

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,  
GEORGIA, TELECONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 1, 2021, 6:30 PM.**

Mayor Steve Horton presided with Mayor Pro-tem Hawnethia Williams, Council members: Susie Keck, 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.

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1. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on January 19, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of contract extension with Ice Days LLC until February 21<sup>st</sup>."

Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of rezoning 9155 Jackson Highway from NR 2 to NR 3."

Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of best RFQ for Energy Savings."

Motion carried unanimously.

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5. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the low bid from Ginn Commercial in the amount of \$132,596.00, to purchase an aerial bucket truck replacement for the Telecommunications

division, and a resolution in the amount of \$13,000.00 for the difference in what was budgeted and actual price.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Bid Amount:</b>
Beck Auto Sales	2021 Ram 5500 with Versalift	\$139,215.23
ETI	2022 Ford F550 with ETI lift device	\$148,222.97
Ginn Commercial	2021 Ram 5500 with Versalift	\$132,596.00
Altec	2022 Ford F550 with Altec HE41 M	\$134,468.00
Terex	2021 F550 with Terex LTM 40	\$133,628.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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- Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the low bid from GTG Traffic Signals in the amount of \$183,850.00, for the Covington Town Center Blvd/ Alcovy Road traffic signal.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>
GTG Traffic Signals	\$183,850.00
Lumin8 Transportation Technologies	\$191,136.50
PowerComm USA, LLC	\$192,767.62
R.J. Haynie & Associates, Inc.	\$194,571.50
Construction Engineering & Management Company	\$214,968.91
American Lighting and Signalization, LLC	\$215,501.25
Moye Electric Company, Inc	\$238,075.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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- Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the Planning and Engineering Department’s fee schedule with change to the occupational tax for 2-4 employees to be \$75.00.

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

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8. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve an Encroachment Agreement with ER Snell Contractor, Inc. for SR 142 Roundabout Water Main Relocation.

Motion carried unanimously.

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9. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a contract extension with Ice Days LLC until February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion carried unanimously.

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10. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to table an application for the rezoning of 9155 Jackson Highway from NR 2 to NR 3 until the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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11. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve the best RFQ from Schneider Electric for an Energy Savings Stewardship Program.

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

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City Manager comments:

- Looking into placing mural on Pace Street at Square
- Conyers Street gym RFP process moving along
- Filming update

Community Development Director Trey Sanders stated Legacys to film on Floyd Street Tuesday and Wednesday.

Council member Baggett stated it is very windy and asked everyone to keep our utility linemen in their thoughts and prayers.

Council member Floyd asked everyone to pray for former employee Brenda Snellgrove as her brother, Doug, recently passed away.

Mayor's comments:

-School Superintendent relayed concerns regarding keeping schools due to COVID numbers being extremely high in the county  
-Thanks to those who work in the health care industry for what they do

Council member Baggett stated Rainbow Covenant Ministries at 9 Hemlock Street in Porterdale are opening a warming center on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be providing meals. Council member Baggett further stated they will be picking up at the Salvation Army, Repairers of the Breach, and the old Kmart.

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12. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to enter into executive session at 7:28 PM for the purpose of discussing land and litigation.

Motion carried unanimously.

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13. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to enter back into Regular Session at 7:53 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

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14. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve spending up to \$14 million to fund various upgrades associated with the Eastside sewer outfall line and basin as discussed in a recent study performed by Carter & Sloope Engineers and in executive session, fund all acquisition and legal fees associated with any necessary land purchase or easement transaction including appraisals, filings, and other costs as maybe required, and file for a Georgia Environmental Finance Authority loan which will serve as the funding mechanism for this project and associated costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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Steve Horton, Mayor

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Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk