

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM AND BY TELECONFERENCE, JUNE 7, 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.

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1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 17, 2021 with change to Council member Floyd's comments to, "Memorial Day service at 10 AM on the square."

Motion carried unanimously.

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A discussion ensued regarding a request for waived/reduced rental fees at Legion Field to be used in association with the Juneteenth Celebration to be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>. The Council chose to not take any action regarding the request.

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

**Blockers Soul Food**

**6129 Highway 278 NW**

Motion carried unanimously.

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A public hearing was held at 6:58 PM concerning a Special Use Permit to allow to allow an auto & truck repair facility to be located in the M1 Light Industrial District. Applicant Gilmar Rodas spoke in favor of the SUP.

3. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Baggett to **deny** a SUP to allow an auto & truck repair facility to be located at 9126 A Industrial Blvd.

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

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A public hearing was held at 7:21 PM concerning a Special Use Permit to allow to allow an automotive parts and accessories store to be located in the NM Neighborhood Mixed-Use District.

4. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a SUP to allow an automotive parts and accessories store to be located at 6166 Washington Street with conditions as stated by staff.

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

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A public hearing was held at 8:07 PM to discuss an updated Urban Redevelopment Plan. Ms. Tania Celis with CPL was in attendance to answer any questions.

5. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Floyd to table the public hearing and resolution regarding the updated Urban Redevelopment Plan until the July 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

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

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6. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to re-appoint Billy Fortson to the Hwy 278 CID Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

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7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve a Sanitary Sewer and Temporary Construction Easement Agreement with TRG Washington Street, LLC.

Motion carried unanimously.

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8. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the best bid from IPR Southeast in the amount of \$133,791.00, for the Ashley Drive Pipe Lining Project.

IPR Southeast	\$133,791.00
Granite Inliner	\$129,307.15
Gulf Coast Underground	\$181,933.45

Motion carried unanimously.

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9. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve a Covington Central Park Red Trail Phase 2 Grant Agreement in the amount of \$200,000.00 with local match in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

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10. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the sole bid from Reedwick, LLC in the amount of \$39,775.00 to purchase 10 rapid flashing beacons for the Covington Trail System.

Motion carried unanimously.

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11. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to appoint Joel Smith as voting delegate and Scott Andrews as alternate for the 2021 MEAG Power Annual Election.

Motion carried unanimously.

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12. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to appoint Joel Smith as voting delegate and Scott Andrews as alternate for the ECG election process.

Motion carried unanimously.

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13. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Williams to approve securing both Southview and Westview Cemeteries from dusk to dawn.

Motion carried unanimously.

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The City Manager stated he is going to miss Assistant City Manager Freddy Morgan and wished him well in his next endeavor.

Council member Morgan stated he appreciated Freddy and will miss him.

Council member Keck stated she wishes Freddy the best.

Council member Baggett thanked Freddy and stated he will be missed.

Council member Williams stated Freddy is a people person and to call on Covington for anything.

Council member Henderson wished Freddy the best.

Council member Floyd stated he appreciates what all Freddy did for the City.

Mayor's comments:

- Freddy will be missed
- Board of Adjustments and Appeals nominees needed by June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting
- Walk-in vaccines will be at the First United Methodist Church on 6/7, 6/16, and 6/30
- Upcoming GMA District 5 meeting at Nicholson City Hall on 6/9

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14. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to enter into Executive Session at 8:36 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.

Motion carried unanimously.

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15. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to enter back into Regular Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

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Steve Horton, Mayor

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Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk