

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, AUGUST 16, 2021, 6:30 PM.

Mayor Steve Horton, Mayor Pro-tem Hawnethia Williams, Council members: Susie Keck, Fleeta Baggett, Anthony Henderson, and Don T. Floyd, City Manager Scott Andrews, Assistant City Manager John King, City Clerk Audra M. Gutierrez, and Associate Attorney Robert H. Stansfield present. Council member Kenneth Morgan and City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. were absent.

Mayor Horton gave the invocation.

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

Council member Henderson entered the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Mayor Horton administered the oath of office to new Covington Police officers Jonathan Sugg and Adler Piersaint

Introduction of the W.E. L.E.A.D. Program by ICMA Fellow Maddi Powers and CPD Sgt. Starr Smith

1. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 2, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Floyd 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 12 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTION 12.20.010 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 12.20 (PARKS)** THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of the City's Property and Casualty insurance renewal."

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for **on-premises consumption** only for:

Tiffany's Hometown Buffet 4122 Emory Street

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a license for alcoholic beverages for **Personal Service Beer and/or Wine License** only for:

The Wildflower Collective, LLC 8230 Hazelbrand Road, NE Ste A

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Floyd to table the discussion of the Hwy 278 CID until a Called Meeting to be held on 8/24 at 5 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Williams to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of City Janitorial Services Contract."

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the low bid from Lashley Tractor in the amount of \$60,423.00, to purchase a compact track loader for the Land Application System.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the low bid from Lashley Tractor in the amount of \$60,423.00, to purchase a compact track loader for the Water and Sewer Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Education for a joint water relocation/construction project at the East Side High School Access Roads at SR 142 and US 278/SR 12.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Williams to approve an agreement with SDH Atlanta, LLC for the installation of Natural Gas Mains for Westbridge Subdivision.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Tax Collection Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve levying the 2021 Millage Rate at 6.884 mils.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Baggett approve renewing the City's Property and Casualty insurance in the amount of \$598,200.00, payable to Gary Massey Agency, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Keck to approve to mutually terminate the janitorial contract with All Clean Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a contract with Building Maintenance Services in the yearly amount of \$75,480.00, to fulfill the remainder of current janitorial contract with the addition of more two days a week in the amount of \$4,320.00, to clean the museum for a total of \$79,800.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Covington Ford's Matt Crowe discussed the proposed developments near the dealership, one with 315 units, another with 1000 units, and one with 400 units within two years. Mr. Crowe suggested collaborating with Newton County to ensure we have a plan to grow responsibly. Mr. Crowe stated the City needs more retail businesses.

Comments from the City Manager:

- Conyers Street Project Charrette TBA
- Looking into speed limits on City streets
- The City does not have PCards
- Future discussion on golf carts

Council member Floyd stated he would like to see golf cart rental businesses in the City.

Council member Williams stated she would like to the speed limit on Conyers Street looked at and new signage. Council member Williams thanked everyone for their support during the last 16 years and stated she will be retiring.

Council member Baggett stated she has not seen any information from P & Z regarding new developments.

Council member Keck stated all of the developers are coming to the City at the same time. Council member Keck further stated she would like to see an ordinance regarding Air B&Bs and protection from party houses. Council member Keck expressed her concerns regarding the COVID numbers and stated the hospitals are full.

Mayor's comments:

- City Attorney working on development standards and SUPs
- COVID #s are extremely high, City's Mask Order still in effect
- Could possibly see teleconference meetings in the future
- Traffic Study data coming in the near future

17. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to enter into Executive Session at 8:02 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to enter back in to Regular Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk