

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, APRIL 18, 2022, 6:30 PM.

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

New Enon Baptist Church's Pastor Eric Threets 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 recognizing GMA's Georgia Cities Week for April 24-30, 2022.

1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on March 29, 2022, with correction to motion 8, changing net buildable area.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Davis to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on April 4, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held at 6:45 PM concerning a text amendment adopting SECTION 16.20.135 (BREWERIES, BREWPUBS AND DISTILLERIES).

3. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the **final** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington, with the change - food sales must equal 20% of by the drink sales excluding Distilleries with tastings & tours only:

“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 PROVISIONS OF

TITLES 5 AND 16 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTIONS 5.12.030 (DEFINITIONS) AND 5.12.050 (LOCATION) OF CHAPTER 5.12 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES), AMENDING SECTION 16.08.010 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 16.08 (INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS), AND ADOPTING SECTION 16.20.135 (BREWERIES, BREWPUBS AND DISTILLERIES) TO CHAPTER 16.20 (SUPPLEMENTAL USE PROVISIONS) THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**”

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

A public hearing was held at 7 PM concerning a text amendment adding SECTION 16.28.070 (BONUS DENSITY CRITERIA) TO CHAPTER 16.28.025 (BUILDING TYPOLOGY). Scott Daniell, Chase Beasley, and Bill Dashiell spoke in favor of the amendment.

4. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson 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 PROVISIONS OF TITLE 16 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING CHAPTER 16.28 (CIVIC DESIGN), AND ADDING SECTION 16.28.070 (BONUS DENSITY CRITERIA) TO CHAPTER 16.28.025 (BUILDING TYPOLOGY)** THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

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

A public hearing was held at 7:14 PM concerning a text amendment amending SECTION 16.20.235 (DWELLING, SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED).

5. Motion made by Council member Henderson, 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 16TH 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 16.20.235 (DWELLING, SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED) TO CHAPTER 16.20 (SUPPLEMENTAL USE PROVISIONS)** THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Davis 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 13 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **ADOPTING SECTION 13.08.330 (RENEWABLE ENERGY CUSTOMER AGREEMENT TARIFF NO.1) OF CHAPTER 13.08 (ELECTRIC SYSTEM)** THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Baggett to amend the agenda to add, “Discussion of steering committee appointees for the upcoming Comp Plan update.”

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Floyd to amend to add, “Discussion of directing the Finance Director on behalf of the Council to elect the “standard allowance” for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) through ARPA.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Davis to amend the agenda to add, “Discussion of exception to the purchasing policy

by designating Ross and Associates as the preferred consultants for providing Impact Fee Structure.”

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held at 7:25 PM concerning a request to rezone from NR-2 (Neighborhood Residential District – Sec. 2) to NM (Neighborhood Mixed Use). Local resident Lamar Brown spoke against the rezone citing it was not a good for the neighborhood.

10. Motion made by Council member Keck seconded by Council member Baggett to **deny** a request for 5186 Hartsook Drive.

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing was held at 7:53 PM concerning proposed Downzones.

11. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to approve proposed Downzones on Washington Street, Brown Bridge Road, Turner Lake Road, Jackson Hwy, MLK Jr. Avenue, and Hwy 142.

Motion carried with Council members Baggett, Henderson, and Floyd voting for. Council members Baggett and Davis voting against.

A public hearing was held at 7:56 PM concerning a text amendment with regards to adding *Homeless Shelter* language. Olinda Ricard-Hodge spoke in favor of the text amendment.

12. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Davis 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 PROVISIONS OF TITLE 16 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 16.08.010 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 16.08 (INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS), AMENDING SECTION 16.16.020 (PERMITTED USES) OF CHAPTER 16.16 (STANDARD ZONING DISTRICTS), AND **ADOPTING SECTION 16.20.345 (HOMELESS SHELTER)** TO CHAPTER

16.20 (SUPPLEMENTAL USE PROVISIONS) THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

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

A public hearing was held at 8:10 PM concerning a SUP to allow an Adult Day Care facility in the NR 2 zone. Both Gail Tucker and Dorothy Mae Jackson spoke in favor of the SUP.

13. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Davis to approve a SUP to allow an Adult Day Care facility to be located at 9135 Ford Street, with conditions.

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

A public hearing was held at 8:24 PM concerning a SUP to allow for a community access group facility that will assist intellectually disabled adaptive skills for socialization and independent living.

14. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a SUP to allow a community access group facility at 4136 Newton Drive NE, with conditions.

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Davis to approve appointees for Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Steve Horton, Mayor
Kenneth Morgan, Councilmember
Fleeta Baggett, Councilmember
Scott Andrews, City Manager
Tres Thomas, City Engineer, Development Director
John King, Assistant City Manager
Marc Beechuk, City Planning Director
Serra Hall, Newton Development Authority
Shamica Tucker, Covington Housing Authority
Cathy Laseter, Community Member
Shawn McGovern, Planning Commission Vice-chair

Willie Davis, Community Member
Janet Goodman, Community Member, HPC

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Davis to approve directing the Finance Director on behalf of the Council to elect the “standard allowance” for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) through ARPA

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve an exception to the purchasing policy by designating Ross and Associates as the preferred consultants for providing Impact Fee Consulting Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Clara Lett thanked the Council for approving the first reading adding *Homeless Shelter* language.

Comments from the Assistant City Manager:

- Commended P & Z for meeting tonight
- Great first day of retreat

Council member Baggett stated she will be having surgery on Wednesday to restore her voice.

Council member Davis thanked everyone who came out for the recent clean-up on the Sandhill Community.

Council member Floyd stated a tree fell on a fence in the cemetery.

Council member Floyd further stated he would like for the City to look into purchasing markers that include flag stands.

Mayor’s Comments:

-Thanks for the retreat today and the work everyone does

Mr. Robert Beasley discussed issues with his water meter being on Old Atlanta Hwy instead of Roseberry Court and requested it to be moved to next to his driveway.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk