

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, AUGUST 2, 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.

1. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on July 19, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Floyd to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of budget amendment to add a Planning, Permitting, & Code Associate to the Planning & Zoning Department."

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a purchase of 2.43 acres located at 7152 Indian Creek Circle in the amount of \$49,000.00, to be added to Covington Central Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Floyd 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.

5. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a Resolution and Power Purchase Contract with MEAG for the purchase of 15 MWs of Solar Power.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director Kevin Sorrow presented the mayor and council with the Water Department’s Leak and Adjustment Policies.

6. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a Change Order in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, for the Industrial Boulevard Improvements Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$100,051.00, to add a Planning, Permitting, & Code Associate to the Planning & Zoning Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Curtis Goss was in attendance to voice his concerns regarding citations he has received from the city. He also requested LED street lights to be added to the Nelson Heights community.

Comments from the City Manager:

- August 28th Community Cleanup at 8 AM
- Language Line information
- P & D just hired a Code Enforcement Officer
- New City staff will be introduced before future meetings

Council member Henderson left the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Electric Director Joel Smith gave a pre-pay meter update. Mr. Smith stated the project is about 85% completed.

Council member Henderson returned to the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Council member Baggett stated she picks up litter every time she walks her dog. Council member Baggett further stated Covington has a tourist problem and everyone needs to be responsible for picking up after themselves. Council member Baggett thanked everyone for coming out.

Council member Henderson recommended bulk waste information be placed on trash cans. Council member Henderson stated he appreciates staff and citizens.

Council member Floyd stated there is a speeding issue on Dearing Street and asked staff to check into the traffic light at the triangle at Monticello and Church Streets. Council member Floyd stated it has a LED issue. Council member Floyd further stated some driveways on East Street are being blocked by filming people and Plain Nuts has issues with tourists parking in front the business all day. Council member Floyd asked when the insurance broker will be up for bid. Council member Floyd stated he would like to look into a COLA for retirees and would like to know what percent the City's pension is funded at.

Mayor's comments:

- Lighting for Puckett Street
- Parking issues regarding tours
- N City Pond Road questions
- COVID #s concerns

8. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to enter into Executive Session at 8:01 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to enter back in to Regular Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk