

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, PUBLIC BY TELECONFERENCE, APRIL 19,
2021, 6:30 PM.**

Mayor Steve Horton, Mayor Pro-tem Hawnethia Williams, Council members: Susie Keck, Kenneth Morgan, Fleeta Baggett, Anthony Henderson, 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.

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 Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on April 5, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to amend the agenda to include, "Discussion of proposed text amendment for enhanced buffers the CTC Overlay District."

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Henderson entered the meeting at 6:38 PM.

3. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Floyd to amend the agenda to include, "Discussion of signage in CTC."

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to amend the agenda to include, "Enter into Executive Session to discuss land and to consider a record made exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated."

Motion carried unanimously.

Wildwood resident Victoria Hardeman discussed concerns of builders constructing new houses in their subdivision when council voted in 8/2013 not to allow any more homes until another road into/out of subdivision is cut.

5. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for **off-premises consumption** only for:

Turner Lake Marathon

6206 Turner Lake Road

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the final plat for Clark's Grove Phase 2b.

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held at 6:56 PM concerning a SUP to allow a personal care home in the Neighborhood Residential 2 (NR-2) District. Applicant Ravoy Wright spoke in favor of the SUP.

7. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a SUP to allow a Personal Care Home to be located at 7125 Puckett Street.

Council member Williams withdrew her second.

Motion **died** for the lack of a second.

8. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Henderson to table the SUP until June 1st.

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

9. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to deny the SUP.

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

10. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Henderson to table the SUP for 60 days.

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

A public hearing was held at 7:27 PM concerning a SUP to allow automotive repair and maintenance use in the Corridor Mixed Use (CM) District. Applicants Josh Gentry and Scott Dickinson spoke in favor of the SUP. Jared Rutberg spoke against the SUP.

11. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a SUP to allow a quick change oil facility to be located at 3216 Highway 278.

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

12. Motion made by Council member Morgan seconded by Council member Henderson to table discussion of Amendment 1 to the Glover Street Drainage Project until May 1st until the Planning & Engineering can gather more information.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve a Newton County Water & Sewage Authority permanent and temporary construction easement contingent up 1) it has no long term issues involving the City and 2) check to see if Newton County needs to sign a similar easement.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve the sole bid from Gresco Utility Supply in the amount of \$81,422.00, to purchase a switchgear for the Cornish Creek Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve the low bid from Trees Unlimited in the amount of Price per linear mile: \$3,925.00 and Hourly rate for emergency charges: \$137.00, for Right of Way Trimming Services.

Trees Unlimited

Price per linear mile: \$3,925.00

Hourly rate for emergency charges: \$137.00

Graham County Land Clearing

Price per linear mile: \$4,000.00

Hourly rate for emergency charges: \$475.00

Kendall Vegetation Services

Price per linear mile: \$8,908.65

Hourly rate for emergency charges: \$155.13

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the best bid from All Clean Services in the annual amount of \$72,796.85, for Janitorial Services for all City-owned facilities.

Expertise Janitorial	\$69,735.84
Imagann	\$71,940.00
All Clean Services	\$72,796.85
Building Maintenance Serv	\$75,480.00
Top Tier Cleaning Mgt.	\$77,940.00
3H System	\$92,052.36
ICS, Inc	\$93,300.00
Ajax Industrial Cleaning	\$93,897.24
American Facility Services	\$118,440.00
Signature Building Maintenance	\$134,700.00
Dorsetts Janitorial Services	\$141,169.00
4SYT Industries	\$153,000.00
Golden Building Maintenance	\$162,000.00
Finnie's Cleaning Service	\$206,400.00
Fresh & Clean Comm./Res., LLC	\$212,264.00
Action, Inc.	\$218,648.19

Vendors highlighted had mathematical errors in their bid.

Lowest bidder – did not supply an immigration and security form for contractor / sub-contractor.

Second lowest bidder - the City was not able to get return phone calls from all of the references supplied.

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

17. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Baggett 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 12 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTION 12.20.010 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 12.20 (PARKS)** THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Williams to table the discussion of waiving or reducing the rental fees of Legion Field to be used in association with the Juneteenth Celebration to be held on June 19th & 20th, until second meeting in May.

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

19. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Morgan to move the July 4th fireworks from the square to City Pond Park.

Council members Morgan, Baggett, and Williams voting for. Council members Keck, Henderson, and Floyd voting against. Motion **denied** with Mayor Horton voting against, breaking 3-3 tie.

20. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to have the July 4th fireworks downtown with the fallout zone closed only.
21. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to amend the previous motion have the July 4th fireworks downtown with the Covington Police and Community Development determining road closures at a later date.
22. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve to have the July 4th fireworks downtown with no festival or vendors.

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

23. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to initiate the process to pursue a text amendment to the Covington Town Center Overlay District for the purpose of adding enhanced buffers as recommended by the planning staff notes from the 2/15/2021 City Council Meeting and including participation in the process by the CTC developer and Nisshinbo.

Motion carried unanimously.

24. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a signage placement plan regulating Through Truck Traffic on streets within the Covington Town Center Overlay District as discussed here tonight by the Public Works Director, and as based upon previous recommendations found in planning staff notes from the 2/15/2021 City Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

25. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to enter into Executive Session at 9:20 PM to discuss land and to consider a record made exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Motion carried unanimously.

26. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to enter back into Regular Session at 9:39 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

27. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to accept a bid for insurance from Corvus in the amount of \$25,500.80.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Floyd stated he has concerns regarding vandalism to the downtown restrooms.

Mayor's comments:

- Appointment letter to the Covington Housing Authority
- CPD is looking into adding dogs, bikes, and motorcycles
- Letter sent from Newnan Mayor thanking Covington for help at recent tornado
- GICH meeting update

Council member Morgan inquired about a building on Washington Street.

Mayor Horton stated it looked like an auction house.

The City Manager congratulated Sergeant Quin Pitts on his promotion.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk