

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

Council President O'Keefe 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, Lee Alexius and Sam O'Keefe

ABSENT: None

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Alexius 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.

APPEARER

Diane Weiss, on behalf of the 15th Street Flyers, presented a \$650 donation to Mayor Cooper for the City of Covington's Recreation Department.

REGULAR AGENDA

Unfinished Business

A. Items to be voted on:

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2012-08-03 --**
An Ordinance of the City of Covington Accepting the Dedication to Public Use of the Streets, Street Lights, Drainage Facilities, Water Distribution and Sewerage Collection Lines Constructed on Property Owned by Privette Family, L.L.C. and RJLJ, L.L.C.; and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith (Alexius) **TABLED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on Item 2012-08-03.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Callahan. There were no objections to closing the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Wright made a motion to adopt Item 2012-08-03, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call: Yeas - 5; Nays - 2 (Rolling and Smith). Item 2012-08-03 was adopted.

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2012-09-03 --**
An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 2 Administration, Article II. City Council, Division 2. Rules of Procedure, Sec. 2-71. Order of Business (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on Item 2012-09-03.

Councilman Wright made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by **Councilman Rolling**. There were no objections to closing the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Coner made a motion to table Item 2012-09-03 until November 13, 2012, seconded by **Councilman Rolling**. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Nays - 1 (Alexius). Item 2012-09-03 was tabled until November 13, 2012.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2012-09-02** – An Ordinance Setting the Compensation for the Mayor of Covington for the Year 2013 (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on Item 2012-09-02.

Mayor Cooper asked the Council not to consider adjusting his annual compensation for 2013.

Councilman Alexius withdrew Item 2012-09-02.

New Business

Items for discussion:

1. 2013 Council meeting schedule (O'Keefe)

Council President O'Keefe presented the 2013 Council meeting schedule.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. Administrative Liaison-

Councilman Alexius mentioned that he, Council President O'Keefe and Councilman Wright met with the Mayor for an update on the affairs of the City. Also, he announced that the Work Session scheduled for October 17th to discuss the 2013 Budget will not be needed and has been cancelled.

(a) Historic Committee Update-

Councilman Alexius stated that the Historic District Commission approved the request by the owners of the Southern Hotel for the renovation to the facade of the building.

2. Community Development/Housing-

Councilman Callahan announced that Faith Bible Church is sponsoring a Wild West Fall Festival on October 31st from 5:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M.

3. Economic Development-

Councilman Rolling announced that tonight is the Night Out Against Crime event at 6:30 P.M. at the corner of Madison and W. 20th. Also, the Covington Business Resource Workshop has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2013 from 8:30 A.M. until noon in the Bogue Falaya Hall. Upcoming events: Rockin' the Rails on Thursday, October 18th from 5 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. at the Trailhead; Sunset at the Landing on October 19th from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M.; St. Tammany Art Association Fall for Art on October 20th from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M. in downtown Covington; Monster Mash on October 20th from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. at the Bogue Falaya Park; Rockin' the Rails on Thursday, October 25th from 5 P.M. until 7:30

P.M. at the Trailhead; Columbia Street Block Party on October 26th from 6:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M.; Trickin' and Treatin' on October 27th from 10 A.M. until 12 P.M. at the Trailhead; and Three Rivers Art Festival on November 10th and 11th from 10 A.M. until 5 P.M.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-None.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-

Council President O'Keefe reminded everyone that representatives of the Covington Police Department will also attend the Night Out Against Crime tonight at 6:30 P.M.

6. Recreation/CPOC-

Councilman Smith stated there will be a CPOC meeting next week. Also, he thanked everyone who volunteered for the Keep Covington Beautiful River Sweep and announced upcoming events where volunteers are needed.

7. Traffic and Transportation-None.

Council President O'Keefe reminded everyone about the Work Session tomorrow, October 17th, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers concerning the 1957 Sales Tax Rededication election.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor Cooper comments:

Mayor Cooper stated there will be a PowerPoint presentation tomorrow evening at the Work Session to explain and answer questions concerning the 1957 sales tax rededication election. Also, he announced that trustees from the St. Tammany Parish Jail have finished painting the fence around Cemetery No. 1.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-

Mrs. Hayes announced that all of the paperwork has been submitted to FEMA for Hurricane Isaac and she expects to receive checks soon.

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