

*****WORK SESSION @ 5:30 PM*****

AGENDA
CITY OF COVINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2011
6:30 PM

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

1. Call to order. Mayor Carter, Reverend Jason Dees of First Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discussion of the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 16, 2011.
APPROVED
3. Discussion of the **final** reading of an ordinance to amend the City's charter: **APPROVED**

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 30 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, SO AS TO CHANGE THE CITY MANAGER **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ACTS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

4. Discussion of the **final** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington:
APPROVED - eliminating A,G,M

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"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 16 OF THE SAID CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF AMENDING CHAPTER 16.48 THEREOF RELATING TO **SIGNS**, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

-APPROVED - to change fee for temporary sign permits to one \$25 fee per calendar year

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion of changes to the agenda. **APPROVED**
 - Discussion of a 4 way stop sign at Thompson Avenue/Mill Street. **APPROVED**
 - Discussion of a traffic light on HWY 278 at the old wal-mart and Ingles. **APPROVED**- to sign agreement for utilities
 - Discussion of MEAG electric PCA. **APPROVED** – stop putting funds in MEAG New Generation account and apply to power bill
6. Public comments for any item not on the agenda.
7. Covington-Newton Chamber to present an update on Economic Development.
8. Covington-Newton Chamber to present an update on tourism.
9. Discussion of airport contract amendment with GDOT. **APPROVED**
10. Discussion of a rezoning application for 2131 Stone Mountain Street. **APPROVED** – change to Town Center Mixed Used District
11. Discussion of the **first** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington: **APPROVED**

“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 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING CHAPTER 8.16 (**JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES**) THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

12. Discussion of the **first** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington: **TABLED**

“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 16 (ZONING) OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING SECTION 16.20.480 (**MOTOR VEHICLE SALES**) OF CHAPTER 16.20 (SUPPLEMENTAL USE PROVISIONS) THEREOF TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

13. Discussion of a resolution requesting and authorizing an election for the purpose of

- submitting the question of Sunday package sales by retailers of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits to the electors for approval or rejection. **APPROVED**
14. Discussion of a resolution for setting fees for pawnshops and precious metal dealers within the City. **APPROVED**
 15. Discussion of 2011 CHIP Grant Down Payment Assistance Program. **APPROVED**
 16. Discussion of letter to DCA committing to cash match and leverage for Geiger Street Waterline project. **APPROVED** - \$110,000.00, not all cash includes in-kind services
 17. Discussion of Educational Demographic Improvement Feasibility Study. **APPROVED**
 18. Discussion of Defined Contribution Retirement Plan. **APPROVED**
 19. Discussion of renewal of copier lease. **APPROVED** - 48 month agreement at \$1,058.00 a month
 20. Discussion of purchase of right-of-way by DOT for the Highway 142/Alcovy Road project. **TABLED**
 21. Discussion of Consent Agreement for Countywide Natural Gas Safety Plan. **APPROVED**
 22. Discussion of delegates for MEAG Annual Election. Utilities Director Bill Meecham, alternate City Manager Steve Horton
 23. Discussion of ECG Budget. **APPROVED**
 24. Discussion of sole bid to purchase a handheld GPS unit. **APPROVED** – Navigation Electronics, Inc., \$7,790.00
 25. Discussion of road closure for July 3rd Concert in the Park and Fireworks. **APPROVED**
 26. Discussion of advance of funds to Covington-Newton Chamber of Commerce. \$15,500.00
 27. Discussion of conditions for funding associated with loan to CRA.
 28. Public comments.
 29. Recommendations of the City Manager.
 30. Recommendations of the Mayor and Council.

31. Adjourn. 9:07PM