



**MINUTES  
REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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, September 7, 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, Commissioner Ron Washington, Commissioner Michelle Williams. Absent: none. There was a full quorum of the Board of Commissioners.

The following staff members attended in person: City Manager/Neighborhood Services Director Ken Smith, Assistant City Manager Joy Pierson, Communications Manager Dan Hassert, Senior Assistant City Solicitor Cassandra Zoda, City Clerk Susan Ellis, Finance Director Muhammed Owusu, Police Chief Col. Rob Nader, Fire Chief Mark Pierce, Public Works Director Chris Warneford, Fleet Manager Steve Hedges, Parks and Recreation Manager, Ben Oldiges, and City Hall Receptionist Harold Conley.

Following roll call, the Commission unanimously agreed to suspend the rules so as to take legal action.

**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-169-21**

AN ORDER NAMING KEN SMITH AS THE 34TH CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF COVINGTON AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-169-21 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 roll call vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, and Meyer

Abstaining: Williams

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-169-21 was approved by majority vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At the conclusion of the caucus meeting, Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Washington 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, Williams and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

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

The Commission recessed at 6:42 p.m.

The Commission reconvened for Closed Session at 6:50 p.m.

Closed Session adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with no further action taken.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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