

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2014**

Council President Alexis 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, Sam O'Keefe
and Lee Alexis

ABSENT: Mark Wright

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mandeville Councilman Clay Madden.

Council President Alexis read a quote by the 37th President of the United States,
Richard M. Nixon.

APPEARERS

Police Chief Tim Lentz introduced four new police officers, Officer Lance Benjamin, Officer Darryl Paulette, Officer Brian Pereira and Officer Darren Powell. The new officers were sworn in by City Attorney, Rod Rodrigue. Also, Chief Lentz introduced two officers, Officer Kevin Collins and Officer William Craig, who are graduating from the POST Academy this week.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Callahan. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Absent - 1 (Wright) 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. 2014-02-01 --** An Ordinance of the City of Covington Enlarging the Boundaries of the City of Covington, Louisiana, Describing the Property to be Annexed and Added Thereto as a 4.2 Acre Parcel of Land on the Southwest Corner of U.S. Highway 190 Business (E. Boston Street) and U.S. Highway 190 (Claiborne Pass/Front Street) and Also Classifying this Property as CR (Regional Commercial) as the Zoning District Under the Zoning Laws of the City of Covington (Zoning Case No. 14-02-01ANNEX) (Alexius)

Council President Alexis led a discussion on Item No. 2014-02-01.

Councilman O'Keefe 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 Coner made a motion to adopt Item No. 2014-02-01, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Absent - 1 (Wright) to adopt Item No. 2014-02-01. Item No. 2014-02-01 was adopted.

New Business

Items to be voted on:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10 -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council in Support of Recognizing the Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month (Wright)

Councilman Rolling led a discussion on Resolution No. 2014-10.

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-10, seconded by Councilman Rolling. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Absent - 1 (Wright) to adopt Resolution No. 2014-10. Resolution No. 2014-10 was adopted.

Mayor Cooper presented a Proclamation to Mandeville Councilman Clay Madden in which the City of Covington will recognize the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council District and Committee Reports

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

Councilman Coner recognized the April birthdays for City employees. Also, he encouraged the public to vote on Saturday, April 5th.

- 3. District C -- Absent.**
- 4. District D --**

Councilman Rolling announced that eight businesses applied for occupational licenses in March. Also, he is planning a meeting for the Tyler Street business community in May or June to discuss City activities. Upcoming events: Rockin' the Rails concerts on April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th from 5 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. at the Trailhead; River Sweep and Race on April 5th from 8 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. at Bogue Falaya Park; Art Market presented by the St. Tammany Art Association on April 5th from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. at the Trailhead; A Taste of Covington on April 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th; Spring for Art presented by the St. Tammany Art Association on April 12th from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M.; Egg Rollin' Kids Event on Saturday, April 19th from 10 A.M. until Noon at the Trailhead; Coffee with the Mayor on Wednesday, April 30th at 9 A.M. at the Trailhead; and the Farmer's Market every Wednesday and Saturday.

- 5. District E --**

Councilman Smith reminded everyone that there will be a CBA meeting tomorrow at the Rock N Blues Cafe on North Columbia Street at 5:30 P.M.

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

Councilman O'Keefe reminded everyone about the informational meeting hosted by Recreation District #10 on Monday, April 7th at 6 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

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

Council President Alexis mentioned that early voting will be April 19th through April 26th for the May 3rd election. Also, he thanked the Mayor for meeting with him and Councilmen Coner and O'Keefe this morning and giving them an update on the affairs of the City. Also, he reminded everyone about the important CHDC

meeting on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 P.M. at which time the Master Plan for SSA will be discussed. Also, he mentioned that KCB will host a ceremony and litter cleanup on Friday, April 11th at 9 A.M. at Peter Atkins Park. Also, he mentioned there was a Finance Committee meeting recently and the main topics discussed were the City's health insurance and ad valorem taxes.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

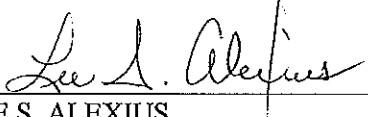
- (a) He urged everyone to vote this Saturday, April 5th and for the Recreation District #10 proposition on Saturday, May 3rd;
- (b) He urged the citizens of Covington to attend the City's events; and
- (c) He congratulated Covington High School for their recent State and National Power lifting championships.

Councilman Rolling asked the Mayor if Public Works was conducting routine clean up of debris in ditches.

Mayor Cooper stated that Public Works maintains the ditches on a regular basis and responds to issues as needed.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.



LEE S. ALEXIUS
Council President



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council