

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2011**

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 Martin Van Buren, the eighth President of the United States.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman O’Keefe 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.

APPEARERS

Diane Weiss, on behalf of the 15th Street Flyers, presented a \$1,000 donation to Mayor Cooper for the City of Covington’s Recreation Department. Also, she presented a \$1,000 donation to Ms. Laurie Panzeca for the YMCA’s youth-related activities.

David Barfield, a board member of the Covington Business Association, led a discussion about the issue of dogs at the “Rockin the Rails” concerts held at the Covington Trailhead.

REGULAR AGENDA

New Business

A. Items removed from consent calendar: None.

B. Items to be voted on:

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-19 – A Resolution Proposing the Acceptance of an Act of Donation From the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to the City of Covington of a Section of LA Hwy 437 (N. Columbia Street) from its Junction with US Hwy 190 Business (E. Boston Street) to its Junction with US Hwy 190 Bypass (Collins Boulevard) (Wright)**

Councilman Wright led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2011-19.

Mayor Cooper gave a presentation and Q&A regarding the Resolution for acceptance of N. Columbia Street upon completion of improvements by DOTD.

Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-19, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2011-19. Resolution No. 2011-19 was adopted.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. Administrative Liaison-

Council President Alexius gave an update on the items discussed at the meeting yesterday with the Mayor, Councilman O'Keefe and himself. Also, he mentioned there was a Finance Committee meeting today to discuss health insurance, the new State budget requirements and redistricting.

(a) Historic Committee Update-None.

2. Community Development/Housing-

Councilman Callahan mentioned that on October 26th there will be a free Legal Clinic in Mandeville at the old library on Causeway Blvd.

3. Economic Development-

Councilman Rolling reported on some upcoming events: Rockin' the Rails concerts on October 19th and 26th from 5:00 until 7:30 P.M.; Sunset at the Landing concert on October 21st from 6:00 until 9:00 P.M.; CBA meeting on the first Wednesday in November at Tugenhaupt's; and the Three Rivers Art Festival on November 12th and 13th.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-

Council President Alexius stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission held its meeting last night and it approved the annexation of Barkley Parc, Phase 3; tabled the Oak Alley Subdivision until the November meeting; and approved the subdivision regulations.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-

Councilman O'Keefe thanked the Davidsons for hosting the only block party for the Night Out Against Crime last week and he encouraged the Council to get involved with this event next year. Also, Council President Alexius mentioned that the Public Safety Committee has been working on ordinances pertaining to grease traps and backflow preventers.

6. Recreation/CPOC-

Councilman Smith mentioned there will be a CPOC meeting on Wednesday, October 19th and one of the items to be discussed is a dog park. Also, he thanked the 15th Street Flyers for their donation to the Recreation Department.

7. Traffic and Transportation-

Councilman Wright discussed the Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting that was held on Friday, October 14th with the Mayor.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

Gina Hayes, Director of Administration, gave an update on the utility billing rate structure change and Public Works projects.

1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

- (a) The Mayor discussed the press release concerning the location of a project headquarters for Parkway Pipeline by Kinder Morgan.
- (b) He also discussed the ordinances that were introduced tonight.

2. Julian J. Rodrigue, Jr., City Attorney-Absent.

Councilman Rolling mentioned that the 1300 block of Jahncke Avenue will be closed on October 24th and 25th between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ _____
LEE S. ALEXIUS
Council President

/s/ _____
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council