

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,  
GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, NOVEMBER 1, 2021, 6:30 PM.**

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

Mayor Horton gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Horton administered the Oath of Office to new Covington Police Officer Marcia Lawrence.

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1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 18, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

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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 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 16 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTION 16.16.020 (PERMITTED USES) AND ADOPTING SECTION 16.20.615 (RECREATIONAL GOODS RENTAL)**; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

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

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3. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Williams to remove item 4, “Discussion of bids for a shot spotter for the Covington Police Department” from the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Baggett to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of appointment to Citizen's Review Board."

Motion carried unanimously.

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5. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Keck to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of Consent by the City as "Grantee" under that certain Deed to Secure Debt with Power of Sale for an Access and Temporary Construction and Slope Easement for TRG Washington Street."

Motion carried unanimously.

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6. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to amend the agenda to add, "Discussion of Terms and Conditions for Public Safety Officials and First Responders Pay Supplement."

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<b>City Pharmacy</b>	<b>1105 Church St</b>
<b>El Chaparro</b>	<b>6193 Hwy 278</b>
<b>Mystic Grill</b>	<b>1116 Clark Street</b>
<b>OSAKE</b>	<b>2123 Usher Street, NW</b>
<b>Tello's Mexican Grill</b>	<b>4139 Hwy 278 NW</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

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8. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for **off-premises consumption** only for:

**Beverage Mall  
Hester Package Store**

**7254 Washington Street, SW  
5148 Washington Street**

Motion carried unanimously.

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9. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the best bid from Darnel Quick Recovery for collection services, pending legal review of contract.

- Darnel Quick Recovery, Inc. – 33% of principal balance collected, 35% recovery rate
- Nationwide Recovery Service ("NRS") – 18.5% of principal balance collected, 8-10% recovery rate
- Debexpert/ TRIL 1 LP – bid disqualified due to not to specifications

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

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10. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve submitting a Build Back Better Regional Challenge letter as part of application for the Economic Development Administration Public Works grant, expost facto.

Motion carried unanimously.

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11. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a resolution from the Hwy 278 CID for the purpose of applying for a grant from the 2022 TIP Solicitation program to fund the utilities and construction portion of Phase I of the Hwy 278 CID Master Plan from Exit 90 to Emory St.

Motion carried unanimously.

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12. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve an Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) FY21 Year-end Statement and Contract Payment Reimbursement in the amount of \$9,940.23, to be refunded via check.

Motion carried unanimously.

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13. Motion made by Council member Keck seconded by Council member Floyd to approve the proposed 2022 Council Meeting calendar:

January 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	July 5 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>
February 7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	August 1 <sup>st</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>
March 7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	September 6 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>
April 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	November 7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
June 6 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	December 12 <sup>th</sup>

Motion carried unanimously.

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14. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Floyd to appoint Rev. Barbara Brown to the Citizen's Review Board to fill the unexpired term of Michael Syphoe.

Motion carried unanimously.

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15. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the execution of an agreement that allows the Consent by the City as "Grantee" under that certain Deed to Secure Debt with Power of Sale for an Access and Temporary Construction and Slope Easement for TRG Washington Street.

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

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16. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to allow the City Clerk to execute the Terms and Conditions for Public Safety Officials and First Responders Pay Supplement.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Scotty Scoggins, Director of the Vampire Run, thanked the Community Development Department for all of their help during the race.

The Assistant City Manager stated the YMCA's Trick or Treat on the Trail was a great success.

Council member Floyd informed every one of the American Legion's Veterans Day Ceremony. Council member Floyd stated Rev. Don Martin will be the keynote speaker. Council member Floyd asked everyone to keep former retiree Rob Christopher in their prayers due to his daughter's recent passing. Council member Floyd stated he has been asked when the City will be putting the hammocks back up and where. Council member Floyd stated he would like the status of the Health Insurance RFP and Homestead Exemption.

Council member Henderson asked that the election location be posted again.

Council member Baggett inquired again as to how monies given to the NC BOC for homelessness was spent.

The City Manager stated he would follow up with the County Manager tomorrow.

Council member Morgan stated he would like the stipulations for the old Hayes Furniture building followed up with regards to the business moving there. Council member Morgan inquired about signs erected at apartments on West Street.

Council member Williams stated she would like a report of code enforcement compliance issues. Council member Williams further stated there have been reports from the community there is too much time given by the court to violators.

Council member Morgan stated he would like a report from the Municipal Judge regarding code enforcement issues.

Mayor's comments:

- Has heard about code enforcement issues
- Executive Session to discuss personnel on 11/10 at 6:30 PM

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

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Steve Horton, Mayor

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Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk