

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2014**

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, Larry Rolling, Rick Smith, Lee Alexius
and Sam O'Keefe

ABSENT: Mark Wright

The Invocation was led by Pastor Charles Brumfield of Mt. Zion Pilgrim
Missionary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by St. Tammany Parish President Pat Brister.

APPEARER

St. Tammany Parish President Pat Brister gave an update on the projects in and
around the City of Covington.

Councilman Wright arrived at 6:12 P.M.

Mayor Cooper and City Engineer Daniel Hill gave a Power Point presentation to
update the citizens of Covington on traffic and transportation projects, including
local, parish and state projects, that are currently in progress and/or will soon be in
progress in and around the City of Covington.

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

Unfinished Business

Items to be voted on:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2014-07-03** -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Appendix A Subdivisions, Article 3. Subdivision Applications and Procedures, Sec. 3.6. Major Subdivision Applications and Procedures (Planning Case No. 14-08-01TXT) (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on Item No. 2014-07-03.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by
Councilman Callahan. There were no objections to closing the public hearing.
The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Item No. 2014-07-03, seconded by Councilman Callahan. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2014-07-03. Item No. 2014-07-03 was adopted.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2014-07-04 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Appendix B Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2010, Part 4. General Provisions, Sec. 4.3. Accessory Use Regulations and Sec. 4.5. Supplemental Lot, Yard and Open Space Regulations (Zoning Case No. 14-08-02TXT) (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on Item No. 2014-07-04.

Councilman Wright made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Callahan. There were no objections to closing the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to amend Item No. 2014-07-04 as follows:

Page 1, line 36, to read, "...building may be built or placed in a required side yard..."

Page 1, lines 37 and 38, to read, "...building is not less than three feet from the nearest interior side lot line, three feet from the rear lot line..."

Page 2, lines 9 and 10, to read, "...4. Detached accessory buildings or structures in a rear or side yard shall not be higher..."

Page 2, lines 27 and 28, to read, "...4.502. Building setbacks are measured from the property line to the furthest horizontal projection of the structure (including overhang)..."

Page 2, lines 30 and 31, to read, "...a. Except on corner lots, any accessory building that is not part of the main building may be built or placed in a required side yard..."

Page 2, line 33, to read, "...three feet from the rear lot line..."

Page 2, lines 39 through 44, to read, "...c. A carport attached to or detached from the main building may be constructed or placed in a required side yard and may be attached to an enclosed accessory building providing that the accessory building's front setback conforms with the Performance Standards for the appropriate zoning classification of the main building. Every part of the projection of such carport shall be at least three feet from the side lot line and three feet from the rear lot line..."

Page 2, line 47, to read, "...the side lot line, three feet from the rear lot line..."

Page 3, lines 3 through 5, to read, "...e. A detached garage from the main building may be constructed or placed in a required side yard. The furthest horizontal projection of such garage shall be at least three feet from the side lot line and three feet from the rear lot line..."

Seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to amend Item No. 2014-07-04. Item No. 2014-07-04 was amended.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Item No. 2014-07-04, as amended, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2014-07-04, as amended. Item No. 2014-07-04 was adopted, as amended.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2014-07-05 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Appendix B Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2010, Part 7. Board of Adjustment, Sec. 7.3. Board of Adjustment Meeting Procedure and Sec. 7.4. Board of Adjustment Appeal Process (Zoning Case No. 14-08-03TXT) (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on Item No. 2014-07-05.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Callahan. There were no objections to closing the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Item No. 2014-07-05, seconded by Councilman Rolling. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2014-07-05. Item No. 2014-07-05 was adopted.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council District and Committee Reports

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

Councilman Coner recognized the September birthdays for City employees. Also, his quote for this evening was, "Obedience to our Heavenly Father starts with our loving service to a needy brother" by William A. Ward.

- 3. District C --**

Councilman Wright thanked Mayor Cooper and Daniel Hill for the traffic and transportation presentation this evening.

- 4. District D --**

Councilman Rolling commented that the fourth Covington Business Resource Workshop was held last Friday and was well-attended. He thanked the guest speakers, Senator David Vitter, and other state, parish and local officials. Also, he thanked the CBA for providing refreshments and the media for publicizing the event. He announced that the next workshop will be held in the Spring of 2015. Upcoming events: Sunset at the Landing on September 19th from 6 to 9 P.M. at the Columbia Street Landing; Columbia Street Block Party on September 26th from 6:30 until 9:30 P.M.; and the Farmer's Market every Wednesday and Saturday. Also, he encouraged the public to shop local and support our local economy.

Council President O'Keefe thanked Councilman Rolling and the Administration for hosting the workshop and commented that it was very successful.

5. District E --

Councilman Smith announced that the Playmakers Theater is presenting the play, "The Trip to Bountiful," from September 5th through September 21st. Also, he commented that the Hoops for Kids basketball tournament fundraiser was a terrific event and approximately \$8,000 was raised for the building project. Also, he thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the tournament.

Council President O'Keefe thanked Councilman Smith for the great job he did in helping with the Hoops for Kids fundraiser.

6. At Large (Vice President) --

Councilman Alexius thanked the Mayor, Nahketah Bagby, former Councilwoman Frances Dunn and everyone who helped with the Hoops for Kids fundraiser and commented that it was a great success. Also, he mentioned that P&Z recently unanimously approved three text changes which appeared on the Council's agenda tonight. Also, at the recent HDC meeting, three cases were approved, one of which was for a four foot wrought iron fence for the vacant lot at the corner of East Kirkland and Columbia streets. Also, he announced that a relative of General Covington will attend the Covington Heritage Foundation meeting on Wednesday, September 3rd at 11 A.M. at the Trailhead. Also, he mentioned that the Covington Heritage Foundation will host a membership renewal event and historical presentation on December 11th.

7. At Large (President) --

Council President O'Keefe thanked Ella Mae Selmon for her help with the Hoops for Kids fundraiser. Also, he announced that the September 2nd Council meeting has been cancelled.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

- (a) He thanked Councilman Rolling and the Economic Development Committee for continuing the Covington Business Resource Workshops and commented that the workshops are a benefit to our citizens and business owners.
- (b) He commented that the Hoops for Kids fundraiser was a great event and expects the roof to be built before next year's tournament. Also, he commended State Representative John Schroder for his leadership with regard to this project. Also, he thanked all of the volunteers and the sponsors, Humana, Resource Bank, New Orleans Pelicans and Chevron, for their help with the tournament.
- (c) He thanked the Blossmans from Winos and Tacos for organizing the recent White Linen event which brought many people to downtown Covington.
- (d) He commented that the City's sign ordinance concerning political signs has been challenged as being unconstitutional and requested that the Council review the ordinance. Also, he mentioned that the City will forgo enforcement of the sign ordinance with regard to political signs.

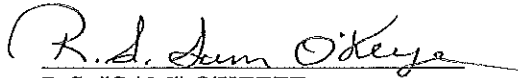
Councilman Alexius stated that the Council has already started the review process of the sign ordinance and the amended ordinance will be introduced in September.

Council President O'Keefe commented that Captain Chris Lang retired from the Covington Police Department after a 33 year career and that he was a true,

dedicated public servant for the City of Covington. He also mentioned that Captain Lang will be recognized for his service at a future Council meeting.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M.


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


BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council