

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, CITY HALL, JUNE 1, 2009, 6:30 PM.**

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

Associate Parish Louly Hay of Covington First Presbyterian Church opened the meeting with prayer.

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1. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 18, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Dalton 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 10 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING **CHAPTER 10.18 (MOTORIZED CARTS)** THERETO, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the following changes to the agenda.

- a. Discussion/approval of permitting policies for Downtown Square events.
- b. Discussion/approval of electrical service usage for Downtown Square events.

Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve an application to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for:

***Johnson's Super Market  
4152 Washington Street***

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Covington Planning Commission**

May 12, 2009 minutes

June 9, 2009 agenda

**Covington Parking Authority**

May 20, 2009 minutes

**Historic Preservation Commission**

May 6, 2009 minutes

June 3, 2009 agenda

Motion carried unanimously.

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Senior Planner, Michelle Larsen, presented the Mayor and Council with the Planning Commission's recommendations for the SKC Rezoning Project.

Applicant for the SKC Rezoning Project, Jerry Silvio was in attendance to request a Rezoning Petition for 61.062 acres know as SKC Property on State Hwy 142 and Hazelbrand Road. The undeveloped property is zoned M-2(heavy industrial). SKC requested the property to be rezoned to CM (corridor mix) for a mixed use development.

Mr Silvio also requested to ammend the initial proposal by using the proposed 76 residential units for commercial space until the market turns and there is a demand for residential space in the area.

Mayor Carter inquired about the length of time the proposed residential space would be used as commercial. Mr. Salvo estimated an interim use of approximately 5 years.

6. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve the rezoning of the SKC Property from M-2 to CM with stipulations recommended by the Planning Commission and the interim use of the residential property.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Carter extended nominations for appointments to the Organizing Committee for the Covington Redevelopment Authority until Wednesday, June 3rd.

Council member Goodman nominated Alfred Cook.

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7. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve low bids for the pipe and fittings for the Pipe Rehab Project at the LAS.

Hopi Contracting - 'Steel Riser Posts.'	\$28,868.90
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Ferguson Waterworks - 'Pipe and Material.'	\$92,370.41
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Motion carried unanimously.

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8. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Williams to approve high bid for the sale of timber at the LAS.

Plains Logging \$176,945.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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9. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve sole bid for the sanitary sewer improvements at Alexander Lake.

Whetstone \$64,816.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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10. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Howard to approve the following contracts for airport rehab/construction projects:

The Runway Rehabilitation Project Construction Services	\$48,800.00
Southeast Apron Connector Design	\$29,950.00
Initial Southeast Apron Design	\$56,410.00

These contracts are to be reimbursed 95% by Federal FFA Funding.

The City plans to rehabilitate the existing runway and apron at the Covington Municipal Airport. The runway was extended from 4200 feet 5500 feet. The project will revamp the length of the original runway.

Motion carried unanimously.

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11. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve a Wastewater Treatment Capacity Reservation Agreement with Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

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12. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a resolution designating Utility Director Bill Meecham the City's voting delegate and City Manager Steve Horton as alternate for the 2009 MEAG Power Annual Election.

Motion carried unanimously.

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13. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve transferring of uncollected utility bills receivable to bad debt expense.

Motion carried unanimously.

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14. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Williams to approve two designated parking spaces with a 2-hour limit in front of United Bank on Washington Street.

Motion carried unanimously.

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15. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve the stripping of loading zone for Ramsey Furniture on Hendricks Street in front of roll up door.

Motion carried unanimously.

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City Manager Steve Horton discussed the growing interest in the Downtown Square. Requests for private events on the Square are steadily increasing.

During some of these events there is a need for electrical service. In the past, the City did not allow electrical use for private events because there was not a policy indicating a fee for electrical service use on the Downtown Square.

Mr. Horton requested that the Mayor and Council consider creation of a policy and permitting process for private events held on the Downtown Square.

16. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the following permitting policy for private Downtown Square events:
- a. permit requested within 10 working days before the event
  - b. \$30 fee for use of electrical service if needed

Motion carried unanimously.

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Planning Commission Board member Greg Shy was in attendance and questioned the refund policy of the electrical fee if an event had to be cancelled.

City Manager stated that the City's Accounting Department would process a full refund of the \$30 fee.

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Mayor Carter acknowledged and welcomed County Commissioner Tim Fleming and former Commissioner Ester Fleming, who were in attendance.

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17. Motion made by Council member Williams, and seconded by Council member Goodman to approve the following invoices:

**AIRPORT**

PBS&J  
-Engineering services (4 invoices) \$27,170.20

**SANITATION**

Nextran Truck Center, Inc.  
-Repairs on Unit 2621 \$24,758.00

**WATER & SEWER**

Kendall Supply, Inc.  
-Meters & materials \$20,496.80  
-Water meters (216) \$22,788.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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City Manager, Steve Horton reminded the Mayor and Council of the work session with the County and Porterdale, Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM

Mr. Horton also reminded Mayor and Council of City's budget and millage rate public hearing June 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am at City Hall and voting on the budget and millage will be next Council Meeting, June 15.

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Mayor Carter reminded Council of the Airport Committee meeting next Monday at 6:30PM.

Mayor Carter asked that the Council check their email regarding recommendation for Resolution on behalf of Judge Ozburn.

Mayor Carter also reminded Council to turn in their nominations to Audra, by Wednesday for the Organizing Committee for the Covington Redevelopment Authority

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Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:18PM.

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Kimberly C. Carter, Mayor

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Tonya R. Grier, City Clerk