

MEETING MINUTES

CALLED PUBLIC MEETING - INTERIM DISTRICT 2 COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

The Council for the City of Covington held a Called Public Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 333 West Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

Mayor Raymond C. Hunter called the meeting to order. The following seated members of Council were present: Councilwoman Susan S. Crowder, Councilman David B. Goff, Councilwoman Susan S. Wolfe, and Mayor Raymond C. Hunter. The District 2 Council seat was vacant due to the unexpired term of the late Mayor Fred F. Forbes III.

Also in attendance was City Manager Allen Dressler, and City Clerk Amber N. Berberette.

Mayor Hunter stated that the meeting was being held pursuant to the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering qualified applicants and appointing an Interim District 2 Council Member to fill the unexpired term of the late Mayor Fred F. Forbes III.

Council had previously received and reviewed the submitted application materials related to the appointment and considered the responses provided by the candidates during the April 14, 2026 public meeting.

Mayor Hunter announced the applicants for the Interim District 2 Council vacancy as Mr. Michael Green, Mr. Milton Helton, and Mr. Gene Mundy. The City expressed appreciation for their applications and willingness to serve.

Voting Procedure

Mayor Hunter turned the process over to City Clerk Amber N. Berberette to explain the voting procedure and conduct the roll call vote. City Clerk Berberette stated that Council would proceed with a roll call vote to appoint one Interim District 2 Council Member. Each member was instructed to clearly state the name of the candidate he or she wished to appoint.

City Clerk Berberette stated for the record that the candidates were Mr. Michael Green, Mr. Milton Helton, and Mr. Gene Mundy. She further stated that the individual appointed would not be eligible to participate in Council actions, vote, or be appointed to boards or commissions until taking the oath of office with the Alleghany County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

City Clerk Berberette also stated that, if no candidate received the majority number of votes required for appointment, the appointment would be made by the Alleghany County Circuit Court in accordance with Code of Virginia § 24.2-228.

Roll Call Vote

City Clerk Berberette conducted the roll call vote as follows:

- Councilwoman Susan S. Crowder voted for Mr. Gene Mundy.
- Councilman David B. Goff voted for Mr. Michael Green.
- Councilwoman Susan S. Wolfe voted for Mr. Gene Mundy.
- Mayor Raymond C. Hunter voted for Mr. Milton Helton.

Following the roll call vote, City Clerk Berberette announced the vote tally as follows:

Mr. Michael Green received 1 vote;

Mr. Milton Helton received 1 vote; and

Mr. Gene Mundy received 2 votes.

No candidate received the required majority votes for the appointment. Because no candidate received at least 3 votes from Council, Council did not appoint an Interim District 2 Council Member.

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Pursuant to Code of Virginia § 24.2-228, the appointment would be made by the Alleghany County Circuit Court.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Wolfe and seconded by Councilwoman Crowder. The motion carried with all members voting "aye."


RAYMOND C. HUNTER, MAYOR

ATTEST

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
AMBER N. BERBERETTE, CITY CLERK