

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, CITY HALL, APRIL 6, 2009, 6:30 PM.

Mayor Kimberly C. Carter presided with Mayor Pro-Tem Hawnethia Williams, Council members: Janet A. Goodman, John A. Howard, Mike Whatley, Ocie Franklin, and Keith Dalton, City Manager Steve Horton, Acting City Clerk Tonya R. Grier, and City Attorney E. A. Crudup, Jr., present.

Bethlehem Baptist Church's Associate Pastor Lawrence Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Howard to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on March 16, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the council to table the discussion/appeal of prior imposed SUP extension requirement for Peachtree Academy until a later date.

2. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Williams to amend the agenda to add the following:

- Discussion/approval of the adoption of a resolution authorizing a local Urban Redeveloping Plan.
- Discussion of emergency flooding situation on the Jane Alexander property off of Highway 278.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Franklin to acknowledge receipt of the following:

Covington Planning Commission

March 10, 2009 Minutes

April 14, 2009 Agenda*

*Presentation of plaques to retired Board Committee members.

Historic Preservation Committee

March 4, 2009 Minutes

April 1, 2009 Agenda

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the adoption of a resolution in support of the Harristown Park Development, an affordable senior living facility.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Williams to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation **not** to amend the ordinance regarding precious metals and gems dealers.

Motion carried with Council members Whatley, Williams, Howard, Dalton, and Franklin voting for. Council member Goodman voting against.

6. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve the **first** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTED AND ADOPTED ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF **CHAPTER 2.12** OF THE SAID CODE RELATING TO THE **OFFICE OF CITY CLERK**, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the low bid from Pittman Construction Company in the amount of \$3,042,179.16, for the Runway 10-28 Rehabilitation Project at the Covington Municipal Airport.

Pittman Construction Company	\$3,042,179.16*
C. W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc.	\$3,770,647.18
Stewart Brothers, Inc.	\$3,930,588.40
E. R. Snell Contractor, Inc.	\$4,546,658.80

*the City's total project cost is \$262,888.21

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to award the Covington Municipal Airport's maintenance contract to Gary C. Moseley, Inc. for a period of three years.

Bidders:
Gary C. Moseley, Inc
Ozburn Electrical Contractors, Inc.
Precision Approach, LLC

*copies of bids are on file as a part of these minutes

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Howard to approve a contract between the E911 Center and the City of Oxford for dispatch services.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a joint City/County ordinance regarding Emergency Management.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 11. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the adoption of a resolution to amend the City’s 2008-2009 Budget to reflect the following:

**City of Covington
Budget Adjustments 2008-2009**

	Revenue	Expenditures	Reserve
Original Budget	\$133,345,424.00	\$133,211,237.00	\$134,187.00
Budget Revisions	\$11,606,146.09	\$14,375,935.07	\$2,769,788.98
Revised Budget	<u>\$121,739,277.91</u>	<u>\$118,835,301.93</u>	<u>\$2,903,975.98</u>
Cash Balance	<u>\$22,729,141.60</u>		

Motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve an invoice from the Newton County BOC in the amount of \$29,477.36 for reimbursement of Prisoner Inmate Details from July 2008 thru February 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 13. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Williams to authorize the Mayor to execute the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Statement of Award one of the following options: a) amend the application change the funding from the Jefferson Village neighborhood to the Harristown neighborhood, b) add changes at the request of the DCA, or c) as written.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Carter introduced Randy Vinson as the City’s Interim Planning & Zoning Director.

- 14. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve the adoption of a resolution to create an Urban Redevelopment Plan for the City of Covington.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 15. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to authorize the City Engineer to immediately hire a capable and responsible contractor to install a spillway in the Alexander Lake Dam to relieve backwater flooding that overtops Ms. Alexander’s driveway and restricts ingress and egress to and from the home.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Carter presented a proclamation honoring the month of April as National Donate Life Month.

- 16. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve of the purchase orders:

AIRPORT

PBS&J

-Engineering services	\$69,560.00
Pittman Construction Co., Inc.	
-Airport expansion project	\$53,894.85

ENGINEERING

Newton County BOC

-Salary reimbursements for GIS employees	\$27,742.44
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Motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the council to have the City Manager and Police Chief look into the possibility of the City participating in the July 4th fireworks display.

It was the consensus of the council to authorize the City Manager to draft a letter of proposal to the IDA regarding the possible construction of a lift station and sewer line north of the Covington Municipal Airport.

The City Manager reminded everyone of the joint City-County work session tomorrow, April 7th at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at the Historic Courthouse.

Mayor Carter reminded everyone of the Great American Clean-Up on Saturday, April 25th. Mayor Carter stated April is Manufacturer Appreciation Month and two local industries that have been nominated to win awards: Beaver Manufacturing and General Mills. Mayor Carter further stated the City should receive some information regarding the Work Ready Program.

Council member Dalton reminded everyone of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life on April 24th at The Church At Covington.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Kimberly C. Carter, Mayor

Tonya R. Grier, Acting City Clerk