

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 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 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.

APPEARER

Chris Davis, Assistant Director of Public Works, was recognized for receiving the Bureau of Governmental Research 2012 Innovation Award.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. Administrative Liaison-

Council Vice President Alexius mentioned that he, Council President O'Keefe and Councilman Rolling met with the Mayor for an update on the affairs of the City. Also, a public work session will be scheduled to discuss the 1957 sales tax rededication election.

(a) Historic Committee Update-

Council Vice President Alexius reminded everyone that the next Historic District Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30 P.M. at which time the owners of the Southern Hotel will present their plans for the renovation to the facade of the building.

2. Community Development/Housing-

Councilman Callahan invited everyone to the annual St. Tammany Parish Fair this weekend at the Fairgrounds.

3. Economic Development-

Councilman Rolling announced that there were five new business licenses issued in September. Also, the next meeting of the Covington Business Association will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd at 5:30 P.M. at the Covington Center for Performing Arts. Upcoming events: Rockin' the Rails on Thursdays in October from 5 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. at the Trailhead; Covington Art Market on October 6th from 9 A.M. until 1 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; 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-

Bruce Davidson, a resident of the City of Covington, discussed his plans for "A Night Out Against Crime" scheduled for October 16, 2012.

6. Recreation/CPOC-None.

7. Traffic and Transportation-None.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor Cooper comments:

Mayor Cooper expressed his appreciation to all those who sent their well wishes during his recent surgery and recovery.

Also, he gave an update on the affairs of the City.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.

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