

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, CITY HALL, AUGUST 1, 2011, 6:30 PM.

Mayor Kimberly C. Carter presided with Mayor Pro-Tem Ocie Franklin, Council members: Hawnethia Williams, Michael Whatley, Janet A. Goodman, Chris Smith, and Keith Dalton, City Manager Steve Horton, City Clerk Tonya R. Grier, City Attorney E. A. Crudup, Jr., and Associate City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. present.

Minister Tabitha Bell Associate Pastor of Trinity Bible Church opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve amending the agenda to add the following:

Discussion of the adoption of a resolution to appoint a trustee, administrator, and an investment manager for the City of Covington's Defined Contribution Plan subject to the City Attorney's final review.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Franklin, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on July 18, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Forrest Sawyer, Jr., President of the African American Historical Association was in attendance to discuss plans for a consecration ceremony for the bodies in the unmarked graves discovered at various city cemeteries. Mr. Sawyer stated the ceremony will be held at the City Cemetery on East Street September 3 at 11:00 AM followed by another ceremony on West Street at 2:00 PM. Subsequent ceremonies will be held on the same date should any more unmarked graves are located.

3. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the sole bid from Omega Mapping Services to locate potential gravesites in Turner Lake Park near Brown Bridge Road.

Phase 1 – Cemetery Discovery	\$670.00 - 1,670.00
Phase 2 – GPR & Map of Turner Lake Cemetery	\$1,762.75

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve one-third participation with Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority and Newton County BOC in the Water Model Update 2011, with the City's portion being \$14,866.67.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Smith, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve the following rate structure for office space rental at the Covington Municipal Airport:

\$18.00 per square foot at year including electric and Wi-Fi.

Offices currently available at airport:

- 180 s.f. or \$270.00 per month
- 225 s.f. or \$337.50 per month
- 255 s.f. or \$382.50 per month

The second floor, which is not partitioned, is also available and would be ideal for a larger tenant.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve an engagement letter from Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs, LLC for auditing services.

Regular fees	\$64,000.00
Single Audit range	\$7,500.00 to \$15,000.00
E911	\$6,200.00
MEAG questionnaire	\$1,500.00

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

- 7. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve proposed PEG Channel "Spot" advertising rates.

30 second spot	\$6.00 per day, minimum of 10 run times
60 second spot	\$9.50 per day, minimum of 10 run times

Increased frequency, if requested, \$.50 cents each for 30 second and \$.75 cents for 60 seconds.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Steve Horton discussed the costs associated with detouring and closing roads within the City for special events.

Sept 11, 2010 Fuzz Run	
Police Dept. \$2,493.28	
Street Dept. \$ 235.44	
	Total \$2,728.72
Oct. 2010 Car Show	
Street Dept. \$ 176.85	
	Total \$176.85
Dec. 4, 2010 Christmas Parade	
Police Dept. \$1,676.97	
Street Dept. \$ 298.35	
	Total \$1,975.32
April 16, 2011 Cheerios Challenge	
Police Dept. \$1,065.69	
	Total \$1,065.69

<p>May 7, 2011 Steeples Fun Run Police Dept. \$ 767.16 Street Dept. \$ 117.72</p>	<p>Total \$884.88</p>
<p>May 21, 2011 Firehouse 5K Fire Dept. \$ 798.00 Street Dept. \$ 317.68 Police Dept. \$ 510.37</p>	<p>Total \$1,626.05</p>
<p>July 3, 2011 4th celebration Street Dept. \$1,962.74 Fire Dept \$1,030.00 Police Dept. \$2,791.75</p>	<p>Total \$5,784.49</p>
<p>July 23, 2011 Bike Race Street Dept. \$1,327.24 Fire Dept. \$ 404.00 Police Dept. \$1,915.60</p>	<p>Total \$3,646.84</p>
<p>July 24, 2011 Back 2 School Block Party Street Dept. \$877.08 Police Dept. \$180.96</p>	<p>Total \$1,058.04</p>

Council members Williams, Dalton, and Smith expressed concerns regarding the earliest possible notification of local merchants.

Council member Smith inquired since the July 23rd Bike Race was a tourism event could any of the \$3,646.84 be reimbursed through Main Street.

City Manager Steve Horton stated he will ask both Main Street and the Chamber.

8. Motion made by Council member Smith, seconded by Council member Williams to approve using LMIG monies in conjunction with the City contract for resurfacing.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Smith, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve establishing a work session within 30 days for the purpose of revisiting the City's Charter.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Smith, seconded by Council member Whatley to schedule two meetings each month for the balance of the calendar year.

September 6th and 19th
November 7th and 21st
December 5th and 19th

Council members Smith, Whatley, and Williams voting for. Council members Goodman, Dalton, and Franklin voting against. Motion carried with Mayor Carter voting for, breaking 3-3 tie.

11. Motion made by Council member Smith, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve adoption of a resolution to appoint a trustee, administrator, and an investment manager for the City of Covington's Defined Contribution Plan subject to the City Attorney's final review.

Trustee: The Investment Committee – City Manager, HR Director and Finance Director

Administrator: The City Manager and Nationwide Financial as record keeper, investment provider, and custodian for contributions made to the Plan

Investment Manager: IRON Financial

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Goodman recognized former Commissioner Esther Fleming in the audience.

City Manager Steve Horton stated he is looking into why fire trucks do not go around the square when responding to calls.

City Manager informed the Council the Recruitment and Training Manager Willie Davis had a kidney transplant and as of Saturday morning is doing great.

City Manager Steve Horton stated Council member Keith Dalton's mother-in-law passed away and offered condolences.

Council member Whatley expressed concerns regarding *Vampire Diaries* filming on and around the square.

Mayor Carter reminded the Council of the Eberhart Community meeting on August 4th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Mayor Carter informed the Council that she will be attending the GICH Conference in Athens August 8th – 10th.

Mayor Carter stated the second Friday night concert sponsored by Main Street Covington will be August 12th at 7:00 PM.

Main Street is in the process with partnering with other agencies in the 10th Anniversary Remembrance of the 9/11 tragedy. A committee is being formed to prepare a program in observance and Mayor Carter asked for a volunteer from the Council to attend the committee meetings. The event will be held on September 11th.

Mayor Carter stated on August 11th at 6:00 PM there will be the work session to discuss the Sign Ordinance here at City Hall.

Council member Smith stated the Main Street deal is close to happening.

12. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Dalton to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and a personnel issue.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Dalton to enter back into Regular Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Kimberly C. Carter, Mayor

Tonya R. Grier, City Clerk