

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM AND BY TELECONFERENCE, JUNE 21, 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, City Clerk Audra M. Gutierrez, and City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. present.

Mayor Horton 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 Henderson, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 7, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a SUP to allow a Personal Care Home to be located at 7125 Puckett Street.

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

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3. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of posted speed limits."

Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Williams to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of Juneteenth Holiday."

Motion carried unanimously.

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5. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of allowing the use or rental of tables and chairs by those who rent Legion Field."

Motion carried unanimously.

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6. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Baggett to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of contract with Golden Fleece Masonic Lodge #6 for mural."

Motion carried unanimously.

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7. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve initiating a text amendment to Chapter 16 of the City of Covington Code to provide enhanced corridor standards in certain areas of the city.

Motion carried unanimously.

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8. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve appointments to the Citizens Police Review Board: Judith Weaver, Michael Syphoe, Pat Showalter, Janet A Goodman, Chris Smith, Greg Shy, and Rosie Crawford.

Motion carried unanimously.

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9. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Williams to appoint Roger Tingler and Elizabeth Harwell to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Motion carried unanimously.

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10. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Baggett to appoint John Maxwell to the Planning Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

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11. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to appoint Lucinda Faulkner to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Motion carried unanimously.

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12. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Henderson to table, "Discussion of code enforcement concerns" until the July 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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13. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve best Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from Benesch Engineering, for engineering services for the Covington Municipal Airport.

**Consultant**

Benesch  
Croy  
Holt  
Passero  
Pond

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

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14. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a low bid from Southern Pipeline in the amount of \$563,050.00.

Pride Utility	\$1,102,940.00
Harrison & Harrison Inc.	\$845,450.00
Southern Pipeline	\$563,050.00
D. Lance Souther Inc.	\$628,750.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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15. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve an updated letter of support to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the Covington Square project.

Motion carried unanimously.

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16. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to appoint Bobby Johnson as the City's Member Representative for membership in the Georgia Public Web.

Motion carried unanimously.

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17. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve changing the City's credit card processing vendor to Invoice Cloud.

Motion carried unanimously.

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18. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve amending the current budget to include additional revenues and expenditures as actual figures become available.

Motion carried unanimously.

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19. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve of the City's FY 2021-2022 Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Nelson Drive resident Robert Clay discussed issues with a 30 mph speed limit on his street, golf cart safety equipment and being driven on state highways. Mr. Clay also discussed cars being parked in bike lanes.

The Council did not take any action regarding posted speed limits on City streets.

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20. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Williams to approve adding the Juneteenth Holiday as a paid holiday for 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

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21. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to allow the use or rental of tables and chairs by those who rent the Legion Field building.

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

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22. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a contract with Golden Fleece Masonic Lodge #6 for mural.

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

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Dr. Diana Adoma discussed a government certificate training program for small businesses.

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Comments from the City Manager:

- Wished Asher Dozier well in his next endeavor
- Will be starting the Assistant City Manager interview process
- Development Town Hall Meeting at City Hall on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

Council member Williams stated the Juneteenth Celebration had a slow start due to rain but ended up a great event. Council member Williams further stated Legion Field is a great venue.

Council member Keck asked everyone to get vaccinated. Council member Keck stated golf carts are an issue, just not a speeding issue.

Council member Morgan asked if anyone has any issues to come to council.

Council member Williams stated people need to take the initiative and contact council for any concerns.

Mayor's comments:

- Concerned with low numbers of citizens getting vaccinated
- Traffic issues are a safety issue
- Citizen comments need to stay on task and be civil

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Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

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Steve Horton, Mayor

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Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk