

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,  
GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, DECEMBER 13, 2021, 6:30 PM.**

Mayor Steve Horton, Mayor Pro-tem Hawnethia Williams, Council members: Kenneth Morgan, 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. Council member Fleeta Baggett.

Council member Morgan gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Horton informed everyone Council member Baggett is absent due to being in the hospital.

Mayor Horton stated the City had a reception for Council member Williams before the council meeting.

Mayor Horton informed everyone the City lost another retiree – Bobby Joe English and long term School Board attorney Kent Campbell.

Mayor Horton administered the Oath of Office to new Covington Police officers: Jorge Escorza, Tia Cupitt, and Torey Jones.

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1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on November 15, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Motion made by Council member Morgan, 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 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 16.20.710 (TEMPORARY STRUCTURE) OF  
CHAPTER 16.20 (SUPPLEMENTAL USE PROVISIONS),  
TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.”**

Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Morgan to remove item #6, discussion of development of Callaway Property – 395 Apartment Units.

Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to amend the agenda to add, “Discussion of RFPs for easement acquisition for the Eastside Sanitary Sewer Basin improvement project.”

Motion carried unanimously.

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5. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to amend the agenda to add, “Discussion of sole source bid to purchase a shot spotter detecting system for CPD.”

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<b>Blockers Soul Food</b>	<b>6129 Hwy 278 NW</b>
<b>Chili’s Grill &amp; Bar</b>	<b>14480 Paras Drive</b>
<b>Jim Stalvey’s Restaurant &amp; Lounge</b>	<b>3132 Hwy 278 NE</b>
<b>Johnny’s New York Style Pizza</b>	<b>10176 Carlin Drive</b>
<b>Ms. Tonya’s Soul Food</b>	<b>8105 Washington Street</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<b>ALDI # 48</b>	<b>11152 Hwy 142 N</b>
<b>Bonds BP</b>	<b>8145 Washington Street</b>
<b>Citgo Food Mart</b>	<b>3251 Hwy 278 NW</b>
<b>CVS/Pharmacy # 4695</b>	<b>4183 Hwy 278 NE</b>
<b>Emory Mart</b>	<b>2117 Emory Street</b>
<b>Kroger # 214</b>	<b>3139 Hwy 278 NE</b>
<b>La Tampiquena</b>	<b>7134 Hwy 278 NE</b>
<b>Pace Street BP</b>	<b>2106 Pace Street</b>
<b>Pure Food Mart</b>	<b>4120 Washington Street</b>
<b>Walgreens # 13760</b>	<b>3188 Hwy 278 NE</b>
<b>Walmart # 459</b>	<b>10300 Industrial Blvd NE</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

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

<b>Bread and Butter</b>	<b>1124 Monticello Street</b>
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Motion carried unanimously.

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9. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a **Personal Service beer and/or wine license** only for:

<b>Melon Salon, LLC</b>	<b>1123 Church Street, Ste 102</b>
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Motion carried unanimously.

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10. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve applications for a **Beer and Wine Retail amenity**:

<b>Ridge Avenue</b>	<b>1120 Monticello Street, SW</b>
<b>The Dude Store</b>	<b>1144 Monticello Street</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

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11. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a license for wholesalers only for:

**Leon Farmer & Company      100 Rail Ridge Road, Athens, GA**  
**Northeast Sales Dist. Inc.    840 Ronald Wood Road, Winder, GA**

Motion carried unanimously.

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12. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve the low bid from Anixter in the amount of \$337,934.00, to purchase LED street lighting and High-mast lighting for the Electric Department.

Anixter	\$337,934.00 (6-8 week delivery)
Graybar	\$355,262.74 (6-8 week delivery)
Irby	\$361,063.00 (7-8 week delivery)

Motion carried unanimously.

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13. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve to place 100% of funds from the MEAG Off-System Sales Margins & Voluntary Deposits into the Flexible Operating Account, Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio.

Motion carried unanimously.

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14. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve Amendment Two to the City of Covington Defined Contribution Retirement Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

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15. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Williams to remove item #10, "Discussion of CHIP Grant."

Motion carried unanimously.

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16. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve execution of Certification of 911 Expenditures for the Year Ended 06/30/21, expost facto.

Motion carried unanimously.

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17. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Williams to approve execution of Validation of Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Gas Portfolio V Project Bonds, expost facto.

Motion carried unanimously.

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18. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a resolution to increase the City's contribution to the IDA by \$20,000.00, for Economic Development services.

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

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19. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to appoint Tim Fleming to the Planning Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Charika Davis.

Motion carried unanimously.

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20. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to appoint Jim Maxwell to the Historic Preservation Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Mike Cox.

Motion carried unanimously.

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21. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to appoint Barbara Schmitt to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Motion carried unanimously.

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22. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to appoint Lakeisha Thurman to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Motion carried unanimously.

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23. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to appoint Shannon Buff Citizen Review Board, to fill the unexpired term of Pat Showalter.

Motion carried unanimously.

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The Mayor and Council acknowledged receipt of the City Manager appointments for 2022.

John King

Audra Gutierrez

Cheryl Freeman

Stacey Cotton

Bobby Johnson

Tres Thomas

Mike Jewell

Joel Smith

Lee Harvey

Kevin Sorrow

Jeremy Holmes

Paul Dailey

Trudy Henry

Randy Smith

Trey Sanders

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24. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the best RFP from Value Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$91,875.00, for easement acquisition for the Eastside Sanitary Sewer Basin improvement project.

	Cost Summary		
	Value Concepts	Single Point	BMK
	\$ 91,875.00	\$ 90,182.00	\$ 115,500.00

SinglePoint Acquisition Group RFP does not include property appraisals.

Motion carried unanimously.

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25. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve the sole source bid from Flock Group, Inc. in the amount of \$41,250.00 for year one and \$37,500.00 for each recurring year, to purchase a shot spotter detecting system, which also detects glass breakage and squealing tires, for the Covington Police Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Horton recognized Boy Scout Troop 222 members in the audience.

Ms. Thelma Starr Nolley thanked Council member Williams for her service to the community and congratulated Council member Keck for getting re-elected. Ms. Nolley discussed former City Sanitation workers and Code Enforcement issues.

Comments from the City Manager:

- Thanks to Council member Williams for her service to the City
- Please keep Council member Baggett in everyone's prayers

ICMA Fellow Bailey Dickinson gave an update on the proposed warming shelter.

Assistant City Manager John King stated the City sent two crews to Kentucky to help after the tornado damage.

Council member Morgan thanked Council member Williams for her mentorship and leadership.

Council member Keck stated she is praying for Council member Baggett with regards to her upcoming surgery. Council member Keck further stated she has learned a lot from Council member Williams.

Council member Keck wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Council member Floyd thanked Council member Williams for service to the City. Council member Floyd thanked the crews that went to Kentucky. Council member Floyd asked everyone to pray for Council member Baggett and his wife, Marcia, who will be having surgery later in the week.

Council member Henderson thanked Council member Williams for everything she has done for Covington.

Mayor Horton congratulated Council member Williams on her upcoming retirement and stated she may be gone but not forgotten. Mayor Horton asked everyone to prayer for Council member Baggett. Mayor Horton wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Council member Williams thanked everyone for their kind words at her reception earlier. Council member Williams stated she will keep Council member Baggett in her prayers. Council member Williams thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to serve Covington and stated it has been an honor to be a servant leader in the community. Council member Williams further stated Covington is exceptional because of the people that live here.

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26. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to enter into Executive Session at 8:43 PM for the purpose of discussing land opportunities.

Motion carried unanimously.

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27. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to enter back into Regular Session at 9:04 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

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28. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a Contract of Sale with Newton Investments, LLC to purchase City/County owned property containing 34.928 acres in the amount of \$50,000.00 per acre and a variance to allow painted structures.

Motion carried unanimously.



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Being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

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Steve Horton, Mayor

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Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk