

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 15, 2012**

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

Roll call was as follows:

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

**ABSENT:** None

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

**Council President Alexius** read a quote by the 19<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Councilman Rolling** made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by **Councilman Coner**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the consent calendar. The consent calendar was adopted.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**New Business**

**Items to be voted on:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-14** – A Resolution of the Covington City Council Authorizing the Use of the Alleyway Easement as a Driveway Entrance in a Portion of the Unopened Alley in Square 2408, Division of New Covington (O'Keefe)

**Councilman O'Keefe** led a discussion on Resolution No. 2012-14.

**Councilman O'Keefe** made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-14, seconded by **Councilman Wright**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2012-14. Resolution No. 2012-14 was adopted.

**Items for discussion:**

1. ELCA Update (Alexius)

**Council President Alexius** gave an update on the youth group from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who will be working on the fence at Covington Cemetery No. 1 in July.

**COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

**A. Council Committee Comments and Reports**

**1. Administrative Liaison-**

**Council President Alexius** stated that we have received four names from the President of SLU for consideration for the upcoming two vacancies on the Civil Service Board.

Also, he gave an update of the topics discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on May 7th.

(a) **Historic District Committee Update-**

**Council President Alexius** gave an update from the Historic District Commission meeting held on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Community Development/Housing-None.**

**3. Economic Development-**

**Councilman Rolling** announced upcoming events: Covington Brewhouse Spring Fest at the Covington Trailhead on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; Jumping into the Summer children's event on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 A.M. until Noon at the Trailhead; Sunset at the Landing free concert on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M.; Farmer's Market every Saturday morning from 8 A.M. until Noon across from the Justice Center and on Wednesdays from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. at the Trailhead. Also, he plans to schedule a meeting with Brenda Reine Bertus from the St. Tammany Parish Economic Development Foundation to discuss some programs for economic development.

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

**Council President Alexius** reminded the public that the next BOA/P&Z meeting will be held on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the Council Chambers.

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

**Councilman O'Keefe** mentioned that the Public Safety/Governmental Services Committee will schedule a meeting to review and discuss the current ordinance regarding vicious animals and not a specific breed of dog. At the meeting, the Committee will also review the guidelines from other municipalities and agencies.

**6. Recreation/CPOC-**

**Councilman Smith** mentioned that he received a report about a damaged table in the gazebo at the Columbia Street Landing and would like to obtain bids to replace the table.

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

**Councilman Wright** reminded everyone about the Work Session tomorrow at 6:30 P.M. at the Council Chambers to review and discuss the tree ordinance.

**Councilman O'Keefe** commented that the "Remember Covington The Way It Was, Way Back When" barbeque and reunion was held last Saturday and it was a great event.

**B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

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

- (a) Covington received second place in the state competition for the Cleanest City Contest;
- (b) The Regional Planning Commission has scheduled a public meeting on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at the Council Chambers to gain public

- opinion on a conceptual bicycle and pedestrian mobility and landscaping along North Jefferson from West 26<sup>th</sup> to West 21<sup>st</sup>; and
- (c) Administration is in the process of designing the bid packets for the overlay project and the bid packets should be released in late June or early July.

**Council President Alexius** mentioned that he is working with Scott Biggers from CLECO to identify metal poles that are not being used and should be removed.

**Councilman Smith** mentioned there are many street lights that are burned out and should be identified for replacement.

**Councilman Rolling** mentioned that at the corner of E. Boston and N. Columbia and the corner of E. Boston and N. Florida, there are large, transformer-type, stainless steel boxes that are posing a safety hazard.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

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