

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2012**

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, Mark Wright, Larry Rolling, Rick Smith,
Lee Alexius and Sam O'Keefe

ABSENT: None

A Moment of Silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

REGULAR AGENDA

New Business

Items for discussion:

1. LMA Convention Follow-Up (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius mentioned that the Mayor and all seven Council members attended the LMA's 75th Annual Convention in Lake Charles. Council President O'Keefe received an LMA Service Award for being elected to his 4th term as a Councilman in the City of Covington.

Council President O'Keefe presented the Mayor with an Honorable Mention Award from the LMA for the Covington Commercial Open House.

2. State Contracts (Coner)

Councilman Coner requested that this item be tabled until the August 21st meeting to enable him to conduct some more research into the matter.

Council President O'Keefe announced that the Council meetings scheduled for November 6th (Election Day) and November 20th (Thanksgiving week) will be cancelled and there will be only one meeting in November which will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. Administrative Liaison-

Councilman Alexius mentioned that he, Council President O'Keefe and Councilman Coner met with the Mayor for an update on the affairs of the City.

(a) Historic Committee Update-

Councilman Alexius announced that the next CHDC meeting will be on August 14th.

2. Community Development/Housing-None.

3. Economic Development-

Councilman Rolling announced that 10 new business licenses were issued in June and three new business licenses were issued in July. Upcoming events: Sunset at the Landing on Friday, August 17th from 6 until 9 P.M. at Columbia Street Landing; Covington Bicentennial Kickoff on Thursday, August 30th from 5 until 8 P.M. at the Trailhead; and the Columbia Street Block Party on Friday, August 31st from 6:30 until 9:30 P.M.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-

Councilman Alexius stated that the next P&Z meeting will be held on August 20th.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-None.

6. Recreation/CPOC-None.

7. Traffic and Transportation-None.

Council President O'Keefe requested that the Council members wear their blue shirts to the next meeting on August 21st to formally kick off the bicentennial year.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

City Engineer Daniel Hill announced that the 11th Avenue Bridge construction project started on Monday. Also, he handed out a report on the 2012 Road Improvement Project and answered questions from the Council on the project.

Mayor Cooper's comments:

(1) Administration will continue to keep the Council up to date as the projects progress.

Council President O'Keefe requested an update on the service request to have the low-hanging tree limbs near the schools cut in anticipation of the new school year. Mayor Cooper stated that the work has been completed.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-

Mrs. Hayes gave an update on the status of the CDL Loan.

Councilman Alexius mentioned that he, Council President O'Keefe and their wives spoke with Senator Mary Landrieu at the LMA Convention and thanked her for her efforts in getting the FEMA loan issue resolved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ _____
R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE
Council President

/s/ _____
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council