

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
MARCH 10, 2020

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

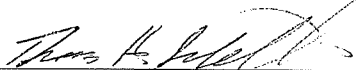
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. with the following members present: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker. Councilman Claiborne "C.J." Entsminger, Jr. was absent.
City Manager: Krystal Onaitis
City Attorney: Mark Popovich

The purpose of the meeting was: (1) Discussion/consideration of proposed ordinances amending/updating the City Code; (2) Discussion/consideration of proposed by-laws for City Council to establish rules and procedures for meetings.

City Attorney Popovich addressed Council with various options of moving forward to review and update the City Code. Council could address the Code chapter by chapter; chapters needing the most changes; or request major/big changes be directly addressed by Council discussion. Some changes would simply be updating to current state code. Mr. Popovich recommended Council be made aware of big/major changes for discussion. He noted that not all changes would require a public hearing and suggested that Council adopt one or two ordinances at a time or hold one public hearing to proceed to adoption of all changes at one time. City Manager Onaitis noted that there were a number of issues that needed to be reviewed and the City staff did a really good job with the review. She also noted that there is a need for enforcement. Mayor Sibold requested that Council see all changes, but would hold discussion regarding major changes/ordinances such as zoning.

The proposed by-laws were discussed which included the agenda, order of business; Robert's Rules of Order, parliamentary, opportunity for citizens to speak and electronic meetings. Additional evaluation and proposals for the by-laws will continue at the work session in April.

No further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.


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