

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

Council Vice 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 and Lee Alexius

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Sam O'Keefe (acting mayor)

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Abstain - 1 (O'Keefe - acting mayor). The consent calendar was adopted.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Councilman Wright made a motion to open the agenda to add under New Business, Resolution No. 2012-35 -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council in Support of the Application for a Grant Through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) to Assist in Funding for Drainage Improvements Along Mile Branch Creek, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Abstain - 1 (O'Keefe - acting mayor) to open the agenda to add Resolution No. 2012-35. Resolution No. 2012-35 was added to the agenda under New Business.**

**Unfinished Business**

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

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2012-08-01 –**  
An Ordinance of the City of Covington Enlarging the Boundaries of the City of Covington, Louisiana, Describing the Area to be Annexed and Added Thereto and Also Classifying this Property as CO Commercial Office/Professional District with a Planned Commercial District Overlay (PCD) Under the Zoning Laws of the City of Covington Zoning Case 12-07-01ANNEX (Alexius)

**Council Vice President Alexius led a discussion on Item 2012-08-01.**

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

**Councilman Rolling made a motion to adopt Item 2012-08-01, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Abstain - 1 (O'Keefe - acting mayor) to adopt Item 2012-08-01. Item 2012-08-01 was adopted.**

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2012-08-02 --**  
An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II. Codes, Division 2. Uniform Construction Code, Sec. 18-56. Schedule of Permit and Inspection Fees (Alexius)

**Council Vice President Alexius led a discussion on Item 2012-08-02.**

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

**Councilman Wright made a motion to adopt Item 2012-08-02, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Abstain - 1 (O'Keefe - acting mayor) to adopt Item 2012-08-02. Item 2012-08-02 was adopted.**

- 3. 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 RJJ, L.L.C.; and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith (Alexius)

**Council Vice President Alexius led a discussion on Item 2012-08-03.**

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

**Councilman Smith made a motion to table Item 2012-08-03 until October 16, 2012, seconded by Councilman Rolling. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Abstain - 1 (O'Keefe - acting mayor) to table Item 2012-08-03 until October 16, 2012. Item 2012-08-03 was tabled until October 16, 2012.**

#### **New Business**

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

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-35 --** A Resolution of the Covington City Council in Support of the Application for a Grant Through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) to Assist in Funding for Drainage Improvements Along Mile Branch Creek (Alexius)

**Council Vice President Alexius led a discussion on Resolution No. 2012-35.**

**Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-35, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Abstain - 1 (O'Keefe - acting mayor) to adopt Resolution No. 2012-35. Resolution No. 2012-35 was adopted.**

**APPEARER:**

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

**COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

**A. Council Committee Comments and Reports**

**1. Administrative Liaison-**

**Council Vice President Alexius** mentioned that he and Nahketah Bagby attended the Louisiana Housing Alliance Listening Tour at the Groves which dealt with issues involving housing. Also, he reminded everyone about the 2013 budget work sessions on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> for Administration and Public Works and on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> for Police, Fire and Recreation, both beginning at 5 P.M.

**Council Vice President Alexius** led a discussion concerning the debris pick up as a result of Hurricane Isaac.

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

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

**3. Economic Development-**

**Councilman Rolling** announced that the Covington Business Resource Workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 A.M. until noon at the Bogue Falaya Hall. Upcoming events: Covington Bicentennial Kickoff has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 until 8 P.M. at the Trailhead; Sunset at the Landing on September 21<sup>st</sup>; and Covington Block Party on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-None.**

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

**6. Recreation/CPOC-None.**

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

**Councilman Wright** mentioned that the River Sweep held on September 15<sup>th</sup> was a great event.

**B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

**Acting Mayor O'Keefe** commended the Public Works Department for their work in cleaning up the City after Hurricane Isaac.

**2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-**

**Mrs. Hayes** mentioned that Mayor Cooper has been discharged from the hospital and is recuperating at home. Also, she gave an update of the affairs of the City

**Councilman Rolling** requested an update on the old Pizza Hut on Hwy. 190 and the opening of the Frostop.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

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