

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, FEBRUARY 3, 2020, 6:30 PM.**

Mayor Steve Horton presided with Mayor Pro-Tem Susie Keck, Council members: Hawnethia Williams, Kenneth Morgan, Anthony Henderson, Fleeta Baggett, and, Don T. Floyd, City Manager Scott Andrews, City Clerk Audra M. Gutierrez, and City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. present.

Retired Pastor W J Reid of Springfield Baptist Church 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 Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on January 21, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Scoops owner Susan Kirk stated she is remodeling after 15 years and it was a great process with the City. Ms. Kirk informed everyone Scoops ribbon cutting is on Wednesday at 3 PM.

Mr. Yul Anderson with the US Census Bureau stated he would like the City's help in getting everyone counted during the 2020 Census.

Mr. Mark Thomas stated the need for speed humps in East Haven subdivision due to speeders from thru traffic.

2. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a request for road closure in the downtown area March 27, 2020 for a Special Needs Prom.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a request for road closure in the downtown area April 4, 2020 for Ag Day on the Square.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a request for road closure in the downtown area April 12, 2020 for Easter on the Square.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve to add \$6,000.00 to the City's 2020 fireworks contract for a total of \$51,000.00, to be paid by Friends of Covington Fireworks, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve invoices from December and January in the amount of \$1,083.34 each, payable to Newton County Tomorrow, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve a resolution of the Mayor & Council of the City of Covington supporting HB 774 which would require reporting of any unpermitted release of ethylene oxide to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, and HR 895 which would create a Joint Ethylene Oxide Study Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a budget adjustment of the Covington Housing Authority's CDBG grant for the Administrative fee to be reduced from \$25,000.00 to \$20,000.00 so the \$5,000.00 to be allocated to construction costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Keck to approve Drawdown Request #7 in the amount of \$72,000.00, for the CDBG Drainage Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 10. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the best bid from GWES,LLC in the amount of \$149,900.00, for Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) Master Plan.

Bid Summary	
Consultant	Cost
GWES, LLC	\$149,900.00
Keck & Wood	\$140,000.00
Carter & Sloope	No bid
Thomas & Hutton	No bid

Motion carried unanimously.

- 11. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve an invoice payable to the Solomon Corporation in the amount of \$44,479.00, to refurbish electrical regulators.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a payback of a utility over billing to the Newton County BOC the amount of ½ of the total of \$502,000.00 by February 15th and to negotiate the remaining balance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Carlton Trail resident discussed wanting raised crosswalks on Carlton Trail for the safety of the community and to slow down traffic.

The City Manager presented the latest weekly report.

Council member Henderson stated he will see everyone at the retreat.

Council member Floyd informed every one of the upcoming First United Methodist Church’s Active Shooter Seminar.

Council member Williams discussed a bulk waste issue at Harristown Park that was taken care of by Barbara of Latham Home Sanitation.

Council member Morgan stated he would like to see a policy/ordinance in place that requires developers to install traffic control devices.

Council member Baggett stated she is looking forward to the retreat. Council member Baggett further stated she has witnessed issues in East Have firsthand.

Mayor's comments:

- Nisshinbo's grand re-opening scheduled for April 14th
- Received a letter from Congressman Jody Hice
- Council retreat tomorrow and Wednesday at the FFA Camp

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk