



**MINUTES  
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY  
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021, 6:00 PM  
20 WEST PIKE STREET, COVINGTON, KY 41011**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Covington, Kentucky met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 20 West Pike Street, Covington, KY 41011 at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. Mayor Joseph U. Meyer called the meeting to order. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll, and the following members were present: Mayor Joseph U. Meyer, Commissioner Tim Downing, Commissioner Shannon Smith, and Commissioner Ron Washington. Absent: Commissioner Michelle Williams. Quorum was met for the Board of Commissioners.

The following staff members attended in person: Ken Smith, Interim City Manager/Neighborhood Services Director; Dan Hassert, Communications Manager; Jo Ann Simpson, HR Director; Michael Bartlett, City Solicitor; Susan Ellis, City Clerk; Tom West, Economic Development Director; Mark Pierce, Fire Chief; Col. Rob Nader, Police Chief; Chris Warneford, Public Works Director; Misty Haas, Business Analyst; and Harold Conley, City Hall Receptionist. Guests: None.

**ACTION TAKEN ON LAST MEETING'S MINUTES**

Minutes of the June 29, 2021 Regular Legislative Meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for review. Motion was made by Commissioner Washington and seconded by Commissioner Downing to dispense with the reading of and approve said minutes. Mayor Meyer asked for discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 29, 2021 was approved by unanimous vote.

Minutes of the July 13, 2021 Regular Caucus Meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for review. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Downing to dispense with the reading of and approve said minutes. Mayor Meyer asked for discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2021 was approved by unanimous vote.

## **CELEBRATORY ORDERS**

### **COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-132-21**

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT OF ASSISTANT CHIEF PAT SWIFT FROM THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-132-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Washington and seconded simultaneously by both Commissioner Downing and Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-132-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

### **COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-133-21**

AN ORDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS IN THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021: CAPTAIN JUSTIN WIETHOLTER TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE; LIEUTENANT MATT WINSHIP TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN; SERGEANT JOSH BORNHORN AND SERGEANT JOSH HAGGARD TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT; AND SPECIALIST JASON HARTZLER AND OFFICER JUSTIN MEYER TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-133-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-133-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

### **COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-134-21**

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS FOR RETIREMENT FROM THE COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021: CAPTAIN TARA BLACK, ENGINEER DAVID DORR, ENGINEER JOSEPH FINAN, ASSISTANT CHIEF DAVID GEIGER, ENGINEER MICHAEL HARRIS, CAPTAIN JOHN HOFSTETTER, AND CAPTAIN MICHAEL LEE.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-134-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-134-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

**COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-135-21**

AN ORDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS IN THE COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021: LIEUTENANT GARY RUCKER TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE; LIEUTENANT TODD WYATT, LIEUTENANT AMY GRAY-SCHAEFER, AND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH VANCE TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN; ENGINEER BRIAN GRADY, ENGINEER AARON BOLYARD, FIREFIGHTER JONATHAN EGGEMEIER, AND FIREFIGHTER STUART JOHNSON TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT; AND FIREFIGHTER KYLE VOGELPOHL, FIREFIGHTER BRAD OBERJOHANN, FIREFIGHTER DYLAN MEYER, FIREFIGHTER DAVID AUSDENMOORE, AND FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL BUMPUS TO THE RANK OF ENGINEER.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-135-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Washington and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-135-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

**COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-136-21**

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT FROM THE COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT OF BATTALION CHIEF MICAH FOSTER, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-136-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-136-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

**COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-137-21**

AN ORDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS IN THE COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021: CAPTAIN COREY DEYE TO THE RANK OF BATTALION CHIEF; LIEUTENANT PATRICK AVERBECK TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN; AND FIREFIGHTER KYLE MASSON TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-137-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Washington and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-137-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

The Commission recessed at 6:55 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Meyer opened the floor to public comment which began at 7:11 p.m. and concluded at 7:44 p.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-138-21**

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF BRUCE APPLGATE AS ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2021.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-138-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-138-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-139-21**

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS FOR RETIREMENT FROM THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021: LIEUTENANT JIM WEST, SPECIALIST JIM ISAACS, DETECTIVE JESS HAMBLIN, SPECIALIST SCOTT DAMES, AND SPECIALIST TONY HILL.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-139-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-139-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

**COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-140-21**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$25,000,000 MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021, ISSUED TO ASSIST 614 MADISON YMCA LLC, OR ASSIGNS, TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING FACILITY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY AND 614 MADISON YMCA LLC, WITH RESPECT TO THE FACILITY (THE LEASE AGREEMENT”); AUTHORIZING A TRUST INDENTURE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROTECTION AND DISPOSITION OF SUCH REVENUES AND FURTHER TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AUTHORIZING A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING A HOME OFFICE PAYMENT AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS AND LENDER DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING A FEE JOINDER TO THE LEASEHOLD MORTGAGE.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-140-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-140-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

**COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-141-21**

AN ORDER PROMOTING CHRISTOPHER MYERS TO REGULATORY SERVICES MANAGER.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-141-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-141-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

**COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-142-21**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH M&M SERVICE STATION EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST, INC.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-142-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-142-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

### **COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-143-21**

AN ORDER APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ECS MIDWEST, LLC.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-143-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-143-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

### **COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-144-21**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CARNEGIE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, INC.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-144-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-144-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

### **COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-145-21**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KEEP COVINGTON BEAUTIFUL, INC. AND THE CENTER FOR GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS OF COVINGTON, INC.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-145-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-145-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

**COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-146-21**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MARY KAY CONNOLLY.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-146-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-146-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS: ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**COMMISSIONER'S ORDER ORD-xx-21**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH GATLIN VOELKER, PLLC.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-xx-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, asked for a voice vote. When there was no voice vote, Mayor Meyer asked for a roll call vote.

Voting Yea: None

Voting Nay: Downing, Smith, and Washington

Mayor Meyer did not cast a vote; instead, he asked for a motion to pass over the item for future consideration. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Washington to pass over this order for future consideration. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-xx-21 was approved to be passed over for future consideration.

**COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-147-21**

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL BARTLETT AS CITY SOLICITOR, EFFECTIVE JULY 30, 2021.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-147-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None  
Commissioners Order No. ORD-147-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

**COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-148-21**

AN ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF EMILEE BUTTRUM AS THE COVINGTON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ADMINISTRATOR, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-148-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-148-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

**COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-149-21**

AN ORDER APPROVING A SETTLEMENT, RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH KENTUCKY TAX BILL SERVICING, INC.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-149-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-149-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

**COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-xx-21**

AN ORDER SELECTING ORLEANS DEVELOPMENT AND THE CENTER FOR GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS OF COVINGTON, INC. TO DEVELOP VACANT CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-xx-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the Order. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion. Following the discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Downing to pass over this order for future consideration. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-xx-21 was approved to be passed over for future consideration.



**NEW BUSINESS – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**COMMISSIONERS’ ORDINANCE NO. O-xx-21**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 33.06 OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES “REPAYMENT OF TRAINING COSTS” TO REFLECT CHANGES IN KRS 70.290.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, Motion was made by Commissioner Washington and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve an order to hold a Closed Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(e) collective bargaining negotiations between public employers and their employees or their representatives. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

The Motion to hold a Closed Session was approved by unanimous vote.

The Commission recessed at 8:28 p.m.

The Commission reconvened for Closed Session at 8:43 p.m.

Closed Session adjourned at 9:20 p.m. with no further action taken.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_