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MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
MAY 19, 2020

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 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. with all members present as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman Edmond J. "Eddie Joe" Entsminger, Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.
City Manager: Krystal Onaitis

The purpose of the meeting was as follows: (1) To consider Re-adoption of Ordinance O-20-03 regarding Temporary Changes to Public Meetings Practices and Procedures Associated with the Pandemic Emergency; (2) To hold a work session regarding the FY 20/21 Budget.

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Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve Re-adoption of Ordinance O-20-03 regarding Temporary Changes to Public Meetings Practices and Procedures Associated with the Pandemic Emergency. Motion carried 5 to 0.
Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

At this time, on a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to add to the agenda, a Proclamation for National Police Week. Following the reading of the Proclamation, Council voted to approve the Proclamation recognizing National Police Week.

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City Manager Onaitis presented an overview of the proposed budget. Mayor Sibold requested that the budget items be viewed and discussed by department.

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David Bryant, Director of Finance and HR, presented an explanation of the process used for determining where to make reductions in the budget based on past history and main usage.

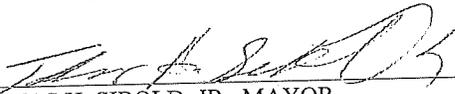
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Items of budget discussed included Joint Services, staffing, soft billing, CSB funding, and issues related to areas that were cut as opposed to the areas/agencies receiving increases.

A special line item was established as a city wide overtime budget item. Ms. Onaitis explained the reason for this change. Discussion was held regarding this change and Council's concerns.

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The next budget session was scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This session will address the School Budget needs and the Sheriff's Dept. joint services. Mrs. Melinda Snead-Johnson, Superintendent of Covington City Schools and Sheriff Kevin Hall were to be invited to present information related to their budget requests.

At this time, Mayor Sibold recognized National Public Works Week and expressed his appreciation to the staff in the Public Works Department.

No further business to come before Council, the meeting was recessed to Tuesday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m.


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

ATTEST:


EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK