



**MINUTES
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 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 Ron Washington, and Commissioner Michelle Williams. Absent: Commissioner Shannon Smith. 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; Cassandra Zoda, Assistant 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; and Harold Conley, City Hall Receptionist. Guests: None.

ACTION TAKEN ON LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Minutes of the July 20, 2021 Regular Legislative Meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for review. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Washington to dispense with the reading of and approve the amended said minutes. Mayor Meyer asked for discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Washington, Williams and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2021 was approved by unanimous vote.

Minutes of the July 27, 2021 Special 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, Washington, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 27, 2021 was approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-152-21

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF JOY PIERSON FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-152-21 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, Washington, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-152-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-153-21

AN ORDER ACCEPTING A DONATION OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 151 LOOKOUT HEIGHTS DRIVE, FT. WRIGHT, KY 41011, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSFER OF TITLE.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-153-21 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, Washington, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-153-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-154-21

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WITH ROEDING INSURANCE.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-154-21 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, Washington, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-154-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-155-21

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF NICOLLETTE BROWN AS A COVINGTON POLICE OFFICER.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-155-21 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, Washington, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-155-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-156-21

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF TRENT WEBSTER AS A COVINGTON POLICE OFFICER.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-156-21 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, Washington, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-156-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-157-21

AN ORDER APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PRESERVATION RESOURCES USA, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-157-21 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-157-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS: ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-158-21

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED HOME OFFICE PAYMENT AGREEMENT, A CONSENT TO COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT OF BOND DOCUMENTS, AN ESTOPPEL AGREEMENT, A TERMINATION AND RELEASE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND AMENDMENTS AS NEEDED TO OTHER BOND DOCUMENTS, RELATED TO THE \$32,967,000 CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY, TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2017 (RIVERHAUS PROJECT), TO FACILITATE THE REFINANCING OF THE LOANS AND THE BONDS RELATED TO THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASEHOLD MORTGAGE WITH A FEE JOINDER, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH, AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-158-21 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 which followed with the condition that the order not be signed until repairs were completed. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: Williams

Commissioners Order No. ORD-158-21 was approved 3 to 1.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-159-21

AN ORDER SELECTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COLLECTIVE AS THE DEVELOPER OF CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS IN THE WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD AND FURTHER INSTRUCTING STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR COMMISSION REVIEW/APPROVAL.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-159-21 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 which followed. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Washington, and Meyer

Voting Nay: Williams

Commissioners Order No. ORD-159-21 was approved 3 to 1.

NEW BUSINESS – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

COMMISSIONERS’ ORDINANCE NO. O-xx-21

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE GENERAL REVENUE AND LEVYING AND FIXING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE ON ALL PROPERTY ASSESSED OR ASSESSABLE SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY, TO MEET THE GENERAL EXPENSES OF SAID CITY; PROVIDING A SINKING FUND FOR PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON THE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY; AND TO REDEEM BONDS MATURING DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

COMMISSIONERS’ ORDINANCE NO. O-11-21

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.

Title of Ordinance No. O-11-21 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Ordinance. Mayor Meyer asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Washington, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners’ Ordinance No. O-11-21 was adopted by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED: _____