

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, TELECONFERENCE, APRIL 6, 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.

Mayor Steve Horton gave the invocation.

1. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on March 16, 2020, as amended: Motion 4, change to, "seconded by Council member Morgan."

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve the minutes from the Emergency Called Meeting held on March 19, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve the minutes from the Emergency Called Meeting held on March 20, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve the minutes from the Emergency Called Meeting held on March 25, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve the minutes from the Called Meeting held on March 27, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Morgan to 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 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **ADOPTING CHAPTER 10.20 (SHAREABLE POWERED MOBILITY DEVICES)**, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

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

7. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan 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 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISION OF TITLE 8 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING CHAPTER 8.04 (GARBAGE, YARD TRIMMING AND WEEDS)** THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Floyd to amend the agenda to change item 19 to “Discussion of electric rate study and potential future increase in electric rates.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the low bid from GA Conservancy in the amount of \$18,875.00, to conduct a Housing/Land Use Study.

Bids for Housing/Land Use Study	
Company Name	Bid Amount
The Georgia Conservancy	\$18, 875.00
Carl Vinson Institute of Governments	\$24,000.00
Clark Patterson & Lee	\$32,085.00
Croy Engineering	\$30,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to extend a moratorium on the development of multi-family dwelling units in the City of Covington for 6 months.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve a Traffic Calming Policy, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the local bid from Thomas & Hutton in the amount of \$47,356.00, for the Glover Street Drainage project.

Task No.	Task Description	Triple Point	Company		
			① T&H	K&W	Atlas
1	Survey	\$17,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,500.00	\$25,788.00
2	Subsurface Investigation	\$6,675.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,500.00
3	Design	\$7,120.00	\$13,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$57,692.00
4	Construction Documents	\$7,400.00	\$31,856.00	\$23,000.00	\$7,944.00
5	Bid Services	\$5,280.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,280.00	\$53,718.75
Total		\$43,475.00	\$47,356.00	\$88,780.00	\$152,642.75

① Survey and subsurface investigation costs are included in tasks #3 and #4.

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

- 13. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the low bid from GRESCO in the total amount of \$229,992.32, to purchase of six (6) 750 kVA 120/208 volt transformers, two (2) 1000 kVA 277/480 volt transformers, two (2) 1500 kVA 277/480 volt transformers, and two (2) 2000 kVA 277/480 volt transformers for the Electric Department.

	GRESCO	Irby
750 kVA 120/208	\$15,766.00	\$19,208.00
1000 kVA 277/480	\$19,472.00	\$19,182.00
1500 kVA 277/480	\$21,305.16	\$26,890.00
2000 kVA 277/480	\$26,921.00	\$26,038.00

Motion carried unanimously.

- 14. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve changing the City’s Fiber Lease rate to \$450.00 per month and include the cost of construction (equipment & labor) be borne by the customer.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 15. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve depositing the 2019 MEAG Power Year-end Settlement in the amount of \$981,469.00 in the New Generation and Capacity Funding Account – Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 16. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve crediting the 2018 Year-end MEAG Telecom Project Settlement in the amount of \$2,511.00 to the monthly bill.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 17. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to change item 19 to, “Discussion of the **first** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington.”

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

18. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve the **first** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington, with an effective date to October 1st:

"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 AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3 (SCHEDULES) OF CHAPTER 13.08 (ELECTRIC SYSTEM) OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**"

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

19. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a resolution to enforce compliance with Georgia Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Order 04.02.20.01.

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

20. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Morgan to appoint members to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA):

Ms. Barbara Morgan
Mr. Teto Stone

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Floyd thanked IHOP and Chick-fil-a for supporting public safety.

Council member Williams stated she is doing better each day. Council member Williams asked everyone to keep those families who lost loved ones to COVID-19

in their prayers.

Council member Morgan stated the City needs to put the pre-paid metering in place. Council member Morgan asked to keep his family in their prayers due to losing a niece recently in a domestic violence incident in Atlanta.

Mayor's comments:

- Covington Charter office will be temporary closing due to distancing issue in the office but will still be handling business 24/7
- Need to make a decision soon regarding July 4th

Mayor Horton asked everyone to look after each other.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk