



REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, NOVEMBER 17, 2025, 6:30 PM.

Mayor Fleeta Baggett presided with Mayor Pro-tem Kimberly Johnson, Council Members: Anthony Henderson, Jared Rutberg, Charika Davis, and Travis Moore, City Manager Tres Thomas, Deputy City Manager John King, City Clerk Audra M. Gutierrez, and Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. Council member Susie Keck was absent.

Reverend Dr. Royeese Stowe gave the invocation.

Mayor Baggett led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. She also recognized incoming council member Dwayne Turner was in audience and congratulated him on his election.

Adam Williamson and Nick Johnson from Tunnell-Spangler-Walsh & Associates (TSW) presented a Mid-term Update to the Downtown Master Plan to Mayor and Council.

1. Motion made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Henderson to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on November 3, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council Member Rutberg, seconded by Council Member Moore to approve the **final** reading of an ordinance of 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 5 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 5.12.030 (DEFINITIONS), SECTION 5.12.050 (LOCATION), SECTION 5.12.060 (QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSEES), AND SECTION 5.12.190 (REPORTING REQUIREMENTS) OF CHAPTER 5.12 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) THEREOF, **TO ADOPT SECTION 5.12.230 (TAPHOUSE)** TO SUCH CHAPTER, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Davis to approve licenses for **on-premises consumption** only for:

Blockers Sports Bar & Grill LLC	2145 Pace Street, Ste C
Bradley's Bar-B-Que	1160 Church Street
El Chaparro	6193 Hwy 278
Johnny's New York Style Pizza	10176 Carlin Dr
Longhorn Steakhouse of Covington # 5244	6112 Pavilion Way
Shantel's Kitchen & Cocktails	10205 Access Rd, Ste A
The Village Grille	10400 Covington Bypass

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Davis to approve licenses for **off-premises consumption** only for:

Alcovy Liquor	10117 Alcovy Road
Climaxx Wine & Spirits	9197 Hwy 278 E
Covington Food Mart	9123 Hwy 278
Covington Raceway	5148 Hwy 278 NW
CVS/Pharmacy # 4695	4183 Hwy 278 NE
E-Z Covington Gas and Food Co	10125 Alcovy Road
Food Depot # 44	6169 Hwy 278
Happy Produce Caribbean Market	2141 Pace Street
Hazelbrand Store LLC	9225 Hwy 142 N.
La Tampiquena	7134 Hwy 278 NE
Neighborhood Food Mart	6155 Hwy 36
Shell Food Mart	8109 Washington Street

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Davis to approve a license for **on- premises and off-premises consumption** for:

Bread and Butter	1124 Monticello Street
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Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Davis to approve licenses for **ancillary and off-premises consumption** for:

Regal Beer & Wine Liquor Store
Publix Super Markets, Inc. # 1811

12651 Town Center Dr, Ste 109
12701 Town Center Drive

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Davis to approve an agreement between the City of Covington and on-call consultant, RS&H for CVC Northwest Apron Crack Seal, Rejuvenation and Remarking Design project in the amount of \$107,869.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council Member Rutberg, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve designating Tres Thomas as voting delegate and Nathan Roper as alternate for Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the best RFP from Dukes Root Control in the amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, for Micro-Detection of RDII services in the Turkey Creek Sanitary Sewer Basin and Dried Indian Creek Basin.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council Member Rutberg, seconded by Council Member Davis to approve low RFP from Triple R Paving and Construction LLC in the amount of \$830,005.92, plus a contingency of \$124,500.89 for a total of \$954,506.81, for paving and construction for 2025/2026 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant/Local Road Assistance Grant project.

Triple R Paving and Construction LLC	\$830,005.92
MHB Paving	\$964,202.68
East Coast Grading Inc	\$897,588.95
Blount Construction Co, Inc.	\$908,883.51
A & S Paving, Inc.	\$1,383,691.15
Vertical Earth	\$1,037,079.57
Black Jack Paving LLC	\$844,491.33

Funding Breakdown

LMIG – Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant \$208,524.09

LRA – Local Road Assistance Grant	\$255,824.11
City Budget (incl. 30% match)	\$365,657.72
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>\$124,500.89</u>
Total	\$954,506.81

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion made by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Davis to approve Phase II of the Peach State Constructions design build contract for City Pond & Williams Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$4,592,314.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Thelma Nolley requested city officials look into stormwater to prevent flooding in the Stone Mountain Street area after heavy rains.

City Manager, Tres Thomas, commended everyone working on the Downtown Masterplan. He also encouraged everyone to come to the lighting of the square on Thursday, November 20, 2025, 6:30-7:30PM.

Deputy City Manager, John King, invited everyone to come to Downtown Square Lighting on Thursday.

City Clerk, Audra Gutierrez, requested confirmation of who would be riding the float for the Covington Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6, 2025. Council Member Henderson, Council Member Davis & Council Member Johnson confirmed they would be in attendance. Mayor Fleeta Baggett will be out of town. Council Member Rutberg will be out of town. Council Member Moore will be assisting with the parade in other areas.

Council Member Johnson congratulated Council Member Davis and Council Member Henderson for being re-elected to their Council seats.

Council Member Moore stated that 11Alive News crews will be on site, for the lighting of the square on Thursday, for future story about Christmas in Covington.

Council Member Davis congratulated Apostle Rosie Crawford for her appointment at Wallace Grove Baptist Church. She thanked local non-profits for feeding the homeless each month. She thanked everyone that voted for her or encouraged and/or assisted with her campaign.

Council Member Rutberg congratulated everyone on being elected/re-elected to council seats. He mentioned there was a record turnout of West Ward voters. He commended everyone working on the Downtown Masterplan.

Council Member Henderson asked if city officials were aware of flooding Ms. Nolley mentioned on Stone Mountain Street and when will it be addressed. City Manager, Tres Thomas, replied that he will look into it.

Mayor Fleeta Baggett commended Officer Blackwell for work on an accident scene. She encouraged everyone to come to the tree lighting on Thursday, where Officer Henry will be welcoming Santa and asked that everyone continue to pray for Officer Henry. She mentioned that 11Alive News would like people to wear coats so it appears cold. She informed everyone that Newton Ministers Alliance will be distributing Thanksgiving boxes at Legion Field and Trailblazer Park Saturday 11/22 beginning at 10:00AM. She encouraged everyone to assist in packing the boxes 11/21. She commended the Street Department for right-of-way cleanup. She reminded everyone that stormwater fees are not used for a specific area but to the entire city in the most beneficial manner.

Being no further business meeting, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Fleeta S. Baggett, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk