

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, TELECONFERENCE, MAY 18, 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 Horton gave the invocation.

1. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 4, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck 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 PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTION 10.18.030 (OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS) OF CHAPTER 10.18 (MOTORIZED CARTS)** THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to amend the agenda to remove item 11 – Vulnerable Road Users Ordinance.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to amend the agenda to add, “Discussion of request from Newton County to waive permit fees for Law Enforcement Center.”

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of emails sent to Congressman Johnson's staff members in support of Nuclear Protection Tax Credits."

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to postpone the Stars and Stripes Fest 2020 until Sunday, September 6, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a Master Agreement with the PATH Foundation, Inc. to design and manage the construction of trails in the City of Covington.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a resolution for Phase II Red Trail.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a short-term 30-day contract with Green Rock Strategies, LLC for leachate disposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to appoint Council member Williams voting delegate for the GMA Annual Membership Business Meeting to be held on Thursday, July 2nd from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

Motion carried with Council members Keck, Morgan, Baggett, Floyd, and

Henderson voting for. Council member Williams recused herself from voting.

11. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve adding the reimbursement of fees, up to the IRS limit, to the City's Tuition Reimbursement Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve an invoice payable to Reedwick, LLC in the amount of \$29,800.00, for traffic signal maintenance.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a request from Newton County to waive permit fees for Law Enforcement Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve emails sent to Congressman Johnson's staff members in support of Nuclear Protection Tax Credits, ex post facto.

Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the City Manager:

- City Hall open for appointments this week
- May 26th City Hall to re-open
- Officer Matt Cooper returned to work today

Mayor Horton suggested signage at City Hall.

Council member Baggett recommended removing the furniture from the lobby to discourage customers from sitting to close.

Council member Williams stated there are issues with social distancing in the downtown area during recent events.

Council member Floyd stated there was a private event at Academy Springs Park recently.

Council member Keck asked everyone to have a safe Memorial Day. Council member Keck stated the City needs to promote safety through social media and the City's website.

Council member Morgan stated the City needs to educate the public on the current Governor's order.

Council member Floyd reminded everyone what Memorial Day is about and asked everyone to look at the 83 crosses at the corner of Highway 278 and Emory Street.

Mayor's comments:

- Have a safe Memorial Day
- Continue to social distance
- GMA mask mandate
- IDA needs to work together as a whole and work through differences

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk