

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 4, 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 Benoit** requested Item 2011-01-02 – An Ordinance of the City of Covington Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code be moved from the Consent Calendar to Items for Discussion.

**Councilman Alexius** also requested that Item 2011-01-02 be moved because the copy provided to the Council is not the current Code and there is no ordinance prepared for this item.

**Councilman Alexius** motioned to adopt the consent calendar with the removal of Item C, seconded by Councilman Benoit. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the consent calendar with the removal of Item C. Consent calendar was adopted with the removal of Item C.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Old Business**

**A. Items to be voted on:**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2010-12-01**

An Ordinance of the City of Covington Replacing Section 66-111 Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Public Streets, Sidewalks and Ox Lots Prohibited; Exceptions. With 66-111 Public Intoxication Prohibited (Blackall)

**Councilman Blackall** led a discussion concerning Item 2010-12-01.

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

**Councilman Alexius** made a motion to amend Item 2010-12-01, Lines 42-50, to read as marked on the amended copy, seconded by Councilman Blackall. Roll call was unanimous to amend Item 2010-12-01. Item 2010-12-01 was amended.

**Councilman Blackall** made a motion to adopt Item 2010-12-01, as amended, seconded by Councilman Alexius. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2010-12-01, as amended. Item 2010-12-01 was adopted, as amended.

## **2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2010-12-02**

An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending Section 10-34 Sale of Alcoholic Beverages During Special Event (Blackall)

**Councilman Blackall** led a discussion concerning Item 2010-12-02.

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

**Councilman Sacco** made a motion to amend the amended version of the ordinance identified as Item 2010-12-02 as follows:

- (1) Page 2, line 2, after the words "...in a glass container", add the words "unless as permitted in Sec. 10-37."
- (2) Page 2, line 46, amend to read "This section shall not apply to retail sales on the following days: January 1<sup>st</sup> and on the day Daylight Savings Time changes. Hours on January 1<sup>st</sup> will be extended to a 3:00 a.m. closing. Hours on the day Daylight Savings Time changes will be extended for one hour."
- (3) Page 2, line 54, after the words "...in a glass container", add the words "unless as permitted in Sec. 10-37."
- (4) Page 3, line 1, after the words "...on the premises", add the words "unless as permitted in Sec. 10-37."

**Councilman Alexis** seconded the motion to amend the amended version of the ordinance identified as Item 2010-12-02. Roll call was unanimous to amend the amended version of the ordinance identified as Item 2010-12-02.

**Councilman Blackall** made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilman Sacco. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the ordinance as amended. Item 2010-12-02 was adopted, as amended.

## **3. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2010-12-03**

An Ordinance of the City of Covington Rescinding Ordinance 2010-22 and Replacing It, Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 98, Utilities, Article IV. Rates and Charges (Alexius)

**Councilman Alexis** led a discussion concerning Item 2010-12-03.

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

**Councilman Alexis** made a motion to adopt Item 2010-12-03, seconded by Councilman Romage. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2010-12-03. Item 2010-12-03 was adopted.

## **4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2010-12-05**

An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provision of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Appendix A Subdivisions, Article 3. Improvement Standards, Sec. 3.8, Storm Drainage (Blackall)

**Councilman Blackall** led a discussion concerning Item 2010-12-05.

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

**Councilman Blackall** made a motion to amend Item 2010-12-05, seconded by Councilman Alexius. Roll call was unanimous to amend Item 2010-12-05. Item 2010-12-05 was amended.

**Councilman Blackall** made a motion to adopt Item 2010-12-05, as amended, seconded by Councilman Romage. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2010-12-05. Item 2010-12-05 was adopted, as amended.

### **5. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2010-11-03**

An Ordinance Enlarging the Boundaries of the City of Covington, Louisiana, Describing the Area to be Annexed and Added Thereto, and Describing the New Boundaries of Said Municipality and Also Classifying the Property as C-3 Highway Business District Under the Zoning Laws of the City of Covington (Romage), Zoning Case 2010-20 ANNEX

**Council President Faust** stated that a letter has been received from Cooper Engineering dated December 22, 2010 requesting that the annexation be withdrawn from consideration. It is noted this matter was withdrawn by the owners.

- B. Items for discussion:**
  - 1. Square 1907 (Benoit)**

**Councilman Benoit** led a discussion concerning Square 1907.

**Mayor Watkins** stated she plans to call Mr. Stalter tomorrow and request that he remove everything from the property.

**Councilman Alexius** made a motion to open the agenda under New Business, Item C, Items for discussion, to add an item for discussion, Item 2011-01-02, International Property Maintenance Code, seconded by Councilman Blackall. Roll call was unanimous to open the agenda to add Item 2011-01-02, International Property Maintenance Code, for discussion.

#### **New Business**

- A. Items removed from consent calendar: None.**
- B. Items to be voted on: None.**
- C. Items for discussion:**
  - 1. ITEM 2011-01-02 – International Property Maintenance Code (Blackall)**

**Councilmen Alexius and Benoit** led a discussion concerning Item 2011-01-02, the International Property Maintenance Code.

## **COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

### **A. Council Committee Comments and Reports**

#### **1. Administrative Liaison**

**Councilman Alexius** requested that Administration issue the RFP in January for the Efficiency Study.

#### **(a) Historic Committee Update-None.**

#### **2. Community Development/ Housing**

**Councilwoman Dunn** reminded everyone about the Martin Luther King events that will be held the weekend of January 15-17, 2011. There will be a Neighborhood Summit on Saturday, January 15, 2011 where the implementation of the West 30s Revitalization Plan will be discussed.

#### **3. Economic Development**

**Councilman Alexius** reminded everyone about the CBA meeting tomorrow at 5:30 at 407 North Columbia Street.

#### **4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-**

**Council President Faust** stated there was an annexation withdrawn tonight.

#### **5. Public Safety/Governmental Services**

**Councilman Blackall** thanked everyone for their efforts in finalizing the ordinances that were adopted tonight. Also, he was informed today by the Mayor that the sink hole at St. Paul's Jahncke entrance is scheduled to be repaired over the Mardi Gras holidays.

#### **6. Recreation-None.**

#### **7. Traffic and Transportation-**

**Councilman Benoit** provided a timeline for the work on the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge.

### **B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

#### **1. Mayor**

**Mayor Watkins** stated she received a letter that the Community Disaster Loan extension was granted for 10 years. Also, she received a letter from Charter Communications stating that the North Shore will start receiving Saints and Hornets' games. Also, an offer was made to Wayne Mayberry to be the new Code Compliance Officer.

**Councilman Sacco** requested an update on the River Forest drainage plan.

**Councilman Benoit** led a discussion on the closeout of the 2010 spending.

**Councilman Benoit** led a discussion on the garbage pickups by IESI (Coastal Waste).

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew T. Faust  
Council President

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Bonnie D. Champagne  
Clerk to the Council