

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, TELECONFERENCE, JUNE 1, 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 Keck to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 18, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to approve an amendment to contract with Pyrotecnico changing date to September 6th for fireworks in the downtown area.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Henderson to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) application."

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Morgan to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of Council Meeting status beyond June 1st meeting."

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a request for road closure June 16 – 18, 2020 on Lochridge Blvd between Prater Drive and Lake Forrest Court to allow the installation of a back-up generator at BD Covington.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve resolution for the acceptance GDOT for Cares Act Funding for the Covington Municipal Airport.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a System Maintenance Agreement No. 8 with L3Harris in the amount of \$215,871.00 (will be cost shared with the county), for the Covington-Newton 911 Center.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a State of Georgia contract bid from Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. in the amount of \$149,309.11, to purchase playground equipment for Central Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve an agreement with Flock Group Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 annually, for 20 cameras for the Covington Police Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to authorize the Fire Department to seek bids to purchase an aerial platform apparatus.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the **first** 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 ADOPTING **CHAPTER 8.26 (BOARDED UP STRUCTURES)** THERETO, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Council to allow the Planning & Zoning Director to apply for Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) status on behalf of the City.

It was the consensus of the Council to wait and see what the Governor decides with regards to Council Meeting status beyond the June 1st meeting.

The City Attorney stated the state is still under a Public Health Emergency until July 13th.

Mr. Tyler Still discussed moving the monument on the square.

Council member Morgan informed Mr. Still the square is the property of the county and not the City.

Comments from the City Manager:

-County and City staff met with 159 Films

Marketing & Communications Manager Trey Sanders stated the City is hosting a Drive-in Movie Theatre at Legion Field on June 12th.

Covington Police Chief Stacey Cotton stated a permit for a protest on the square has been granted for Wednesday, June 3rd from 10 AM – 3 PM.

Council member Floyd stated two of his classmates were killed this past weekend in a car wreck and asked everyone to keep the family in their prayers.

Council member Williams stated the City is moving forward and tonight was a great meeting.

Mayor's comments:

- Several new employees are coming on-board
- New building official will start soon
- Thanks to Council for what they have taken on
- Scott and Danielle moved to Covington this weekend
- Appreciative to the citizens for what they do
- GMA asking for information for CARES Act funding
- Will be out of town Wednesday until Saturday; Mayor Pro-tem will be in town

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk