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REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2019

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The regular meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. The Invocation was given by Rev. Steve Noel followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Roll Call of Council showed all members present as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman C. J. Entsminger, Jr., Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.

Interim City Manager: Clay Goodman
City Attorney: Mark Popovich

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to approve the following minutes as presented: Work Session of February 5, 2019; Called Meeting of February 5, 2019; Regular Meeting of February 12, 2019; Called Meeting of February 19, 2019; and Called Meeting of February 26, 2019.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

David Bryant, Director of Finance and HR, gave a power point presentation regarding the FY 2019/2020 Budget. The presentation included an overview of revenues, expenditures, ongoing projects, and future projects/equipment that need to be planned for financially. Mr. Bryant also noted the slow decline in machinery and tools tax. Following the report, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to approve the monthly financial report. Interim City Manager Goodman reminded Council of the budget work session on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 to receive feedback from Council and meet with department heads.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to add to the agenda, an appointment to the Western Virginia EMS Council.

Discussion was held regarding the HOPE Performance Agreement. Eric Tyree, Director of Development Services, presented information regarding this proposal. The properties on Alleghany Ave. are in need of repair and by working with the HOPE project, the whole community benefits. Work on this project has been ongoing for about 2 years. Interim City Manager Goodman has spoken with Mrs. Wanda Moore regarding this project. Mrs. Moore addressed Council and shared that this project had been her Father's project to get the community together. She expressed appreciation to the Parks and Recreation Department for their assistance in the community. Mrs. Moore requested Council approve the agreement and provide \$30,000 for demolition of the structure. It was noted that if Council approves this agreement, demolition would be contingent upon available funding in the budget July 1, 2019. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the HOPE Performance Agreement contingent upon funding being available. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mr. Goodman noted that if nothing was done on this property in 5 years, it would revert to the City.

Eric Tyree, Director of Development Services, presented information regarding the Lease Agreement with IVO Ltd. in the Drone Center. This is a company that is interested in development. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the Lease Agreement with IVO Ltd. in the Drone Center. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted to reappoint Mr. Howard (Gene) Wood, Jr. to the Industrial Development Authority for another 4-year term.

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Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted to reappoint Ms. Linda McAllister and Mrs. Marie Fitzpatrick to the Redevelopment and Housing Board for another 4-year term.

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Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to appoint Dwain Paxton to the Western Virginia EMS Council.

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REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

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Mr. Goodman had no formal report at this time as he has been working on many issues for the City.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve, on second reading, Ordinance O-19-01 regarding name change for the Industrial Development Authority. Mayor Sibold, FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier, FOR; Mr. Entsminger, FOR; Mr. Hunter, FOR; Mr. Tucker, FOR.

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Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-19-02 regarding the rezoning of 135 N. Alleghany Ave. and 00000 N. Alleghany Ave. from R-3 to C-1. Mayor Sibold, FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier, FOR; Mr. Entsminger, FOR; Mr. Hunter, FOR; Mr. Tucker, FOR.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to allow one (1) roll call vote to approve Appropriation Resolutions R-19-16 through R-19-28.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the following Appropriation Resolutions:

- R-19-16 regarding Game Time Grant in the amount of \$7,120.15
- R-19-17 regarding Schools in the amount of \$45,911
- R-19-18 regarding EMS Training/Volunteers in the amount of \$3,500
- R-19-19 regarding Maple Ave. Streetscape Project Phase III in the amount of \$35,181
- R-19-20 regarding Personnel Cost/City Manager's Office in the amount of \$57,255.69
- R-19-21 regarding Legal Services in the amount of \$40,000
- R-19-22 regarding Public Works/Streets/Sidewalks/Paving/Equipment - \$30,998.25
- R-19-23 regarding Parks and Recreation weather related personnel/operational - \$53,526
- R-19-24 regarding Cedar Hill Cemetery weather related personnel/operational - \$10,000
- R-19-25 regarding Contingencies in the amount of \$16,507.91
- R-19-26 regarding Refuse Collection/Personnel/Leachate Hauling - \$10,565
- R-19-27 regarding Refuse Disposal in the amount of \$37,951.25
- R-19-28 regarding Wastewater Collection/Clearing roads/3 pump stations - \$12,759.01

VOTE: Mayor Sibold, FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier, FOR; Mr. Entsminger, FOR; Mr. Hunter, FOR; Mr. Tucker, FOR.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hunter: (1) Expressed concerns regarding the situation with cats at a house on Cherry Street; (2) Inquired about work being done on alley way and holes that need addressed; (3) Expressed concerns regarding safety issue at Maple and Oak Streets. Mr. Goodman responded that this matter would be discussed at the work session on April 2nd.

Vice Mayor Crosier: (1) Expressed concerns regarding VDOT signs addressing the detour for the work being done on the bluff project; (2) Drain on Greenway needs cleaned; (3) Noted a large pot hole in the lot near the Library.

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Mayor Sibold: (1) Inquired about the RADAR Bus Transportation system not picking up individuals on Jackson Street due to the road closure. He noted that there are a number of residents that need transportation in this area.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rev. Alfred Dearing thanked Council for their assistance with the HOPE Agreement. He appreciated the sincerity of the decision and thanked all of Council for their support.

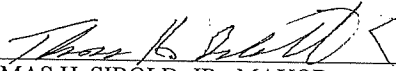
Josh Haynes: (1) Expressed appreciation to Public Works; (2) Inquired about equalizing the speed limit on Carpenter Drive to 35mph. Vice Mayor Crosier expressed concerns regarding any change to the speed limit as there are currently safety issues with speeding in this area.

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Resident also expressed concerns that increasing the speed limit in the Carpenter Drive area was not wise due to safety issues.

No further business to come before Council, the meeting was recessed until Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Alleghany Board of Supervisors to be held at the Alleghany Government Complex.

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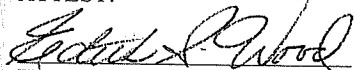


THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND, AS SUCH,
EX-OFFICIO OFFICER OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON,
VIRGINIA

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ATTEST:


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