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CALLED MEETING
MARCH 20, 2020

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A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

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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.
City Manager: Krystal Onaitis
City Attorney: Mark Popovich

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Mayor Sibold requested that everyone observe a moment of silence of respect for Councilman Claiborne "C.J." Entsminger, Jr. who passed away on Monday, March 16, 2020.

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The purpose of the meeting was: (1) To consider approval of Emergency Declaration regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic; (2) Update regarding the COVID-19 Task Force; (3) Review and approval of DEQ Consent Order.

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Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 4 to 0 to approve the Emergency Declaration due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

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City Manager Onaitis presented an update regarding the COVID-19 Task Force. Items noted included unified messages and media updates; support services; all water shut-offs suspended; free wi-fi access for citizens; City Hall has been closed for services as of Monday and employees will be working from home electronically on Monday, March 23, 2020. Vice Mayor Crosier requested that Council receive this type of update/situation report each Friday.

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At this time, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to add the following to the agenda: (1) Approval of Bylaws and (2) First Reading of Ordinance O-20-03 regarding temporary changes associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic for a period of 6 months. Motion carried 4 to 0.

City Manager Onaitis gave a briefing regarding the DEQ Consent Order. She informed Council of the potential fine of \$63,000 if the City is not in compliance with the DEQ requirements of specific projects. Mayor Sibold expressed concerns regarding the future costs to the City for the required project. City Manager Onaitis explained that the City, with the assistance of the City Attorney, have explained to the DEQ, the financial situation that is facing the City at this time with limited resources. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the DEQ Consent Order. Motion carried 4 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the By-Laws as presented by the City Attorney. Motion carried 4 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-20-03 regarding temporary changes associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic for a period of 6 months. Motion carried 4 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Mayor Sibold expressed his appreciation to all City employees for their hard work and dedication during this very difficult time.

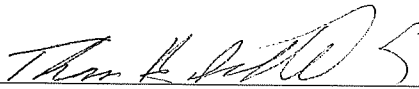
Mr. Hunter inquired about enforcement of the 10 person gatherings.

Mayor Sibold responded that he hoped that the citizens would abide by the 10 person gathering rule and that it would not have to be enforced by law enforcement.

Vice Mayor Crosier noted that the funeral service for Councilman C.J. Entsminger, Jr. would be live-streamed at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 21st. He expressed appreciation the City Manager and Mr. Smals for their assistance.

City Manager Onaitis stated that any employees who may become ill from COVID -19 would not lose salary or position.

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



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