

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2011**

Council President Faust called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Frances Dunn, Clarence Romage, Mark Sacco, Marty Benoit, Lee Alexius, Trey Blackall and Matt Faust

ABSENT: None.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Sacco motioned to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Romage. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the consent calendar. Consent calendar was adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

Old Business

A. Items to be voted on:

1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2011-01-01

An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provision of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Appendix A Subdivisions, Article 1. Jurisdiction, Authority and Definitions, Sec. 1.3. Definitions (Blackall)

Councilman Blackall led a discussion concerning Item 2011-01-01

Councilman Sacco made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Benoit. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Blackall made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Alexius. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the ordinance. Item 2011-01-01 was adopted.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2010-08-03

An Ordinance providing for the levy of local or special assessments on certain lots or parcels of real estate abutting on a certain street within the corporate limits of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, to cover the total cost of the construction of street paving improvements on said street, all in accordance with Sub-Part A, Part I, Chapter 7, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and providing for other matters in connection therewith (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion concerning Item 2010-08-03 (Lucie Lane).

Councilman Sacco made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Benoit. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to amend the ordinance identified as Item 2010-08-03 as follows:

- (1) Page 2, line 1, the word “asphalted” be changed to “asphaltic.”
- (2) Page 2, line 6, the special assessment of “25.36” be changed to “19.93.”
- (3) Page 2, lines 20 and 21; insert “540.65 feet at a cost of \$10,775.16.”
- (4) Page 2, lines 24 and 25; insert “200 feet at a cost of \$3,986.”

Councilman Benoit seconded the motion to amend the ordinance identified as Item 2010-08-03. Roll call was unanimous to amend the ordinance identified as Item 2010-08-03. Item 2010-08-03 was amended.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt the ordinance, as amended, seconded by Councilman Benoit. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the ordinance, as amended. Item 2010-08-03 was adopted, as amended.

New Business

A. Items removed from consent calendar: None.

B. Items to be voted on:

1. RESOLUTION 2011-01 – A Resolution in Support of the Acceptance of a Comprehensive Resiliency Pilot Program Grant Through the Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit and Authorizing Mayor Watkins to Execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (Blackall)

Councilman Blackall led a discussion on Resolution 2011-01.

Councilman Benoit made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-01, seconded by Councilman Alexius. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the Resolution. Resolution 2011-01 was adopted.

2. RESOLUTION 2011-02 – A Resolution Adopting the City-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Covington, Louisiana (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on Resolution 2011-02.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-02, seconded by Councilman Sacco. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the Resolution. Resolution 2011-02 was adopted.

C. Items for discussion:

1. Covington Parks Oversight Committee Update (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius gave an update on the Covington Parks Oversight Committee. At present, there are three people on the Committee; still need representatives from Council Districts A and B.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. Administrative Liaison

Councilman Alexius stated it probably will be mid-February before the final 2010 budget is available along with the funds released back into the General Fund and the rollover and encumbered dollars.

(a) Historic Committee Update-None.

2. Community Development/ Housing

Councilwoman Dunn commented that the Groves development looks great and gave the contact number for the waiting list – (985) 327-5751.

3. Economic Development-

Council President Faust mentioned that the CBA has a meeting on Wednesday at the Trailhead at 5:30 p.m.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-

Councilman Alexius stated there was a work session regarding the Faubourg-St. John development. There are issues with water and sewer lines and easements between buildings.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-None.

Councilman Blackall thanked the Public Works Department for helping clear a section at 10th and Jahncke. Also, Councilman Alexius is assisting in straightening out a guy wire situation at the same location.

6. Recreation-None.

7. Traffic and Transportation-

Councilman Benoit mentioned that W. 19th Avenue bridge replacement work begins today and reminded the public to find an alternate route during this work.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor-None.

2. Alex J. Peragine, City Attorney-None.

Councilman Romage led a discussion concerning the playground equipment at the Rec Center.

Mayor Watkins stated the playground equipment will be assembled professionally. Timmy Williams will update quotes.

Councilman Blackall reminded everyone about the concert on Friday, February 4th at 5:30 p.m. The Storyville Stompers will perform for one hour and then there will be a second line to several establishments in the Entertainment District.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ _____
Matthew T. Faust
Council President

/s/ _____
Bonnie D. Champagne
Clerk to the Council