

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2011**

Council President Faust called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 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 Alexius 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 2010-12-04

An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II. Codes, Division 2. Uniform Construction Code, Sec. 18-52. Specific Code Elements and Sec. 18-56. Schedule of Permit and Inspection Fees (Blackall)

Councilman Blackall led a discussion concerning Item 2010-12-04.

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

Councilman Alexius made a motion to amend the ordinance identified as Item 2010-12-04 as follows:

- (1) Page 1, line 30, change “2006” to “2009” and delete “and updated editions approved by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council.”
- (2) Page 1, line 35, change “2006” to “2009” and delete “and updated editions approved by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council.”
- (3) Page 1, line 39, change “2006” to “2009” and delete “and updated editions approved by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council.”
- (4) Page 1, line 45, change “2006” to “2009.”
- (5) Page 2, line 4, change “2006” to “2009” and delete “and updated editions approved by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council.”

(6) Page 2, line 12, change “2006” to “2009” and delete “and updated editions approved by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council.”

(7) Page 2, line 15, change “2005” to “2008” and delete “and updated editions approved by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council.”

(8) Page 2, line 17, delete Paragraph (8).

(9) Page 2, line 25, should read, “Based on the dollar amount of the total cost of construction according to the schedule below plus City Engineer Plan Review Fee plus Four (4%) of the permit fee for Administrative Costs.

(10) Page 2, line 30, should read, “\$50 for the first \$1,001 plus \$5 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.”

(11) Page 2, line 32, should read, “\$500 for the first \$50,001 plus \$5 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.”

(12) Page 2, line 35, should read, “\$700 for the first \$100,001 plus \$5 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.”

(13) Page 2, line 38, should read, “\$2,500 for the first \$500,001 plus \$2 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.”

Councilman Blackall seconded the motion to amend the ordinance identified as Item 2010-12-04. Roll call was unanimous to amend the ordinance identified as Item 2010-12-04. Item 2010-12-04 was amended.

Councilman Romage made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilman Blackall. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the ordinance as amended. Item 2010-12-04 was adopted, as amended.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2010-12-06

An Ordinance of the City of Covington Adopting and Amending Certain Provisions of State Criminal Code in Chapter 66 (Blackall)

Councilman Alexis led a discussion concerning Item 2010-12-06.

Councilman Alexis made a motion to table Item 2010-12-06 pending further review, seconded by Councilman Blackall. Roll call was unanimous to table Item 2010-12-06. Item 2010-12-06 was tabled.

New Business

A. Items removed from consent calendar: None.

B. Items to be voted on: None.

Swearing in of Philip Michael Maranto as a Covington Police Officer by Alex J. Peragine, City Attorney.

Council President Faust led a discussion concerning opening the Agenda for a Resolution requested by Mayor Watkins.

Mayor Watkins commented on the purpose of the Resolution.

Councilman Blackall made a motion to open the Agenda for the Resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Dunn. Roll call – Yeas: 6, Nay: 1 (Benoit).

Council President Faust stated it takes a unanimous vote to open the Agenda; motion failed for lack of a unanimous vote.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. Administrative Liaison

Councilman Alexis stated he was advised by Administration that the 2010 final budget amendment and the reports on the rollover dollars and dollars released should be made available by mid-February.

Councilman Blackall stated there was a Finance Committee meeting last week concerning the utility rate models. A Work Session has been scheduled prior to the next Council meeting on February 1, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the utility rate models.

(a) Historic Committee Update-None.

2. Community Development/ Housing

Councilwoman Dunn commented they had a very nice weekend at the Martin Luther King Holiday birthday celebrations.

Mr. Earl Hellmers commented on the Martin Luther King Holiday events.

3. Economic Development-None.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-None.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-None.

6. Recreation-

Councilman Alexis stated there is a City Parks Oversight Committee meeting tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

7. Traffic and Transportation-None.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor

Mayor Watkins stated the Martin Luther King Holiday events were extremely enlightening. Also, she stated the swing sets at the Rec Complex have not been assembled yet and she has contacted the volunteers to see how quickly they can get it done. If they are not able to assemble the swing sets quickly, she intends to hire someone to assemble them.

Councilman Romage led a discussion concerning the Groves' project and the damage to the City streets caused by the trucks.

Councilman Alexis requested that Administration provide a report on the flow meters.

Mayor Watkins stated the recent readings between production and consumption show that we are within a 13.7% loss rate. She will follow-up with Mr. Schreiner.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Matthew T. Faust
Council President

Bonnie D. Champagne
Clerk to the Council