

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 19, 2012**

Council President Alexius called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: John Callahan, Mark Wright, Larry Rolling, Rick Smith, Sam O'Keefe and Lee Alexius

ABSENT: Jerry Coner

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

**Council President Alexius** read a quote by the first President of the Continental Congress, Peyton Randolph.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Rolling. Roll call - Yeas: 6; Absent: 1 (Coner). The consent calendar was adopted.**

**APPEARER**

Priscilla Floca, Director of Keep Covington Beautiful, presented the City with a plaque and other items in recognition of its designation as a Tree City USA community.

**Council President Alexius** requested that the Tree Board review the ordinance pertaining to its duties and responsibilities and provide recommendations to the Council.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**New Business**

**Items to be voted on:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-16 --** A Resolution of the Covington City Council Confirming the Mayoral Appointment of Peter Link to the Covington Historic District Commission (CHDC) for a Term of Four (4) Years (Alexius)

**Mayor Cooper** led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2012-16.

**Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-16, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call - Yeas: 6; Absent: 1 (Coner). Resolution No. 2012-16 was adopted.**

**Mr. Link was administered his Oath of Office by City Attorney, Julian J. Rodrigue, Jr.**

## COMMENTS AND REPORTS

### A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

#### 1. Administrative Liaison-None.

##### (a) Historic Committee Update-

**Council President Alexius** stated that the Historic Commission met recently and approved two sign requests.

#### 2. Community Development/Housing-

**Councilman Callahan** announced there will be a public meeting on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at the Greater Covington Center at which time the comments from the Charrette concerning the improvements to Peter Atkins Park will be presented and discussed.

#### 3. Economic Development-

**Councilman Rolling** announced that the Economic Development Committee will meet on June 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss various matters. Also, he has scheduled a meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> with Brenda Reine-Bertus from the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation to discuss the possibility of presenting a seminar for small businesses. Upcoming event: Old Fashioned Family Fourth of July on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at Bogue Falaya Park.

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

**Council President Alexius** stated that the Board of Adjustment had a work session to discuss amendments to its section in the Code. Also, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the recommended amendments to the BOA section in the Code. Also, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved some changes affecting drainage in the Savannahs, Phase 5A.

**Council President Alexius** asked for suggestions from the Council for potential Tree Board members.

#### 5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-None.

#### 6. Recreation/CPOC-None.

#### 7. Traffic and Transportation-None.

### B. Administrative Comments and Reports

#### 1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

- (a) The City has been awarded a \$15,000 grant for immediate improvements to Peter Atkins Park and a Design Charrette was held last Saturday afternoon concerning the improvements. Also, there will be a public meeting on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss and finalize the suggested improvements.
- (b) The CIU Division of the Police Department will be moving to its new location at 215 East Kirkland in the near future.
- (c) He and Councilman Rolling recently attended the annual meeting for municipal officials of LMA District I.
- (d) There will be a follow-up public meeting regarding the design and landscaping plans for the North Jefferson Avenue pedestrian and bicycle path on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

#### 2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.

**Council President Alexius** reminded everyone that the next Council meeting will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>, with the public hearing regarding the 2012 Millage beginning at 5 P.M. and the regular Council meeting beginning at 6 P.M.

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