

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 17, 2015**

**Council President O'Keefe** called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call was as follows:

**PRESENT:** John Callahan, Jerry Coner, Mark Wright, Larry Rolling, Rick Smith, Lee Alexius and Sam O'Keefe

**ABSENT:** None

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Covington Police Chief Tim Lentz.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Rolling. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the consent calendar. The consent calendar was adopted.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**New Business**

**Items to be voted on:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04** – A Resolution of the Covington City Council Confirming the Rollovers From the 2014 Budget to the 2015 Budget (Alexius)

**Councilman Alexius** led a discussion on Resolution No. 2015-04.

**Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-04, seconded by Councilman Callahan. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2015-04. Resolution No. 2015-04 was adopted.**

**COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

**A. Council District and Committee Reports**

1. **District A** – None.
2. **District B** –

**Councilman Coner** reminded the public that early voting for the March 28<sup>th</sup> election will be available through March 21<sup>st</sup>. Also, he commented that the Council seats for Districts B and E will be on the ballot. Also, his quote for this evening was, "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal" by Albert Pike.

3. **District C** – None.
4. **District D** --

**Councilman Rolling** thanked the citizens of District D for participating in the City-wide cleanup. Upcoming events: Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Relay for Life event in the Village Walk; Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Columbia Street Block Party;

Thursdays in April – Rockin’ the Rails concert series; Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Egg Roll at the Trailhead; Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – the Art Market; The Taste of Covington events begin on April 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>; the Covington Heritage Foundation Antique Festival on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Trailhead; and the Farmer’s Market every Wednesday and Saturday. Also, he encouraged the public to support our local businesses and buy local.

**5. District E –**

**Councilman Smith** thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the City-wide cleanup. He reminded everyone that the Sunset at the Landing concert will be this Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and the Lagniappe at the Landing concert will be held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, he mentioned that NCIS: New Orleans will be filming at the Menetre Boat Launch this Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**6. At Large (Vice President) –**

**Councilman Alexius** gave a recap of the recent HDC meeting: (1) approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a two-family townhome in Ox Lot Square on Florida Street. Also, he gave a recap of the recent P&Z meeting: (1) approval of a request to divide Oak Alley, Phase 4, into Phases 4-A, 4-B and 4-B2; and (2) final subdivision approval for Oak Alley, Phase 4-A, pending the posting of maintenance and performance bonds and completing the items on the punch list. Also, he thanked the committee and others who worked on the horse and carriage ordinance and mentioned that it will be introduced on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, he reported concerns about an eroding pine tree on the south side of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Mile Branch.

**7. At Large (President) – None.**

**B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

**1. Mayor Cooper's comments:**

- (a) He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day;
- (b) He mentioned that today was the judging for the Cleanest City Contest and the results should be announced soon. He thanked all of the participants in the City-wide cleanup and Progressive Waste for providing dumpsters in each Council district;
- (c) He mentioned that on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Mystic Krewe of Olympia will hold its fundraising event, Blue Jeans Ball and Battle of the Bands, from 6 P.M. until 10 P.M. at the Trailhead;
- (d) He mentioned that the contract for the installation of the roof over the basketball court at Peter Atkins’ Park has been signed and the notice to proceed has been issued. Also, he announced that a ground-breaking ceremony is being planned and all supporters will be invited;
- (e) He gave updates on the Hwy. 21 South project; the widening of Collins Boulevard from the bridge to Lee Road/Hwy. 437 and the bridge-widening project;
- (f) He reminded the citizens from Districts B and E that early voting is taking place until March 21<sup>st</sup> for the March 28<sup>th</sup> election;
- (g) He announced that he and his wife, Catherine, are co-hosting a community leaders’ breakfast on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 A.M. until 9 A.M. at Benedict’s Plantation in Mandeville, to benefit Special Olympics Louisiana.

**2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 P.M.



R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE  
Council President



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
Clerk to the Council