

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

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

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wayne Aufrecht and his son, Joshua.

Council President Alexius read a quote by the 35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States,  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

**APPEARER**

Priscilla Floca presented an award to Mayor Cooper in which the City of  
Covington was recognized as a Tree City USA for the 20<sup>th</sup> year.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Council President Alexius recommended amending the heading of Item No.  
2014-02-01 to read as follows:

**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)**

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt the consent calendar with the  
above revisions, seconded by Councilman Callahan. Roll call was unanimous  
to adopt the consent calendar with the above revisions. The consent calendar  
was adopted with the above revisions.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Unfinished Business**

**Items to be voted on:**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2014-01-01 -- 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, Sec. 3.17. CBD-Community Business District and  
Sec. 3.31. HDC-MUOD Historic Downtown Covington Mixed-Use Overlay  
District (Zoning Case No. 13-12-06TXT) (Alexius)**

**Council President Alexius** led a discussion on Item No. 2014-01-01 concerning drive-through uses for food service.

**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 O'Keefe** made a motion to adopt Item No. 2014-01-01, seconded by **Councilman Wright**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2014-01-01. Item No. 2014-01-01 was adopted.

**Items for discussion:**

St. Tammany Parish Inspector General Task Force Update (Wright)

**Councilman Wright** gave an update on the conclusions of the St. Tammany Parish Inspector General Task Force in which he mentioned that the Task Force will recommend the forensic-type audit option to the Legislature.

**New Business**

**Items to be voted on:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Supporting the Louisiana State Legislature Designating a Portion of Louisiana Highway 21 as South Tyler Street/Boulevard (Wright)

**Councilman Wright** led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2014-08.

**Councilman O'Keefe** made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-08, seconded by **Councilman Rolling**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2014-08. Resolution No. 2014-08 was adopted.

**COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

**A. Council District and Committee Reports**

**1. District A --**

**Councilman Callahan** mentioned that the VFW on Ronald Reagan Highway is sponsoring a fish fry/BBQ chicken lunch on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 11 A.M. and the cost is \$8 per person.

**2. District B --**

**Councilman Coner's** quote was, "What we see depends mainly on what we look for."

**3. District C --**

**Councilman Wright** mentioned that the River Sweep has been rescheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, he commended Administration for continuing with the paving program and requested periodic reports on the progress.

**4. District D --**

**Councilman Rolling** thanked the residents who attended the recent District D meeting along with the guest speakers, Melissa Hodgson from St. Tammany Parish Hospital and Covington Chief of Police Tim Lentz. Also, he mentioned that the Economic Development Committee will meet in March. Upcoming events: the Krewe of Olympia parade on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 P.M.; the Art Market on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 A.M. to 1P.M. at the Trailhead; the Covington Lions Club, Krewe of Covington and the Krewe of Lyra parades on Tuesday,

March 4<sup>th</sup> (Mardi Gras Day) at 10 A.M.; Sunset at the Landing concert on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 P.M.; Columbia Street Block Party on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M.; and the Farmer's Market every Wednesday and Saturday.

**5. District E --**

**Councilman Smith** thanked Public Works for their diligence in responding to the work orders from District E.

**6. At Large (Vice President) -- None.**

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

**Council President Alexius** thanked the Mayor for meeting with him and Councilman O'Keefe this morning and giving them an update on the affairs of the City. Also, he gave recaps from the recent P&Z and CHDC meetings.

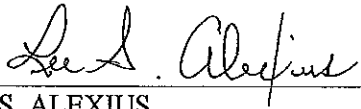
**B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

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

- (a) He gave an update on the road improvement project; and
- (b) He gave an update on other City projects.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.



LEE S. ALEXIUS  
Council President



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
Clerk to the Council