



**MINUTES
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 14, 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, and Commissioner Michelle Williams. Quorum was met for the Board of Commissioners.

The following staff members attended in person: City Manager 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, Economic Development Director Tom West, Assistant Police Chief Brian Valenti, Fire Chief Mark Pierce, Public Works Director Chris Warneford, Parks and Recreation Manager, Ben Oldiges, and City Hall Receptionist Harold Conley. Guests: None.

ACTION TAKEN ON LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Minutes of the August 24, 2021 Regular Legislative Meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for review. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Washington to dispense with the reading of and approve the said minutes. Mayor Meyer asked for discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 2021 was approved by unanimous vote.

Minutes of the August 27, 2021 Special Legislative Meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for review. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Washington to dispense with the reading of and approve the said minutes. Mayor Meyer asked for discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

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

Minutes of the September 7, 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 Washington to dispense with the reading of and approve the said minutes. Mayor Meyer asked for discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Downing, Smith, Washington, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 7, 2021 was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Meyer opened the floor to public comment which began at 6:02 p.m. and concluded at 6:25 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Covington Aquatics Centers 2021 Pool Season– Benjamin Oldiges

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-170-21

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-170-21 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, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-170-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-171-21

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF RYAN JONES AS A COVINGTON POLICE OFFICER.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-171-21 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, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-171-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-172-21

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF NEIL BOSHOF AS A COVINGTON POLICE OFFICER.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-172-21 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, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-172-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-173-21

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF MARK OTTE AND HESTON HUGHES AS FIREFIGHTER GRADE 3; HARRISON HOWELL AS FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC GRADE 1; MARK GUTTRIDGE AND NICK MARTINI AS FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC GRADE 2; ROBERT HONAKER AS FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC GRADE 3; AND BRIAN MEYER AS FIREFIGHTER GRADE 4 FOR THE COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT STARTING SEPTEMBER 20, 2021.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-173-21 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, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-173-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-174-21

AN ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR THE COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM BACHMAN CHEVROLET.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-174-21 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, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-174-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-175-21

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HENDY, INC. FOR THE ANNUAL CONCRETE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-175-21 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, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-175-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-176-21

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH VECTOR FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT PARTS MANAGEMENT AND SUPPLY SERVICES AND REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-176-21 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, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-176-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-177-21

AN ORDER PROMOTING JOE MEIMANN TO SENIOR CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTOR.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-177-21 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, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-177-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. ORD-178-21

AN ORDER APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH DWA RECREATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE VOLPENHEIM SHELTER IN DEVOU PARK.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-178-21 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, Williams, and Meyer

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners Order No. ORD-178-21 was approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS: ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-179-21

AN ORDER DECLARING THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 301-303 ORCHARD STREET AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEED TRANSFERING OWNERSHIP TO AGED OAK PROPERTIES LLC.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-179-21 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: Williams

Commissioners Order No. ORD-179-21 was approved by a 4 to 1 vote.

COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. ORD-180-21

AN ORDER DECLARING THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 318 BERRY STREET AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEED TRANSFERING OWNERSHIP TO RUSTBELT PROPERTIES, LLC.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-180-21 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: Williams

Commissioners Order No. ORD-180-21 was approved by a 4 to 1 vote.

NEW BUSINESS – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

COMMISSIONERS’ ORDINANCE NO. O-xx-21

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

COMMISSIONERS’ ORDINANCE NO. O-xx-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32.022 OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, PARKING AUTHORITY POWERS AND MANAGEMENT, TODELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

COMMISION DISCUSSION

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED: _____