

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, JULY 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 John King, 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.

Mayor Horton administered the oath of office to new Covington Police officers Jason Miles and Jack Treadwell.

Presentation of recruitment video and Text to 911 video by the College Interns.

911 Director Trudy Henry stated the new service, Text to 911, has been implemented.

1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on July 6, 2021 with the addition after Motion 6: Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to table, "Discussion of code enforcement issues" until the July 19th meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of Engagement Letter with SDS Consultants, LLC for future service delivery strategy and LOST negotiations.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a resolution authorizing acceptance of GDOT contract for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) Act funding associated with the Covington Municipal Airport in the amount of \$13,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Floyd to authorize the airport manager to submit a American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Act grant application in the additional amount of \$32,000.00 for the Covington Municipal Airport.

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

5. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$600,500.00 to purchase a rescue from Ten-8, for the Fire Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Morgan to changing the speed limit changes on S. Nelson Drive and Bridewell Lane from 30 mph to 25 mph.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Keck to designate Council member Williams as voting delegate for the 2021 GMA Annual Convention.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to designate ICMA Fellow Bailey Dickinson as the flag bearer for the Parade of Flags at the 2021 GMA Annual Convention.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Henderson to remove, "Discussion of Code Enforcement concerns" from the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Archie Shepherd was in attendance to give an update on the West Street tenant he spoke of at last meeting.

Commissioner JC Henderson was in attendance requesting the city and county work together in regards to helping residents being evicted at the CHA.

A Lackey Street resident was in attendance requesting speed bumps 3-way stop at Lackey and Walnut Streets to help with speeding and dirt bikes.

Comments from the City Manager:

- Future Town Hall meetings on 8/12 in the west and 8/17 in the east
- Next Magnolia Drive-in Movie on 8/6
- PD Review Board will meet on 7/27 at 6:30 PM at CPD

Council member Keck thanked everyone for coming.

Council member Morgan expressed concerns regarding the CHA evictions and stated we need to get together with the County to help. Council member Morgan requested a status regarding the pre-pay metering program.

Council member Baggett thanked all who were in attendance.

Council member Williams stated we need to work together to help citizens. Council member Williams further stated she is looking forward to the upcoming Town Hall meetings.

Council member Henderson stated he has been receiving complaints about litter, trash not being picked up, and vacant lot & dumping issues.

Mayor's comments:

- I20 ramp litter – City needs permission to go onto property
- Previous litter detail background

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk