

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2013**

Council President Alexius 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,
Sam O'Keefe and Lee Alexius

ABSENT: None.

Invocation was led by Pastor Brumfield from Mt. Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Hattie Brown.

Council President Alexius read a quote by the 22nd President of the United States, Grover Cleveland.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman O'Keefe 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.

PRESENTATION OF LMA AWARD

Council President Alexius announced that the City was awarded first place for the Louisiana Municipal Association Community Achievement Award for Outstanding Community Improvement in Economic Development for the Covington Business Resource Workshop series. The plaque was presented by Councilman Larry Rolling and Council Clerk Bonnie Champagne to Mayor Cooper and his Executive Assistant, Pam Keller.

REGULAR AGENDA

New Business

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-20** -- A Resolution of the City of Covington Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Covington and St. Tammany Parish to Undertake Eligible Community Development and Housing Assistance Activities Within the City of Covington Jurisdiction and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith, all to be Pre-Approved by the City and Parish Before Activities Take Place (Callahan)

Mayor Cooper led a discussion on Resolution No. 2013-20.

Councilman Callahan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-20, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2013-20. Resolution No. 2013-20 was adopted.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-21** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Authorizing the Use of a Portion of the Unconstructed South Adams Street Between E. 15th Avenue and E. 16th Avenue as a Driveway (Smith)

Councilman Smith led a discussion on Resolution No. 2013-21.

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-21, seconded by **Councilman Rolling**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2013-21. Resolution No. 2013-21 was adopted.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council District and Committee Reports

1. District A --

Councilman Callahan announced that on the third Saturday of each month, Mt. Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church sponsors free dinners to the public. Also, he mentioned that VFW Post 7286 is recruiting new members.

2. District B -- None.

3. District C --

Councilman Wright suggested that the City contact the New Orleans Pelicans to discuss the re-painting of the Peter Atkins basketball court. Also, he asked for feedback from the Council and Administration on the possibility of starting an internship program for high school students.

4. District D --

Councilman Rolling mentioned that he has scheduled a meeting with Malise Prieto to discuss the internship program. Also, he announced that 11 businesses applied for occupational licenses in July. Upcoming events: August 16th - Sunset at the Landing concert, 6 P.M. to 9 P.M.; August 30th - Columbia Street Block Party, 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.; the Farmer's Market every Saturday morning across from the Justice Center and every Wednesday at the Trailhead. Also, the next business workshop will be held in October and more information will be announced in the coming weeks.

5. District E --

Councilman Smith reminded everyone about the CBA meeting tomorrow night at 5:30 at St. Tammany Homestead.

6. At Large (Vice President) --

Councilman O'Keefe announced that the Night Out Against Crime is tonight on 31st Avenue and encouraged the public to attend.

7. At Large (President) --

Council President Alexius thanked Mayor Cooper for meeting with him and Councilman O'Keefe this morning and giving them an update on the affairs of the City. Also, he presented Councilman Smith with a token of appreciation for his participation at the LMA Annual Convention.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

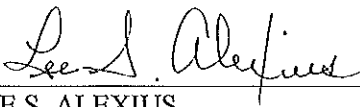
1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

- (a) He was proud to accept the LMA Community Achievement Award.
- (b) He discussed the upcoming cultural series presented by the Fuhrmann Performing Arts to be held at the Fuhrmann Auditorium.
- (c) He gave an update on City projects.
- (d) He mentioned that the 2014 budget preparation is underway.

Councilman Rolling requested that the sidewalks around William Pitcher School be cleaned before school starts on Friday.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.



LEE S. ALEXIUS
Council President



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council