

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 21, 2011**

Council President Faust called the regular meeting to order.

Roll call was as follows:

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

ABSENT: Marty Benoit

**Council President Faust** recited a prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Councilman Alexius** made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Sacco. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the consent calendar. Absent: Benoit. The consent calendar was adopted.

**Councilman Benoit** arrived at 6:05 p.m.

**APPEARERS-**

A. Mary Toti from the Council on Aging, St. Tammany, arrived at the meeting late and gave her presentation later in the meeting.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Old Business**

A. **Items to be voted on: None.**

B. **Items for discussion: None.**

**New Business**

A. **Items removed from consent calendar: None.**

B. **Items to be voted on: None.**

C. **Items for discussion:**

1. Status of Bi-Centennial Committee Formation (Alexius)

**Councilman Alexius** led a discussion on the formation of the Bi-Centennial Committee.

2. Columbia Street Parking (Blackall)

**Councilman Blackall** led a discussion concerning parking issues in the 800 block of Columbia Street.

**Mary Toti** from the Council on Aging, St. Tammany, updated the Council and public on the latest news from COAST.

## **COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

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

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

**Councilman Alexius** gave a recap of the topics discussed at the Finance Committee meeting held on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Councilwoman Dunn** stated the ribbon cutting for the basketball courts at Peter Atkins Park was held last weekend. Also, there will be a 3 on 3 basketball tournament to raise funds to cover one of the basketball courts on July 29, 30 and 31 and there will be a patron party on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Columbia Street Tap Room. Also, there will be a beach-type concert at the Trailhead on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. Also, the Groves project started its annexation process last night at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

#### **3. Economic Development-None.**

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

**Councilman Alexius** mentioned there was a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> at which time the annexation for the Groves development was approved. He discussed the tentative schedule for the annexation. Also, he mentioned that P&Z approved the new phases for the Savannahs Subdivision.

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

**Councilman Blackall** mentioned there will be a Special Council meeting on Friday at 11 a.m. concerning the new garbage contract. Also, he mentioned that the film at the Trailhead won a national award.

**Kieran Weldon** discussed the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Skybridge project.

**Council President Faust** stated he received a letter about a significant sewer problem and gave the letter to Mayor Watkins for her review.

#### **6. Recreation-**

**Councilman Alexius** stated the ribbon cutting ceremony last Saturday at Peter Atkins Park went well and his thanks to the members of the incoming Council for their participation.

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

### **B. Council/Administration Service Recognition**

#### **1. Council Comments – Lee Alexius**

**Councilman Alexius** discussed the procedure for the Service Recognition awards.

**Councilman Alexius** commented on the last eight years.

#### **2. Service Recognition – Ms. Pat Clanton**

**Ms. Pat Clanton** presented the Service Recognition awards to Councilwoman Frances Dunn, Councilmen Mark Sacco, Marty Benoit, Clarence Romage, Trey Blackall, Matt Faust and Mayor Watkins.

#### **3. Council Comments –**

**Councilwoman Frances Dunn** commented on the last four years.

**Councilman Mark Sacco** commented on the last four years.

**Councilman Marty Benoit** commented on the last four years.

**Councilman Clarence Romage** commented on the last eight years.

**Councilman Trey Blackall** commented on the last twelve years.

**Council President Matt Faust** commented on the last twenty years.

**C. Administrative Comments and Reports**

**1. Mayor-**

**Mayor Watkins** commented on the last eight years.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
LEE S. ALEXIUS  
Council President

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
Clerk to the Council