

**MEETING MINUTES
CALLED MEETING FOR COUNCIL TO
VOTE ON THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
THURSDAY, JUNE, 19, 2025**

The Council for the City of Covington held a Called meeting on **Thursday, June 19, 2025**, at **6 PM** in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 West Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

Mayor William E. Carson Jr. called the meeting to order. Mayor Carson asked City Clerk Amber Nicely to show all council members in attendance.

Council members in attendance were Mayor Carson, Vice Mayor Fred Forbes III, Councilwoman Susan S. Crowder, and Councilwoman Susan S. Wolfe. Also in attendance was Director of Finance David Bryant. City Manager Allen Dressler and City Attorney Mark Popovich were not present.

AGENDA

The council approved the agenda for tonight's meeting with no additions or corrections.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

1. **To consider and vote on Ordinance O-25-03:** Imposing and levying Personal Property, Machinery, and Tools Taxes within the City of Covington. For the tax year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2026.
Roll call vote was done, Councilwoman Crowder, For, Councilman Hunter, For, Councilwoman Wolfe, For, Vice Mayor Forbes, For, and Mayor Carson, For.
2. **To consider and vote on Ordinance O-25-04:** Imposing and levying Real Estate Taxes and Public Services Taxes with the City of Covington. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026.
Roll call vote was done, Councilwoman Crowder, For, Councilman Hunter, For, Councilwoman Wolfe, For, Vice Mayor Forbes, For, and Mayor Carson, For.
3. **To consider and vote on Ordinance O-25-05:** Ordinance approving the proposed City of Covington's Operating Budget and appropriating funds for the Fiscal Year from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and regulating disbursements from the city treasury.
Roll call vote was done, Councilwoman Crowder, For, Councilman Hunter, For, Councilwoman Wolfe, For, Vice Mayor Forbes, For, and Mayor Carson, For.
4. **To consider and vote on Resolution R-25-23:** Alleghany Foundation Fund – Alleghany Foundation Grant of \$93,532.00. (No City Match)
Roll call vote was done, Councilwoman Crowder, For, Councilman Hunter, For, Councilwoman Wolfe, For, Vice Mayor Forbes, For, and Mayor Carson, For.

2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET VOTE: Council passed Ordinances 0-25-03, 0-25-04, and 0-25-05. Resolution R-25-23 was also passed. Once voting for ordinances and resolutions was completed, the council voted on the Full 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

Roll call vote was done, Councilwoman Crowder, For, Councilman Hunter, For, Councilwoman Wolfe, For, Vice Mayor Forbes, For, and Mayor Carson, For.

Mayor Carson motioned to adjourn the meeting, with Vice Mayor Forbes seconding. Followed up with an all-in-favor vote of "aye" by the Council.

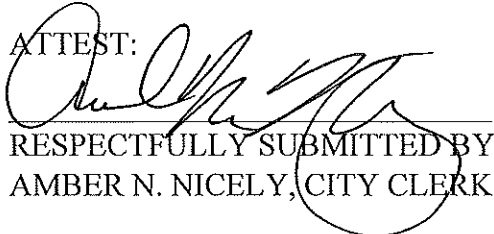
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With no further business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.



WILLIAM E. CARSON JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
AMBER N. NICELY, CITY CLERK