

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

Council President O'Keefe called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call was as follows:

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

ABSENT: John Callahan

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 Rolling. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Absent - 1 (Callahan). The consent calendar was adopted.**

**APPEARER:**

Betty Pogue, a resident of the City of Covington, discussed her concerns about the manner in which the leadership in the City handled Hurricane Isaac and its aftermath.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**New Business**

**Items to be voted on:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-27 --** A Resolution of the Covington City Council Confirming Donald ("Don") Mastio as the District B Appointment to the Covington Planning and Zoning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years (Coner)

**Councilman Coner made a motion to confirm Donald ("Don") Mastio as the District B Appointment to the Covington Planning and Zoning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years, seconded by Councilman Alexius. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Absent - 1 (Callahan). Mr. Mastio was confirmed.**

**City Attorney Julian J. Rodrigue, Jr.** administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Mastio.

**COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

**A. Council Committee Comments and Reports**

**1. Administrative Liaison-**

**Councilman Alexius** commended the Administration, Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department for their work during Hurricane Isaac. Also, he stated that the Council adopted an emergency ordinance on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> to deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Isaac.

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

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

**3. Economic Development-**

**Councilman Rolling** announced that the Covington Business Workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 A.M. until noon at the Bogue Falaya Hall. Also, he announced there were seven (7) new business licenses issued in August. Upcoming events: Sunset at the Landing on September 21<sup>st</sup>; Covington Block Party on September 28<sup>th</sup>; and the Bogue Falaya River Sweep on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. until noon. Also, he mentioned that the new date for the Bicentennial Kickoff event has not been announced yet.

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

**Councilman Alexis** announced that P&Z will not meet in September as no cases were filed.

**5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-**

**Council President O'Keefe** commended the Police and Fire Departments for their work during Hurricane Isaac.

**6. Recreation/CPOC-**

**Councilman Smith** announced that one of the Covington's Little League football teams went to the last Saints preseason football game and played a scrimmage game with a team from Madisonville during halftime. Also, discussion is ongoing about constructing professional sand volleyball courts in the Bogue Falaya Park.

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

**Councilman Wright** commended City employees for all of their hard work during and after Hurricane Isaac. Also, he announced there will be a District C meeting on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

**B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

**Mayor Cooper** did not attend the meeting.

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

**Mrs. Hayes** gave an update of the affairs of the City. Also, she mentioned that Mayor Cooper had emergency colon surgery and is still in the hospital. As of today, she has been appointed as acting mayor until Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 P.M.

**Councilman Alexis** requested an update from the City Engineer on projects affecting the downtown area for the CBA meeting tomorrow night.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

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