

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, CITY HALL, OCTOBER 5, 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, and Ocie Franklin, City Manager Steve Horton, City Clerk Tonya R. Grier, and City Attorney E. A. Crudup, Jr., present. Council member Keith Dalton was absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hawnethia Williams opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of the minutes from the Called Meeting held on September 10, 2009 was postponed.

1. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 21, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Steve Horton discussed the review of contract language and provisions regarding early termination of the Airport Operating Agreement (AOA).

FBO Attorney Craig Oakes was in attendance to discuss provisions in the AOA.

2. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Franklin to terminate the contract according to Article 11, "Compensation For Early Termination By City," and all information be transferred from the FBO to the City per the Amortization Schedule.

After further discussion, Council member Whatley withdrew the aforementioned motion.

It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to authorize the City Attorney to consult with the FBO's Attorney to further review the contract language of the AOA.

3. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to amend the agenda to add the following:

- Discussion/approval of maintenance of the City's Peak Shaving Plant.
- Enter into Executive Session to discuss potential land acquisition.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood Street resident Jami Berry was in attendance to request a speed limit change on Louise and Wood Streets.

4. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve a speed limit change to 20 MPH on Louise and Wood Streets.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve an engineering proposal from URS Corp in the amount of \$31,600.00 for the Tuner Lake Round-A-Bout.

Motion carried unanimously.

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 6.06 OF THE SAID CODE **RELATING TO DOGS AND CATS**, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 32 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, SO AS TO **CHANGE THE ACCEPTABLE MAXIMUM VALUE OF ANY GIFT, FAVOR OR OTHER THING OF VALUE OFFERED TO A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, THE MAYOR, ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY**; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ACTS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Board of Appeals
September 15, 2009 minutes

Community Redevelopment Authority
September 22, 2009 minutes

Covington Planning Commission
October 13, 2009 agenda

Historic Preservation Commission
October 7, 2009 agenda

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve a grant writer/finance position.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve depositing of funds in the MEAG New Generation Funding Account.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Goodman to transfer uncollected utility bills receivable to bad debt expense.

\$124,801.74

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to approve LP Gas Industrial Equipment to provide maintenance at the Peak Shaving Plant.

\$24,390.00

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Steve Horton informed everyone that the City will not be a Point of Distribution for the H1N1 Vaccination.

Mr. Horton brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council that someone is photographing City and County employees stopped at various stores during work hours. Mr. Horton explained that City employees are allowed to stop for a quick break and there are times when employees have to stop to conduct City business.

Mr. Horton also discussed GDOT Road Widening Projects.

Mr. Horton informed everyone of a voter forum to be held October 20, 2009 from 7pm to 9pm in the City of Covington Council Room.

Mayor Carter discussed an upcoming tour on October 17th regarding a trail master plan.

Mayor Carter also reminded the Council of the GMA District 5 meeting October 27th in Monroe.

13. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential land acquisition. 7:51PM

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to enter back into Regular Session. 8:16PM

Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

Kimberly C. Carter, Mayor

Tonya R. Grier, City Clerk