

MINUTES
CALLED JOINT MEETING WITH COVINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 16, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held jointly with the Covington Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., telecommunicated electronically from the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by Planning Commission Chairman Tad Robertson, with the following members present electronically: Jerry Morgan, Wayne Lamb, Max Shawver, Mike Wickline, and Steve Wilson, as well as Development Service Coordinator Eric Tyree. Patrick Scruggs was absent. Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. called the City Council meeting to order with the following members present electronically as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman Raymond C. Hunter, and Councilman S. Allan Tucker. Councilman William E. Carson, Jr. was absent.

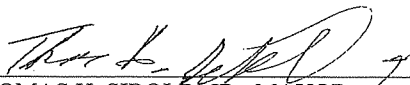
City Manager: Krystal Onaitis City Attorney: Mark Popovich
Also present electronically were J. Frank Hepler, owner of the property at 0000 Holly Street, and his son, Mark Hepler; and Michael and Rhonda Silvery, owners of adjacent property at 106 E. Holly Street.

The meeting was held electronically via Zoom. Chairman Robertson read a statement declaring that due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus health emergency and pursuant to Chapter 1283 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly, the Planning Commission and Council would convene electronically for this called meeting to transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue the operations of the City. On a motion made by Mr. Shawver, seconded by Mr. Wickline, the Planning Commission agreed unanimously to conduct the meeting electronically with this vote: Mr. Morgan, For; Mr. Lamb, For; Mr. Shawver, For; Mr. Wickline, For; Vice Chairman Wilson, For; and Chairman Robertson, For.

Chairman Robertson and Mayor Sibold called the meeting to order. Mr. Robertson then opened the Public Hearing. J. Frank Hepler, property owner, explained that he wished to expand the present public storage units on the empty lot, which is currently zoned R-3. He plans to tear down the existing office building and build units similar to those currently in place, necessitating the zoning change to C-2.

Michael and Rhonda Silvery, whose address is 111 Alturas Drive, Kelso, Washington, were present virtually to ask if the rezoning would have any impact on their adjacent property if they wish to build a residence on the same footprint on their property at 106 E. Holly Street. Mr. Robertson explained it would not impact their property at all unless they desired it to be rezoned, and then the same procedures would apply. No other citizens had submitted comments or questions, so Chairman Robertson closed the Public Hearing and asked for recommendations. Mr. Morgan made the motion to rezone the property at 00000 E. Holly Street, CIC Pt. Lot 12 BLK 19, Tax Map #18--119--12-, from R-3 to C-2 and recommend such to Council. Mr. Lamb seconded. Roll call vote showed a 6-0 decision: Mr. Lamb, For; Mr. Morgan, For; Mr. Shawver, For; Mr. Wickline, For; Mr. Wilson, For; and Chairman Robertson, For.

Mayor Sibold told Mr. Hepler that Council will place the rezoning on the agenda and address it in the Regular Meeting in March. With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by consensus after a motion from Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker.


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

ATTEST:


REBECCA W. SCOTT
CITY CLERK