

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2011**

Council President Alexius called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Roll call was as follows:

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

ABSENT: John Callahan

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

**Council President Alexius** read a quote by Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States.

**Councilman Callahan** arrived at 5:33 P.M.

#### **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.**

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

##### **Old Business**

##### **A. Items to be voted on:**

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2011-07-01 -**  
An Ordinance Enlarging The Boundaries Of The City Of Covington, Louisiana, Describing The Area To Be Annexed And Added Thereto, And Describing The New Boundaries Of Said Municipality And Also Classifying The Property As PRD (Planned Residential District) Under The Zoning Laws Of The City Of Covington (Zoning Case No. 11-5-01 ANNEX)  
(Alexius) **(TABLED ON AUGUST 16, 2011)**

**Council President Alexius** led a discussion on Item 2011-07-01.

**Councilman Coner made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Wright. There being no objection to closing the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.**

**Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to table Item 2011-07-01 until November 15, 2011, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call was unanimous to table Item 2011-07-01 until November 15, 2011. Item 2011-07-01 was tabled until November 15, 2011.**

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2011-08-01 –**  
An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provision of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 42, Environment, Article III. Litter, Sec. 42-62. Definitions.  
(O’Keefe)

**Councilman O’Keefe** led a discussion on Item 2011-08-01.

**Councilman Smith** made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by **Councilman Coner**. There being no objection to closing the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

**Councilman O’Keefe** made a motion to adopt Item 2011-08-01, seconded by **Councilman Coner**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2011-08-01. Item 2011-08-01 was adopted.

- 3. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2011-09-03 –**  
An Ordinance of the City of Covington Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Amendment to Lease from the City of Covington to the St. Tammany Parish School Board (Alexius)

**Council President Alexius** led a discussion on Item 2011-09-03.

**Councilman Coner** made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by **Councilman Rolling**. There being no objection to closing the public hearing, the public hearing was closed.

**Councilman O’Keefe** made a motion to adopt Item 2011-09-03, seconded by **Councilman Coner**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2011-09-03. Item 2011-09-03 was adopted.

#### **New Business**

- A. Items removed from consent calendar: None.**
- B. Items to be voted on:**
  - 1. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-17 –** A Resolution of the Covington City Council Approving the Meeting Rules of the Board of Adjustment of the City of Covington, Louisiana (Alexius)

**Council President Alexius** led a discussion on Resolution No. 2011-17.

**Councilman Rolling** made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-17, seconded by **Councilman Coner**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2011-17. Resolution No. 2011-17 was adopted.

- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-18 –** A Resolution Confirming the Mayoral Appointment of Seymon S. “Windy” Hartzog III to the Covington Historic District Commission (CHDC) for a Term of Four (4) Years (Alexius)

**Mayor Cooper** led a discussion on Resolution No. 2011-18 and introduced Mr. Hartzog to the Council.

**Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-18, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2011-18. Resolution No. 2011-18 was adopted.**

Mr. Hartzog was sworn in by Julian J. Rodrigue, Jr., City Attorney.

## **COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

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

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

**Council President Alexius** reported there was a Finance Committee meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss retirement insurance.

(a) **Historic Committee Update-None.**

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

**Councilman Callahan** mentioned that on October 15<sup>th</sup> Ms. Hattie Brown has scheduled a meeting with the candidates for the upcoming election at Christ Temple located at 619 W. 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 9:00 A.M.

#### **3. Economic Development-**

**Councilman Rolling** reported that the Economic Development Committee held its first meeting last week. Topics discussed were parking issues in downtown; the procedures for new businesses; and the Tyler/21<sup>st</sup> Avenue corridor. Also, Rockin the Rails will be held every Wednesday in October, 5:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. Also, the next CBA meeting is Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Trailhead starting at 5:30 P.M.

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

**Council President Alexius** stated that the next Planning & Zoning meeting is October 17<sup>th</sup> and items on the agenda are the Oak Alley Subdivision design changes and the subdivision regulations.

#### **5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-None.**

#### **6. Recreation/CPOC-**

**Councilman Smith** mentioned that a suggestion has been made to open a dog park and CPOC may schedule a meeting to discuss the suggestion.

#### **7. Traffic and Transportation-**

**Councilman Wright** stated that a Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. with the Director of Planning for the Regional Planning Commission.

### **B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

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

(a) The City is in the investigation stage for developing a dog park and would like input from the citizens of Covington as to a possible location and criteria for the dog park.

(b) In addition to downtown, he pointed out that the City needs to help drive business along the Tyler/21<sup>st</sup> Avenue corridor.

(c) There may be a project to bring before the Traffic and Transportation Committee at the meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> for discussion and recommendation.

(d) As a reminder, please obey the speed limits in school zones.

#### **2. Julian J. Rodrigue, Jr., 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