

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2020

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, August 4, 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 (by phone), Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.
City Manager: Krystal Onaitis
City Attorney: Mark Popovich

The purpose of the meeting was as follows:

1. To hold a Public Hearing to consider vacation of certain paper streets and alleys previously platted as part of the Edgemont Subdivision, now owned and operated by the City of Covington as the Jackson River Sports Complex.
2. To hold a Public Hearing to consider a proposed Omnibus Ordinance Amending and Reenacting Certain Sections of Chapter 6, Animals, of the Code of the City of Covington.
3. To hold first reading of Ordinance O-20-02 an Omnibus Ordinance Amending and Reenacting Certain Sections of Chapter 6, Animals, of the Code of the City of Covington.

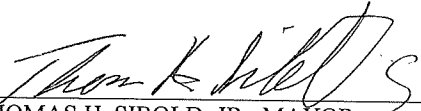
At this time, upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to add Ms. Susan Hammond of VDOT, to the agenda. She gave a presentation regarding status of projects in the City. Her report included an overview of project development and tracking of projects related to on-time performance and on-budget performance. Projects are monitored in each phase and can be viewed to make sure each project is moving forward as required. Actual projects in the City include Durant Road, Madison Avenue, S. Alleghany Ave., Maple Avenue Phase 3 Improvements and Maple Avenue Streetscape. Projects noted for the Smart Scale application include the Paper Trail Pedestrian Bridge, Jackson Street improvements, Edgemont Drive improvements, E. Madison Avenue sidewalk, Thacker Avenue and the Rayon Bridge replacement. Ms. Hammond is expecting additional information in the next month regarding the funding status as dollars become available. Mayor Sibold noted that Phase 2 of the Maple Avenue project began Monday, August 3rd. Allen Dressler, Director of Parks and Public Works, noted that the contracts have been signed for the S. Alleghany Avenue project. Council expressed appreciation to Ms. Hammond for her presentation.

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A Public Hearing was held to consider a proposed Omnibus Ordinance Amending and Reenacting Certain Sections of Chapter 6, Animals, of the Code of the City of Covington. City Attorney Popovich presented an overview of the components discussed in prior meetings. His intent was to incorporate these in the ongoing review in the Chapter on Animals. There were no comments from the citizens. The Public Hearing was closed. Mayor Sibold requested several word corrections for the second reading.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-20-02 regarding Chapter 6, Animals, of the Code of the City of Covington. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For and Mr. Tucker, For.

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, VIRGINIA

ATTEST:



EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK