

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2011**

Councilman Alexius called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Alexius read a quote in memory of Cindy Cooper Phelps, who was the Madisonville Town Clerk for 25 years.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the consent calendar. Absent: Wright. The consent calendar was adopted.

APPEARERS-None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Old Business

A. Items to be voted on:

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2011-06-03 -**
An Ordinance Of The City Of Covington Amending The 2011 Budget To Appropriate Funds For the 11th Avenue Bridge Repair, Election And Inauguration Expense And Boston Street Lighting Repair. (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on Item 2011-06-03.

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

Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Item 2011-06-03, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2011-06-03. Absent: Wright. Item 2011-06-03 was adopted.

B. Items for discussion: None.

New Business

A. Items removed from consent calendar: None.

B. Items to be voted on:

- 1. RESOLUTION 2011-12 – A Resolution Accepting the 2010 Audit Report Issued by Laporte Sehrt Romig and Hand**
(Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on Resolution 2011-12.

Councilman Rolling made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-12, seconded by Councilman O’Keefe. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution 2011-12. Absent: Wright. Resolution 2011-12 was adopted.

C. Items for discussion:

1. CPOC Appointments (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on the appointments to the City Parks Oversight Committee. The nominations are:

- District A – Charlie Maestri, Jr.
- District C – Jane S. Slatten
- District D – Pamela A. Bordelon
- District E – James O. Williams

Councilman Coner made a motion to appoint the above individuals to the City Parks Oversight Committee, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call was unanimous to appoint the above individuals to the City Parks Oversight Committee. Absent: Wright.

Council President Alexius commented that there is still one appointment to be made (Council District B) and Councilman Coner will make that appointment in the near future.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. Administrative Liaison

Council President Alexius discussed the sales tax collections; Bicentennial Committee; and requested the procedure that Council should follow in submitting issues to Administration.

(a) Historic Committee Update-

Council President Alexius stated there is a Historic Committee meeting next week.

2. Community Development/Housing-None.

3. Economic Development-

Councilman Rolling stated the restaurants were very busy on Bastille Day and the visitors were very positive on the event. Also, he commented that Fall for Art is coming up but no date has been set yet. Also, there will be a block party on Friday, July 29th.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-

Council President Alexius gave a recap the Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning meetings held last night. Also, he commented there will be public meetings on August 15th, August 30th, and September 14th to discuss the subdivision ordinance with the tentative date of action by Planning and Zoning being October 17, 2011.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-

Councilman O'Keefe commended the Public Works Department for their work concerning the water breaks last week.

6. Recreation/CPOC-

Councilman Smith commented there have been several CPOC meetings and the Committee has some ideas for improving the parks. Also, he commended the Public Works Department for their work concerning the water breaks last week.

7. Traffic and Transportation-

Council President Alexius reminded everyone about the street closures due to the installation of the Skybridge at St. Tammany Parish Hospital.

Councilman Smith stated there will be a Patron Party on August 6th in support of the Hoops for Kids fundraiser and tickets are available from the Recreation Department.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor-

Mayor Cooper updated the Council and public on projects in the city. Also, he commented on the budget preparation; a letter to the editor regarding parking for events at the Bogue Falaya Park; development of the new website; and the Bicentennial Committee.

Councilman Coner thanked the Mayor for changing Jefferson Street back to Jefferson Avenue.

Council President Alexius requested that Administration notify CLECO that the budget ordinance has passed so they can start their schedule. Also, he requested that the Council be included in the pre-budget meetings.

Councilman Rolling led a discussion on the new website.

2. Julian J. Rodrigue, Jr., City Attorney-

City Attorney Rodrigue requested the appointment of Rene Frederick as an Assistant City Attorney to handle the prosecution in Mayor's Court.

There were no comments from the Council or public on the appointment of Mr. Frederick.

Councilman Coner made a motion to appoint Rene Frederick as Assistant City Attorney, seconded by Councilman Rolling. Roll call was unanimous to appoint Rene Frederick as Assistant City Attorney. Absent: Wright.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ _____
LEE S. ALEXIUS
Council President

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