

**CALLED MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM AND BY TELECONFERENCE, MARCH 18, 2022, 4 PM.**

Mayor Steve Horton presided with Mayor Pro-tem Fleeta Baggett, Council members: Don Floyd, Kenneth Morgan, Charika Davis, Susie Keck, and Anthony Henderson. 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.

Council member Henderson entered the meeting at 4:06 PM.

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1. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and a letter requesting the assistance of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC) with preparing grant for submission to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

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

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A discussion ensued concerning an issue that occurred with the City of Brookhaven's Mayor and City Manager being personally sued by a developer. The City Attorney cautioned the Mayor and Council regarding communicating with developers one on one.

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Planning & Engineering Director Tres Thomas discussed implementing impact fees for improvements to "urban corridors" such as Turner Lake Road, City Pond Road, and the Bypass Road.

2. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve initiating the process of implementing impact fees.

Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to enter into Executive Session at 4:48 PM for the purpose of discussing land opportunities.

Motion carried unanimously.

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4. 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 5:06 PM.

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Steve Horton, Mayor

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Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk