

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, CITY HALL, FEBRUARY 16, 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, Deputy Clerk Audra M. Gutierrez, and City Attorney E. A. Crudup, Jr., present.

Porterdale Baptist Church's Pastor Dickie Johnson opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 2, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve the adoption of a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington, Georgia to express the City's intent to increase the rate of the excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations by three percent to be allocated for tourism product development purposes while preserving the distribution percentages for current recipients at the existing rate; to request the enactment of a local act of the General Assembly authorizing the expenditure of the taxes collected pursuant to such increase; and for other purposes. Said resolution includes legislative delegation requirements of a public hearing and a two-year grace period for the civic center project.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve the **final** 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 MODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5.36.030 THEREOF RELATING TO **PAWNBROKER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the **final** 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 TITLE 13 OF THE SAID CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF **REDUCING THE STORMWATER UTILITY FEE AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CREDITS** THERETO,

TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rusty Bullard of Planning & Development P.C. was in attendance to submit the following revised timeline for the Corrydell Development:

September 1, 2009 – Construction and the recording of the Final Plat for Phase 3 will be completed and the paved road from Highway 36 to Phase 2 will be completed.

5. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to accept the afore-mentioned revised timeline.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only for:

Bangkok Grill – Thai Cuisine
5134 Highway 278

Luigi's Pizza Restaurant of Covington, LLC
4139 Highway 278 NW

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for:

Citgo Food Mart
9123 Highway 278

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Neale of Coral Beach Films, LLC was in attendance to present an itinerary of filming locations, traffic control, and road closure requests for the movie *Halloween 2*.

8. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the afore-mentioned itinerary as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Williams to acknowledge receipt of the following:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS
January 20, 2009 Minutes

Historic Preservation Committee
March 4, 2009 Agenda

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve the low bid from Georgia Environmental Specialists, Inc. in the amount of \$7,695.00, for fuel filter upgrades at the Covington Municipal Airport.

Georgia Environmental Specialists, Inc.	\$7,695.00
C & M Equipment Inc.	\$17,244.86
Environmental Resources, Inc.	No bid

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve sharing in one-half the cost of the July 4th fireworks display, with the City's portion being \$3,790.00, contingent upon participation by the Newton County Board of Commissioners.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve amending the 2008-09 Budget in the amount of \$86,646.00, for additional work performed by Cline Service Corp. for the Constructed Wetland Boardwalk and Stream Bank Restoration Projects.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve the low bid from Cline Service Corp. in the amount of \$48,875.00, for the installation of a siphon system to improve water quality and flood control at Alexander Lake, to be paid out of the Stormwater Utility Fund.

Cline Service Corp.	\$48,875.00
Massana Construction	\$49,298.00

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to approve an proposal from PBS&J in the amount of \$105,000.00, to perform a updated Airport Layout Plan (ALP).

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve a revised Downtown Event Permit.

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve a request from the First Baptist Church of Covington to close the Downtown Square streets for a Community Easter Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, April 12, 2009 from 9:00 AM till 12:30 PM and allow the City to apply with GDOT for permits.

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Whatley to remove the discussion/approval of elected officials' salary increase from the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve setting the qualifying fee for Council Posts to be filled by the election on November 3, 2009 at 3% of the annual salary or \$180.00. Retroactive February 1, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

19. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Franklin to authorize the Mayor to execute a bank collateralization contract with Pinnacle Bank and to use such a contract in future banking endeavors, and to designate the Mayor and City Manager as officers to conduct business on behalf of the City.

Motion carried unanimously.

20. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve the following invoice:

WATER & SEWER

Kendall Supply, Inc.	
-3/4" water meters (288)	\$21,312.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Carter congratulated Covington Planning Commission member Bob Furnad for receiving the Di Gamma Kappa Broadcasting Society's Distinguished Achievement Award in Broadcasting.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Kimberly C. Carter, Mayor

Tonya R. Grier, Acting City Clerk