

**MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCE THE INTERIM DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATES
CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST, 25, 2025**

The Council for the City of Covington held a Public Hearing on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 West Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

Mayor Fred F. Forbes III opened the public hearing. Mayor Forbes asked City Clerk Amber Nicely to show all council members in attendance.

Council members in attendance were Mayor Fred F. Forbes III, Councilwoman Susan S. Crowder, Councilman Raymond C. Hunter, and Councilwoman Susan S. Wolfe. Also in attendance was City Manager Allen Dressler, Director of Finance David Bryant and City Attorney Mark Popovich.

The purpose of the hearing was to announce the applicants for the interim vacant District 1 City Council seat, present their credentials for public inspection, and receive citizen input.

Candidates for the Interim District 1 Seat:

- Mrs. Tambria Scruggs-Duncan – Current member of the Alleghany Highlands School Board and acting Poll Manager for District 1.
- Mr. David B. Goff – Long-time small business owner and mechanic at Dave's Auto Repair, LLC, located in Covington.

Each candidate was invited by Mayor Forbes to introduce themselves to the Council and the public. They also responded to questions posed by both the Council and attending citizens.

Candidate Q&A Highlights:

Election Intentions:

- Mrs. Scruggs-Duncan: Stated she may run in the November election depending on her experience in the interim role.
- Mr. Goff: Confirmed his intention to run in the November election.

Plans for First 90 Days:

- Mrs. Scruggs-Duncan: She plans to observe the council and learn.
- Mr. Goff: Shared that he also plans to observe and learn initially, including participating in police ride-along and becoming familiar with various city departments.

Citizen Participation:

Community members were given the opportunity to ask questions and engage in open discussion with the candidates. Topics raised included:

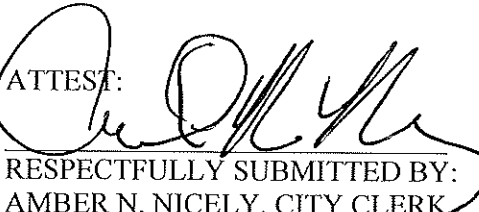
- The need for better paying jobs
- The importance of affordable housing for families of all sizes
- Concerns about crime in the city

With no further business coming before the Council, the City Council Public Hearing for Monday, August 25, 2025, was adjourned. Mayor Forbes recommended adjourning the meeting. Councilman Hunter made the motion to adjourn, and Mayor Forbes seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously in favor.



FRED F. FORBES III., MAYOR

ATTEST:



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
AMBER N. NICELY, CITY CLERK