

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021, 6:30 PM.**

Mayor Steve Horton, Mayor Pro-tem Hawnethia Williams, Council members: Susie Keck, Kenneth Morgan, 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. Council member Fleeta Baggett was absent.

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 called for a moment of silence in honor of City employee Dexter Scott and retiree Bill Jarrell, who recently passed away.

GMA's Director of Equity and Inclusion Freddie Broome was in attendance to discuss Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training being held with the City of Covington staff.

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1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 7, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Horton informed everyone Council member Baggett is recovering from surgery.

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2. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the **final** 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 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 3 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTIONS 03.16.010, 03.16.030, 03.16.050, 03.16.060 OF CHAPTER****

**3.16 (LODGING TAX) THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Williams to remove item 11 from the agenda “Discussion of request to allow visitors in Southview Cemetery on Halloween for a guided tour.”

Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to amend the agenda to add, “Discussion of Project Framework Agreement (PFA) detailing Preliminary Engineering commitments for Phase 1 of the Hwy 278 CID.”

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Tiffany’s Hometown Buffet                      4122 Emory Street**

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Nitro 2 Go, LLC                                      9135 Martin Luther King Jr Ave**

Motion carried unanimously.

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7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a license for alcoholic beverages for **Personal Service Beer and/or Wine License** only for:

**The Wildflower Collective, LLC              8230 Hazelbrand Road, NE Ste A**

Motion carried unanimously.

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A public hearing was held at 7:10 PM concerning a Special Use Permit to allow for a multi-family development over 5 acres. Mr. Jeff Bullock and Mr. Phil Johnson both spoke in favor of the project.

8. Motion made by Council member Keck to approve to approve a SUP for a 181-unit townhome development in the Corridor Mixed (CM).

Motion die for the lack of a second.

9. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Special Use Permit to allow a 227-unit townhome development in the Corridor Mixed (CM) District with conditions:

*-Covington By-pass/Martin Luther King Jr Ave. intersection approval by GDOT prior to obtaining a Land Disturbance Permit (LDP) & construction complete prior to issuing a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for any building*

*-Road entering Scenic Parkway must meet minimum remoteness*

*-On-site amenities are required to be installed at 60% completion of units*

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

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The Council acknowledged receipt of Covington Planning Commission letter regarding current/future developments and associated requirements.

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10. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the Final Plat for Clark's Grove Phase 2b North Village.

Motion carried unanimously.

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A public hearing was held at 7:54 PM concerning a moratorium extension. Mr. Jeff Bullock spoke against the extension due to concerns regarding his future developments.

11. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington, Georgia extending until February 20, 2022, a moratorium on the

acceptance of zoning petitions and applications for preliminary plats and special use permits for residential developments.

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

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12. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve initiating the process of adding Recreational Goods Rental to the Use Table Chart in Chapter 16.16.020 Permitted Uses.

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

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13. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to table the discussion of Project Framework Agreement (PFA) detailing Preliminary Engineering commitments for Phase 1 of the Hwy 278 CID until the next council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Assistant City Manager John King welcomed City Manager Scott Andrews from vacation.

Council member Williams asked everyone to keep Dexter Scott's family in their prayers.

Council member Floyd stated the traffic from Mill Street onto Highway 278 backs up from the school. Council member Floyd inquired as to when the RFP for health insurance will be put out.

The City Manager stated he would have it expedited.

Mayor's comments:

- Tomorrow's BOC meeting will have the Department of Community Affairs in attendance to assist the public with rental/mortgage assistance from the state
- Residence Inn ground breaking on 9/28 at 9 AM
- Conyers Street charrette on 9/28 at 6 PM
- COVID #s concerns

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14. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to enter into Executive Session at 8:16 PM for the purpose of discussing land opportunities.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

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Steve Horton, Mayor

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Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk