

MINUTES  
CALLED MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021 6 p.m.

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 6 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 Mayor Thomas Sibold, and all members were present electronically as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman William E. Carson, Jr., Councilman Raymond C. Hunter, and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.  
City Manager: Krystal Onaitis City Attorney: Mark Popovich

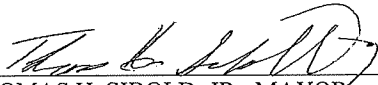
The meeting was held electronically via Zoom. Mayor Sibold read a statement declaring that due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus health emergency and pursuant to Chapter 1283 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly, Council would convene electronically for this called meeting to transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue the operations of the City.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Hearing to solicit public input on local community development and housing needs in relation to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for a project for Jackson Street from South Byrd Street to South Lee Street. The City of Covington is in the process of applying for grant funds from the DHCD to fund the planning and construction of these elements along Jackson Street from South Byrd Avenue to South Lee Avenue:

- 1,200 feet of new sidewalk on both sides of Jackson Street from Byrd to Lee including new pavement.
- New pedestrian crosswalks across the north and south portions of Byrd, Stewart, and Lee. These crosswalks will be stamped to create the appearance of brick.
- Drainage improvements along Jackson, North and South Lee, North and South Stewart, and North and South Byrd. This will include ditch improvements with rock lining, four drop inlets to prevent water from running across Jackson, and the construction of 1,600 feet of drainage pipe along the railroad to prevent water from standing on the southern portion of the project area.

Mayor Sibold opened the Public Hearing and asked for citizen comments. No comments had been submitted to the City Clerk. Multiple public service announcements were published in the local newspaper and on the City website and social media outlets. Vice Mayor Crosier stated he'd received questions about why the City was using the grant in phases, and he explained that the City doesn't have the money to do the project without the grant and that because the grant is limited to \$1 million, it must be completed in phases.

With no further questions or comments, Mayor Sibold closed the Public Hearing. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

  
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