

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 16, 2013**

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

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Coner.

**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. Absent: Wright. The consent calendar was adopted.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Unfinished Business**

**Items to be voted on:**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2013-03-01 --** 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 3. Use Districts, Section 3.16, CN Neighborhood Commercial and Section 3.17. CBD Community Business (Zoning Case No. 12-11-02TXT) (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion concerning Item No. 2013-03-01.

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

Councilman Rolling made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-03-01, seconded by Councilman Callahan. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2013-03-01. Absent: Wright. Item No. 2013-03-01 was adopted.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2013-03-02 --** 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. 4.1. Off-Street Parking, Sec. 4.113. Limitations (Zoning Case No. 13-02-01TXT) (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion concerning Item No. 2013-03-02.

**Councilman Alexius 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 Coner made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-03-02, seconded by Councilman Callahan. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2013-03-02. Absent: Wright. Item No. 2013-03-02 was adopted.**

#### New Business

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-13** -- A Resolution Ordering and Calling a Special Election to be Held in the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, to Authorize the Renewal of a Special Tax Therein; Making Application to the State Bond Commission in Connection Therewith; and Providing for Others Matters in Connection Therewith (Alexius)

**Council President O'Keefe led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2013-13.**

**Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-13, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2013-13. Absent: Wright. Resolution No. 2013-13 was adopted.**

#### **COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

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

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

**Councilman Callahan** announced that the West 30s will be sponsoring a "Steppin' Out Program" on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 A.M. until 11 A.M. and food will be provided. Also, Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church will be offering free lunches on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

###### **2. District B -- None.**

###### **3. District C -- Councilman Wright was absent.**

###### **4. District D --**

**Councilman Rolling** announced the Economic Development Committee is sponsoring a workshop for the business community on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 A.M. until 12 noon in the Bogue Falaya Hall. This workshop will give business owners ideas and suggestions on how to use Facebook to grow their businesses. Also, he announced that nine businesses applied for occupational licenses in March. Upcoming events: April 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunset at the Landing from 6 P.M. - 9 P.M.; April 20<sup>th</sup> - St. Tammany Art Association Spring for Art from 6 P.M. - 9 P.M.; April 24<sup>th</sup> - Coffee with the Mayor from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M. at the Trailhead; April 26<sup>th</sup> - Columbia Street Block Party from 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.; April 27<sup>th</sup> - Bicentennial Historic Home Tour from 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.; May 1<sup>st</sup> - CBA meeting at the St. Tammany Art Association at 5:30 P.M.; June 29<sup>th</sup> - Bicentennial parade starting at 12:00 P.M.; and Rockin' the Rails on Thursdays in April.

###### **5. District E --**

**Councilman Smith** reminded everyone that April 20<sup>th</sup> is KCB's Paper Shredding Day at 9 A.M. at the Trailhead. Also, he thanked Public Works for their work as a result of the recent heavy rains.

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

**Councilman Alexius** thanked Mayor Cooper for meeting with him and Council President O'Keefe this morning and giving them an update on the affairs of the City. Also, he reported at the last P&Z meeting, the resubdivision of the

Savannahs, Phase 6, was approved for 50 lots. Also, he announced that overall the sales tax collections through the first three months of 2013 were good, up 11% from the same time last year.

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

**Council President O'Keefe** reminded everyone to sign up for emergency alerts on the St. Tammany Parish website.

**B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

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

- (a) Upcoming event - Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, the St. Tammany Art Association will host "Spring for Art".
- (b) He announced the Regional Planning Commission has funded a feasibility study of the Collins Blvd./Hwy. 25/Ronald Reagan Hwy. intersection for possible traffic flow improvements.
- (c) He gave an update on City projects.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 P.M.



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



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
Clerk to the Council