

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2014**

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

Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Jerry Coner, Mark Wright, Larry Rolling, Rick Smith and Sam O'Keefe

ABSENT: John Callahan and Lee Alexius

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain George Bonnett of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office.

APPEARERS

Ms. Sofia Lopez from the National Park Service discussed the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program.

Nanine McCool, candidate for Judge, 22nd JDC, appeared to introduce herself to the Council, Administration and public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilman Rolling. Roll call – Yeas: 5; Absent: 2 (Alexius and Callahan) to adopt the Consent Calendar. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

Unfinished Business

Items to be voted on:

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2014-09-08 – An Ordinance of the City of Covington Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office to Provide a Parishwide Radio System (O'Keefe)

Captain George Bonnett from the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office led a discussion on Item No. 2014-09-08.

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

Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Item No. 2014-09-08, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call – Yeas: 5; Absent: 2 (Alexius and Callahan) to adopt Item No. 2014-09-08. Item No. 2014-09-08 was adopted.

New Business

Items to be voted on:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-23** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Amending Resolution No. 2014-22 (Smith)

City Attorney Rod Rodrigue led a discussion on Resolution No. 2014-23.

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-23, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call – Yeas: 5; Absent: 2 (Alexius and Callahan) to adopt Resolution No. 2014-23. Resolution No. 2014-23 was adopted.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council District and Committee Reports

1. **District A** – Absent.
2. **District B** --

Councilman Coner recognized the October birthdays for City employees.

3. **District C** --

Councilman Wright mentioned there are several traffic and transportation projects underway in his district. Also, he looks forward to the upcoming budget workshops.

4. **District D** --

Councilman Rolling mentioned that eight new businesses applied for occupational licenses in September. Upcoming events: Rockin' the Rails concert series every Thursday in October from 5 to 7 P.M. at the Trailhead; Fall for Art presented by the St. Tammany Art Association on October 18th from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M. in downtown Covington; Sunset at the Landing on October 17th from 6 to 9 P.M. at the Columbia Street Landing; Trickin' or Treatin' Kids Event on October 25th from 10 A.M. until 12 P.M. at the Trailhead; Coffee with the Mayor on October 29th at 9 A.M. at the Trailhead; Columbia Street Block Party on October 31st from 6:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M.; the Covington Art Market on November 1st from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. at the Trailhead; and Three Rivers Art Festival on November 15th and 16th. Also, he announced the National Night Out Against Crime event organized by the Davidsons will be held on Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30 P.M. at the corner of West 20th and Madison Street. Also, he attended a Leadership Revisited program today in which Police Chief Lentz was a guest speaker and commended Chief Lentz on how well he represented Covington.

5. **District E** --

Councilman Smith announced there will be a seminar on Monday, November 10th at 7 P.M. in the Council Chambers to educate the public on dealing with the recent coyote sightings and encounters.

6. **At Large (Vice President)** -- Absent.
7. **At Large (President)** --

Council President O'Keefe reminded the public about the Night Out Against Crime on October 14th. Also, he reminded the public about upcoming work sessions to discuss the 2015 budgets: October 14th at 5 P.M. - Administration and Public Works; October 22nd at 5 P.M. - Police, Fire and Recreation; and October 29th at 5 P.M. if necessary to complete the budget review process. Also, he announced there will be a work session on October 27th at 6 P.M. in the Council Chambers to discuss rental housing and landlord requirements. Also, he announced the Council meeting on November 4th has been cancelled due to the

Election Day holiday and the only meeting in November will be held on November 18th. Also, he announced there will be a St. Tammany Municipal Association dinner meeting on October 15th at the Justice Center.

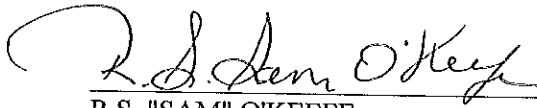
B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

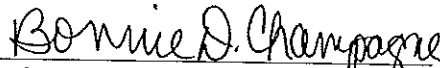
- (a) He thanked the Council for the support in adopting the parish-wide radio system ordinance which was on the agenda this evening.
- (b) He gave a brief update on City projects.
- (c) He announced the American Legion Post 16 on Ronald Reagan Hwy. will host an event honoring our Veterans on Monday, October 13th at 8 A.M. Special guests will be U.S. Senator John McCain and Congressmen Bill Cassidy and Steve Scalise.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.



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



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council