audra M. Gutierrez, and City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. present.

Mayor Horton gave the invocation.

1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on November 16, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion ensued regarding available City Board and Commission positions: Tree Board, Covington Re-development Authority, Downtown Development Authority, and Parking Authority.

3. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to re-appoint Bess Dobbs to the Tree Preservation Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to appoint James Chapman to the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion ensued regarding Planning & Development fees. The City Manager stated staff (Planning & Engineering Director and Building Official) will look into the City's actual costs and bring back recommendations to Council.

5. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of emergency order of the City of Covington, Georgia requiring face coverings to be worn in public during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency."

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Elea J's Southern Table	6265 Highway 278
Jim Stalvey's	3132 Highway 278 NE
Osake	2123 Usher Street NW
Your Pie	1115 Washington Street

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Alcovy Liquor	10117 Alcovy Road
Aldi #48	11152 Highway 142 N
Covington Raceway	5148 Highway 278 NW
CVS Pharmacy	4183 Highway 278 NE
Dollar General #11417	10734 Highway 36
Dollar General #7057	7118 Highway 278 NE
Dollar General #85	6185 Highway 278 NW
Don's Superette	3251 Highway 278 NW
Emory Mart	2117 Emory Street
EZ Trip	10125 Alcovy Road
Food 2 Go	6229 Turner Lake Road
Kroger #214	3139 Highway 278 NE
La Tampiquena	7134 Highway 278
Mystic Grill	1116 Clark Street

Pure Mart
Shell Food Mart

4120 Washington Street
8109 Washington Street

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Woven LLC

1137 Church Street

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the best bid from Sharp Business Systems in the amount of \$1,510.10 per month plus quarterly cost for B/W prints at \$.0055ea and color prints \$.04ea, for city-wide copier contract.

<u>Systel - HP</u>	<i>\$1365.98-Month</i>	<i>B/W - 97.50</i>
		<i>Color - 810</i>
<i>Quarterly (includes 15,000 B/W & 18,000 Color)</i>	<i>\$5,005.44</i>	<i>1</i>
<u>Sharp</u>	<i>\$1508.10-Month</i>	<i>B/W - 82.50</i>
		<i>Color - 720</i>
<i>Quarterly (includes 15,000 B/W & 18,000 Color)</i>	<i>\$5,326.80</i>	<i>2</i>
<u>MSA - Kyocera</u>	<i>\$1714.54-Month</i>	<i>B/W = 67.50</i>
		<i>Color - 360</i>
<i>Quarterly (includes 15,000 B/W & 18,000 Color)</i>	<i>\$5,571.12</i>	<i>3</i>
<u>Toshiba</u>	<i>\$1667.00 - Month</i>	<i>B/W - 47.55</i>
		<i>Color - 630</i>
<i>Quarterly (includes 15,000 B/W & 18,000 Color)</i>	<i>\$5,678.55</i>	<i>4</i>
<u>Novatech</u>	<i>\$1750.00-Month</i>	<i>B/W - 82.50</i>
		<i>Color - 810</i>
<i>Quarterly (includes 15,000 B/W & 18,000 Color)</i>	<i>\$6,142.50</i>	<i>5</i>

<u>Standard Office Systems (SOS)</u>	<i>\$1842.56-Month</i>	<i>B/W - 60</i>
		<i>Color - 720</i>
<i>Quarterly (includes 15,000 B/W & 18,000 Color)</i>	<i>\$6,307.68</i>	<i>6</i>

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a Hangar Ground Lease Agreement with Arcovia Air LLC and authorize Mayor, City Manager, or Transportation Manager to sign off on future Hangar Ground Lease agreements.

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

11. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve a proposed Adopt a Mile Program as recommended by the Planning & Engineering Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve the best bid from Ten-8 Fire Equipment for the purchase of a 100' mid-mount ladder truck in the amount of \$1,429,800.00 and a budget amendment of \$285,960.00 for down payment, contingent upon legal review of application and contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Covington Police Department and Georgia Piedmont Technical College Police Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to table the discussion of an Energy Savings RFQ until the first meeting in February.

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve City participation for E911 fiber for the General Mills site and Williams Brothers Rd in the amount of \$28,000.00 and budget amendment to be paid of Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to approve funding for eastern portion of Cricket Frog Trail paving in the amount of \$600,000.00 and budget amendment to be paid from 2017 SPLOST.

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve the placement of bicycle rack on Washington Street between Monticello Street and City Rest Station.

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Keck to approve support in applying for participation in the Georgia Placemaking Collaborative and appoint Council member Baggett to serve.

Motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Keck to approve amending the Carter & Sloope's Scope of Work for the Water Reclamation Facility's Engineering Evaluation in the amount of \$43,600.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

20. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve the Construction Contract with Tri Scapes, Inc. for the SR 81/Emory Street Sidewalk Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

21. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve displaying the American Flag as recommended by the US Flag Code.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council acknowledged receipt of the City Manager's Annual Appointments for 2021:

Stacey Cotton
Audra Gutierrez
Freddy Morgan
Jeremy Holmes
Mike Jewell
Randy Smith
Tres Thomas
Trey Sanders
Kevin Sorrow
Bobby Johnson
Paul Dailey

22. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve an emergency order of the City of Covington, Georgia requiring face coverings to be worn in public during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

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

A public comment was made thanking the City for implementing a mask ordinance.

Ms. Judy Hooten informed the Council of issues with vehicles not stopping at the bus stop at Floyd and East Streets and stated she would like the stop signs back.

Comments from the City Manager:

-Thanks to Council for trust in staff

-Happy Holidays

The Assistant City Manager updated the Council on a proposed Traffic Study RFP.

Council member Williams wished everyone a Blessed Holiday. Council member Williams stated she would like the date of the HPC meeting in which modifications to New Hope Baptist Church will be addressed.

Mayor Horton stated staff will contact her with the information.

Council member Keck stated 2020 has been a challenging year and Council has done a great job in figuring everything out as they go. Council member Keck wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Council member Baggett stated she believes in wearing a mask but the mandate is impossible to enforce. Council member Baggett wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council member Morgan wished everyone Happy Holidays. Council member Morgan asked for a pre-pay metering update and would like a plan for the previous location when businesses relocate to a new location.

Council member Henderson thanked everyone and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council member Floyd wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year and commented the council's ability to work together. Council member Floyd stated his wife is having hip replacement surgery on December 14th and asked for everyone's prayers.

Mayor Horton stated COVID has had such an impact on people's health and livelihood. Mayor Horton further stated the vaccine looks hopeful. Mayor Horton thanked Council, City staff, and citizens for caring for community and each other. Mayor Horton wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk