

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2022

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers in City Hall, 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. All members were present as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman William E. Carson, Jr., Councilman Raymond C. Hunter, and Councilman S. Allan Tucker. City Attorney Mark Popovich was also present.

Mayor Sibold proceeded to read a statement from City Manager Krystal Onaitis. The statement read as follows: Greetings Mayor and Members of Council. I tender my resignation for your review and acceptance. It is my hope that Council will accept this letter from me as I will be stepping down as City Manager effective August 31, 2022. I have made the difficult decision to pursue opportunities closer to family at this time.

This resignation is contingent on the mutually agreed upon terms of six months of severance pay within 30 days of this letter in addition to my accumulated leave balance that remains.

Over the past three years, I have valued and enjoyed this opportunity to serve Council, the city, and its citizens through various crises, operational enhancements, and economic and regional initiatives. Working as your city manager has truly been a rewarding experience, and I will always be grateful for the chance I had to serve this city and the Alleghany Highlands. I have appreciated all that Council has and continues to do for the city and I am confident progress will continue. There are many things about Covington and the Alleghany Highlands that I will miss.

Vice Mayor Crosier made a motion to accept Ms. Onaitis' resignation effective August 31, 2022 and agree to pay her six months of severance pay along with pay out of her accumulated leave.

Mr. Carson seconded the motion.

All Councilmembers were in favor with "aye" votes.


Mayor Sibold stated that Council wishes Krystal nothing but the best in what she decides to pursue. He thanked her for her drive and energy and said Council is confident she will do great things wherever she goes.

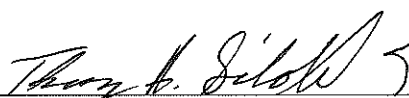
He advised that Council and city department heads will continue with the projects that Ms. Onaitis inherited along with projects that she initiated during her time as City Manager.

Mayor Sibold entered a motion to appoint an interim City Manager. Vice Mayor Crosier made a motion to appoint Mr. Allen Dressler as Interim City Manager effective August 24, 2022. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. All Councilmembers were in favor with "aye" votes.

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

ATTEST:


Kyla D. Crosier, City Clerk



Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr.