

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 17, 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, Larry Rolling, Rick Smith, Sam O'Keefe and Lee Alexius

ABSENT: Mark Wright

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe Fetter.

Council President Alexius read a quote by the 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States, Bill Clinton.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Smith. 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. 2014-05-01** -- 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 0.45 Acre Parcel of Land Located Near the Southwest Corner of Riverside Drive and U.S. Highway 190, Which Property is Bounded on the North by Riverside Drive (Formerly Known as First Street), on the South by Third Street, on the East by U.S. Highway 190 (Formerly Known as Mandeville Highway) and on the West by the Unconstructed Thelma 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. 4-04-02ANNEX) (Alexius)

Jeff Schoen, attorney for the applicant, led a discussion on Item No. 2014-05-01.

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 O'Keefe made a motion to adopt Item No. 2014-05-01, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Absent - 1 (Wright) to adopt Item No. 2014-05-01. Item No. 2014-05-01 was adopted.

**New Business**

**Items to be voted on:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-17** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Re-Appointing Teddy Boone as the Council District At Large Appointment to the Covington Planning and Zoning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on Resolution No. 2014-17.

Councilman Rolling made a motion to re-appoint Teddy Boone as the Council District At Large Appointment to the Covington Planning and Zoning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years, seconded by Councilman Callahan. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Absent - 1 (Wright) to re-appoint Teddy Boone as the Council District At Large Appointment to the Covington Planning and Zoning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years.

Mr. Boone was sworn in by City Attorney Rod Rodrigue.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-18** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Re-Appointing Sam Fauntleroy as the Council District C Appointment to the Covington Board of Adjustment for a Term of Five (5) Years (Wright)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on Resolution No. 2014-18.

Councilman Coner made a motion to re-appoint Sam Fauntleroy as the Council District C Appointment to the Covington Board of Adjustment for a Term of Five (5) Years, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Absent - 1 (Wright) to re-appoint Sam Fauntleroy as the Council District C Appointment to the Covington Board of Adjustment for a Term of Five (5) Years.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-19** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Appointing Joe Fetter as the Council District At Large Appointment to the Covington Planning and Zoning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years (O'Keefe)

Councilman O'Keefe led a discussion on Resolution No. 2014-19.

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to appoint Joe Fetter as the Council District At Large Appointment to the Covington Planning and Zoning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Absent - 1 (Wright) to appoint Joe Fetter as the Council District At Large Appointment to the Covington Planning and Zoning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years.

Mr. Fetter was sworn in by City Attorney Rod Rodrigue.

**COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

**A. Council District and Committee Reports**

**1. District A --**

Councilman Callahan reminded everyone that the VFW will be hosting a fish fry this Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at the VFW Hall on Ronald Reagan Highway. Also, he

reminded everyone that Ochsner Hospital will hold a blood drive on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. at the VFW Hall.

**2. District B --**

**Councilman Coner** complimented the grass-cutting crew from Public Works for doing an excellent job in the City. Also, he reminded everyone to pick up litter in an attempt to keep our city, parish and state litter-free. His quote for the evening was, "The most beautiful things in the world are not seen nor touched; they are felt with the heart" by Helen Keller.

**3. District C -- Absent.**

**4. District D --**

**Councilman Rolling** announced upcoming events: Sunset at the Landing concert on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M.; Columbia Street Block Party on Friday, June 27 from 6:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M.; Sparks in the Park Fireworks Celebration on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30 P.M. until 9 P.M. in the Bogue Falaya Park; Don Vappie and the Creole Jazz will perform at the Lagniappe Rockin' the Rails concert on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 until 8 P.M. at the Trailhead; and the Farmer's Market every Wednesday and Saturday.

**5. District E -- None.**

**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 mentioned that the preliminary 2013 audit was presented at a recent Finance Committee meeting and the final audit should be formally presented at the Council meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, he announced that the Community Housing Committee met recently to discuss rental properties and landlord requirements. Also, he gave an recap of the recent P&Z meeting.

**B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

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

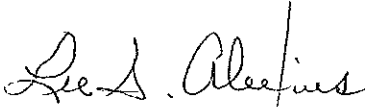
(a) He announced that there are two vacancies on the City Tree Board and encouraged any City resident who may be interested in the positions to contact him at City Hall; and

(b) He announced that for the second consecutive year, the City has received the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award and he presented the plaque to Director of Administration Gina Hayes and Finance Director Alisa Faciane.

Dr. Michael Pittman thanked the Council and Administration for the consideration shown to his family in connection with their annexation request.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

  
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LEE S. ALEXIUS  
Council President

  
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BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
Clerk to the Council