

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, TELECONFERENCE, MARCH 15, 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.

Gas Director Mike Jewell read a proclamation honoring *Natural Gas Utility Workers' Day*.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to remove item 13, "Discussion authorizing Mayor to sign letter of support for proposed Covington Square project located at 2101 Washington St."

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for **personal service beer and/or wine license** only for:

Melon Salon, LLC

1123 Church Street, Suite 102

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held at 6:45 PM to discuss a SUP to allow a dance school to be located in the Corridor Mixed-Use (CM) zone.

4. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve a SUP for a dance school to be located at 7121 Turner Lake Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held at 6:58 PM to discuss a SUP to allow automotive repair use to be located in the Light Industrial (M-1) zone.

5. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a SUP for an auto body repair facility to be located at 8425 Hazelbrand Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held at 7:05 PM to discuss a SUP to allow a preparatory school to be located in the Corridor Mixed-Use (CM) zone. Mr. Ricky Mock spoke in favor of the SUP.

6. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve a SUP for a Preparatory School (K-8th) to be located at 7188 Turner Lake Circle.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to appoint Jeffrey Johnson to the Covington Development Authority to fill Greg Shy's unexpired term.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to authorize the airport manager to submit a CARES Act Grant application in the amount of \$13,000.00 for the Covington Municipal Airport.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams 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 AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3 (SCHEDULES) OF CHAPTER 13.08 (ELECTRIC SYSTEM) OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

10. 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 2 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **ADOPTING SECTION 2.32.030 (CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD) OF CHAPTER 2.32 (POLICE DEPARTMENT)** THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the City Manager:

-Thanks to Covington Police Department for proactive measures with regards to an increased presence around Covington and parks.

Council member Williams stated the ribbon cutting event at Smoothie King went well.

Council member Henderson inquired as to when the City would be having in-house Council Meetings.

Mayor Horton stated the next meeting will be in-house with staff only.

Council member Floyd stated Covington/Newton County lost another pillar, Mr. Jerry Aldridge. Council member Floyd further stated he will be missed.

Mayor's comments:

-The City is inquiring about arrests and a jail update
-July 4th update

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk