

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, JULY 6, 2021, 6:30 PM.**

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

Council Morgan gave the invocation.

Mayor Horton led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Horton presented a proclamation commemorating the 26th Amendment Day.

1. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve the minutes from the Called Meeting held on June 16, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 21, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held at 6:46 PM concerning a Special Use Permit to allow to allow an auto & truck repair facility to be located in the M1 Light Industrial District.

3. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to **deny** a SUP to allow an auto & truck repair facility to be located at 9126 A Industrial Blvd.

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held at 6:54 PM concerning a Special Use Permit to allow to allow an automotive parts and accessories store to be located in the NM Neighborhood Mixed-Use District. Both Jeffrey Lassiter and property owner Glen Hayes spoke in favor of the SUP.

4. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a SUP to allow an automotive parts and accessories store to be located at 6166 Washington Street with conditions as stated by staff.

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

A public hearing was held at 7:18 PM to discuss an updated Urban Redevelopment Plan. Ms. Tania Celis with CPL was in attendance to answer any questions. Covington Redevelopment Authority Chairman Kim Carter spoke in support of updating the plan.

5. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a resolution updating the Urban Redevelopment Plan and for other purposes.

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

6. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Morgan to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of code enforcement issues."

Motion carried unanimously.

Covington Housing Authority Executive Director Shamika Tucker was in attendance to discuss the Eviction Moratorium that is ending July 31st, 2021.

7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for **off - premises consumption** only for:

Pure Food Mart

4120 Washington Street

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve acceptance of proposed allocated federal funding in the amount of \$76,000.00, for the Design Taxiway A2 Relocation project at the Covington Municipal Airport.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Morgan to resolution adopting the Newton County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 Update.

Motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Willie Davis was in attendance to express his concerns regarding the trail crossing on West and the need for flashing beacon. Pastor Davis stated he would like to see it installed in the first phase of the project.

Mr. Archie Shepherd was in attendance to express his concerns regarding a resident's issue with her landlord and his being on the Planning Commission. He believes it's a conflict of interest.

Comments from the City Manager:

- Great July 4th event
- Chief Cotton's first day back
- Email from Community Development regarding the number of visitors to Covington

Council member Henderson asked for an update on the Puckett Street Project.

Public Works Director Kevin Sorrow gave a brief update.

Council member Henderson stated he recently got engaged.

Council member Williams discussed issues with residents on Puckett Street stated the City does not care with regards to speeding vehicles and loud music.

Council member Keck stated the July 4th fireworks display was great and thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor's comments:

- City alone cannot address the issues on Puckett Street, community needs to be involved
- 4th of July fireworks was a great show
- Speed limit signs and use of traffic studies
- Look into creating a policy/ordinance to require new developments to conduct traffic and school impact study

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk