

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 5, 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, Mark Wright, Larry Rolling, Rick Smith,  
Lee Alexius and Sam O'Keefe

ABSENT: None

The Invocation was led by Mr. Charlie Vandercook.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Callahan. 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. 2014-07-01 --** An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Barkley Parc Planned Residential District and the Official Zoning Map of the City of Covington, Louisiana, to Include and Reclassify a 1.67 Acre Parcel of Ground, Situated in Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 11 East (Northwest Corner of West 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Barkley Boulevard), City of Covington, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, From CN (Neighborhood Commercial) to PRD (Planned Residential District) With an RS-1 Single-Family Residential District Base Zoning (Zoning Case No. 14-06-01Rezoning) (Alexius)

Mr. Jeff Schoen, attorney for Barkley Development, led a discussion on Item No. 2014-07-01.

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 Wright made a motion to adopt Item No. 2014-07-01, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2014-07-01. Item No. 2014-07-01 was adopted.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2014-06-06 --** An Ordinance of the City of Covington Declaring Surplus, Fixing the Minimum Price, and Authorizing Sale of Equipment (O'Keefe)

**Mayor Cooper** led a discussion on Item No. 2014-06-06.

**Councilman Rolling** 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 Wright** made a motion to adopt Item No. 2014-06-06, seconded by **Councilman Rolling**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2014-06-06. Item No. 2014-06-06 was adopted.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2014-06-07** -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Decreasing the Boundaries of the City of Covington, Louisiana, Describing the Area to be De-Annexed and Removed Therefo, and Describing the Boundaries to be Excluded From Said Municipality (Alexius)

**City Attorney Rod Rodrigue** led a discussion on Item No. 2014-06-07.

**Councilman Coner** made a motion to table Item No. 2014-06-07, seconded by **Councilman Smith**. Roll call was unanimous to table Item No. 2014-06-07. Item No. 2014-06-07 was tabled pending receipt of action by St. Tammany Parish on the de-annexation request.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2014-07-02** -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the 2014 Budget for Health Insurance, Demolitions of Abandoned Houses and Air Conditioning Condensers at the Greater Covington Center (Alexius)

**Councilman Alexius** led a discussion on Item No. 2014-07-02.

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

**Councilman Callahan** made a motion to adopt Item No. 2014-07-02, seconded by **Councilman Rolling**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2014-07-02. Item No. 2014-07-02 was adopted.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2014-07-06** -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 66 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VI. Offenses Against Municipal Government, Sec. 66-177. Smoking in Municipal Buildings Prohibited (Alexius)

**Councilman Alexius** led a discussion on Item No. 2014-07-06.

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

**Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Item No. 2014-07-06, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2014-07-06. Item No. 2014-07-06 was adopted.**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2014-07-07 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 74 Peddlers, Curbside Solicitors for Nonprofit Donations and Door-to-Door Solicitors (Alexius)**

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

**Councilman Coner 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. 2014-07-07 as follows:**

**Sec. 74-37 on Page 2, line 14, to read, "...via public streets. All persons engaged in door-to-door sales, as herein defined, must have a valid permit on their person, and produce said permit and suitable identification to demonstrate that the solicitor or solicitors are the person identified by the permit upon demand by an occupant or law enforcement officer or agent."**

**Page 2, line 25, to read, "...prospective customer or resident within the city between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. during central standard time and between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. during central daylight savings time or at any time..."**

**Page 2, line 44, to read, "Excluding those promoting political and/or religious ideologies or engaging in other exercise of First Amendment rights or non-profit or charitable organizations, all peddlers, hawkers and door-to-door solicitors shall be required..."**

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

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

## **COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

### **A. Council District and Committee Reports**

#### **1. District A --**

**Councilman Callahan reminded the public about the Hoops for Kids basketball tournament on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> at Peter Atkins Park and mentioned that donations are needed.**

#### **2. District B --**

**Councilman Coner recognized the August birthdays for City employees. Also, his quote for this evening was, "Man is motivated by power, profit and in some cases greed."**

**3. District C --**

**Councilman Wright** reminded the public that Mayor Cooper and Daniel Hill, City Engineer, will give a presentation on traffic and transportation projects at the August 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. He encouraged the public to attend and voice their comments and concerns.

**4. District D --**

**Councilman Rolling** announced that two new businesses applied for occupational licenses in July. Also, he reminded the public that the fourth Business Resource Workshop will be held on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. in the Bogue Falaya Hall. The workshop is entitled, "Workforce Development, Retention, and the Future" and the guest speakers will be Senator David Vitter and other state, parish and local officials. Upcoming events: Sunset at the Landing on August 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 P.M. at the Columbia Street Landing; Hoops for Kids basketball tournament fundraiser on August 16<sup>th</sup>; White Linen Night on August 16<sup>th</sup>; Columbia Street Block Party on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 until 9:30 P.M.; and the Farmer's Market every Wednesday and Saturday.

**5. District E --**

**Councilman Smith** mentioned there will be a CBA meeting tomorrow, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at Bosco's at TerraBella beginning at 5:30 P.M. Also, he reminded everyone about the Hoops for Kids Patron Party on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at The Seiler Bar from 4 P.M. until 7 P.M. Also, he reminded everyone about the White Linen Night on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. on Columbia Street.

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

**Councilman Alexius** mentioned that the BOA recently approved a setback variance request for a new house. Also, he announced that the Council's Housing Committee will be meeting in August to discuss the proposed landlord registration of rental units. Also, he mentioned that the HDC guidelines and procedures will be discussed at the next P&Z meeting. Also, he requested that Administration provide the Council with some potential dates in September/October to schedule the public meetings on the 2015 budget.

**7. At Large (President) --**

**Council President O'Keefe** thanked the Mayor for meeting with him and Councilman Alexius this morning and giving them an update on the affairs of the City.

**B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

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

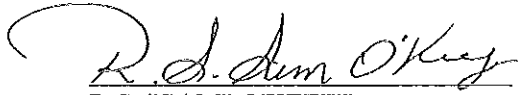
- (a) He announced that for the third year in a row, the City has been recognized with a Community Achievement Award by the LMA and presented the Honorable Mention Award for Community Improvement and Community Development for the submission on the 2013 Bicentennial events.
- (b) He mentioned that the Lagniappe Rockin' the Rails concert on July 12<sup>th</sup> was a great success and thanked the special sponsors, Hornbeck Offshore Services and Covington Brewhouse. Also, he thanked the Cultural Arts and Public Works departments for their work on this event and all those who attended the concert.
- (c) He discussed the Menetre Drive overlay project and asked the citizens to be patient during this construction project.
- (d) He reminded everyone about the Covington Business Resource Workshop scheduled for Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and commended Councilman Rolling and the City Council for sponsoring these workshops for the business community.

(e) He commented that the traffic and transportation presentation scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> will bring the public up to date on projects in and around our city and will also allow for questions and input from the public.

**2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-**

- (a) She reminded everyone that schools will be back in session in the next few days and to be mindful of the school zones. Also, she announced there will be a slight school zone change on Jefferson Avenue in that the school zone will extend from Boston Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- (b) She reminded the public that we are in the height of hurricane season and encouraged everyone to register for Alert St. Tammany.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.



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



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
Clerk to the Council