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Committee Meetings

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Public Works Committee - July 6

Chairperson Danny Wallace, Jeff Morris, Johnetta Yarbrough

General Welfare/Public Relations Committee - July 13

Chairperson Jeff Morris, CH Sullivan, John Edwards

Finance and Administration Committee - July 20

Chairperson CH Sullivan, All Board Members

Public Safety Committee - July 27

Chairperson Johnetta Yarbrough, Chris Richardson, CH Sullivan

Committee meetings are at 4:00 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room at Covington City Hall. All Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at 5:30 pm in the Board Room on the 2nd floor at Covington City Hall. ALL are open to the public. Official meeting minutes and agendas can be found by visiting www.covingtontn.com.

**City Board meetings are also live-streamed
on our [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#).**



Finance and Administration Committee - 7/20/21

Present: Chairman CH Sullivan, Mayor Justin Hanson, Aldermen Chris Richardson, Danny Wallace, Johnetta Yarbrough, Jeff Morris, and John Edwards. Recorder Treasurer Tina Dunn, Attorney Rachel Witherington

Recorder-Treasurer began discussion on the upgrade to the TCRS Plan 1 from the current Hybrid Plan. After discussion with the TCRS representatives, it was determined that 100% participation is required from all current hybrid plan members. All employees would have to upgrade to Plan One which requires 5% employee contribution. Pension Attorney Frank Carney confirmed TCRS was correct. If Covington wants to adopt the TCRS Plan One with mandatory employees' contributions in lieu of the current Hybrid Plan, the city will have to adopt plan one for all Hybrid Plan employees. Plan One offers retirement after 30 years of employment and a higher pension multiplier along with other benefits. Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Wallace to continue with the TCRS Plan One requiring 100% participation from the current employees on the TCRS Hybrid Plan. Motion passed.

Mayor Hanson presented the committee with a summary of outstanding debt.

Public Works Director Gray began discussed LED Street Lighting. This discussion was continued from a previous meeting. William Franklin, Path, presented worksheets showing an increase in revenue of \$690,000.00 over 20 years. Tim Sallee discussed this savings and the many factors that need to be considered. Mr. Sallee will forward his recommendation to the committee. Mr. Franklin, Path, reported the next step will be perform an investment grad audit. The cost of this audit is \$21,000.00. IF the city proceeds with the led lighting, this cost will be covered in the project.

Motion was made by Alderman Wallace and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to move forward with the investment grade audit at a cost of \$21,000.00. Alderman Edwards reported he will be abstaining from the vote due the cost of the study. Motion passed with Alderman Edwards abstaining.

Chamber Director Lauren Fletcher discussed local economy studies and efforts by the Chamber. She discussed the Buxton Group. After communication with Buxton Group, she reported they do not perform studies. They offer an annual subscription that Cities can subscribe. There are other research companies that could be contracted in order to complete a study. She gave a quick view of local economic and community development studies by the Chamber.

Mayor Hanson gave update on vacant property for sale at 133 E. Pleasant. This property has been listed since January. Covington Realty recommended price be decreased from \$310,000.00 to \$275,000.00. Motion made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Morris to approve the listing price to \$275,000.00 per the realtor's request. Motion passed.

Building Official Lessie Fisher presented Code Chapters 8 & 9 for review. She requested committee schedule time with Attorney Witherington or herself to discuss proposed changes. Alderman Morris reported he has been contacted concerning limiting the number of liquor stores allowed in city limits.

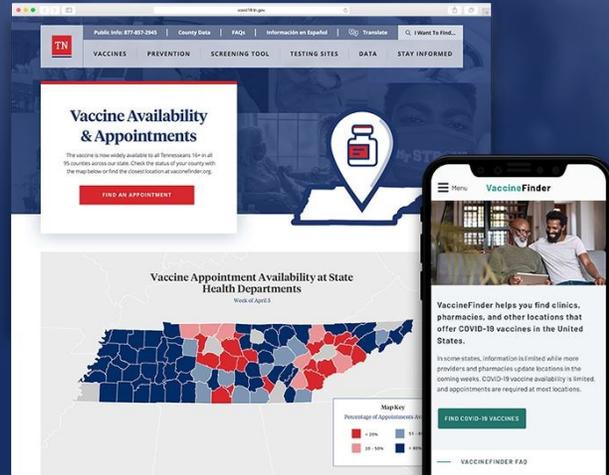
Mayor Hanson presented the Lease Agreement between the City and Save the Children Head Start Programs, Inc. This agency has requested to continue leasing the facility in place of Northwest Head Start. Motion was made by Alderman John Edwards and seconded by Alderman Morris to go forward with discussion of the lease agreement with Save the Children after consulting with the City Attorney. Moton passed.

Building Official Fisher presented the Ordinance to amend Title 12, Building, Utility, etc. Codes, Chapter 1 of the City of Covington Municipal Code. Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Mayor Hanson to move the Ordinance for approval to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting on July 27, 2021. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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As Tennesseans enjoy summer activities, public health experts remind everyone, especially the unvaccinated, to remain vigilant against COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and area health departments are carefully watching the Delta variant of COVID-19. Unfortunately, this variant, which spreads more easily, is leading to an increase in COVID-19 cases in many U.S. states and around the world.

Tipton County has seen an increase in COVID-19 cases. Please visit www.covid19.tn.gov for current active cases and available vaccination and testing sites. If you know someone who does not have access to a computer or the internet, please call The Tipton County Health Department at 866-442-5301.

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COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Last week your Covington Firefighters completed "Above Ground Firefighting Skills". The Tennessee Fire and Codes Enforcement Academy Mobile Training Tower was utilized for the class. This class ensures our firefighters are better prepared for any challenges we face.

Happy National Ice Cream month and National Hot Dog month! South Tipton Chamber of Commerce celebrated with "DOGS AT THE LOG" and ice cream! The sponsors were: Cannon Chiropractic (thanks Kayleigh), Unilever, and King Cotton Meats. Special thanks to Southwest Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation (thanks Bobby and crew) for cooking the hotdogs, Amanda Wilber and Vicki Caudle for being wonderful hostesses, Griff Fisher with the City of Munford for providing tables and chairs, and Cypress Magazine for the Rocket Dogs. Last but not least, thank you, Kate Steppe and Everly Young, for dressing up as a hot dog for us!



The Tipton County Museum was pleased to host Covington-Tipton Chamber of Commerce Third Thursday last week! The monthly event is a great way to network and get to know other businesses in our communities. Thanks to Chamber Director Lauren Fletcher and Museum Director Katherine Markley for working together to make this a great event!

WORKFORCE MID-SOUTH & THE AMERICAN JOB CENTERS!

CAREER EXPO 2021



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- The Virtual Hiring Event is FREE for employers and open to the following counties Shelby, Fayette, Tipton and Lauderdale.
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- Thursday, July 29, 2021 from 10:00am- 2:00pm

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save the date

- Annual Squarecrow Contest, September-October in Downtown Covington.
- Farm to Table Dinner Thursday, September 23rd at the Manor at Mount Carmel Barn.
- **NEW** Festival of Trees, December in Downtown Covington.
- Chocolate Tour 2022 will be Saturday, February 5th.



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Fox Hollow
Senior
Community

11:00 AM



August 11th

Glendale
Commons
Senior Community

11:00 AM

Professional Care Services'
5th Annual



SUPPLY DRIVE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021
9:00AM - 11:00AM (or until supplies last)

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Child must be present in order to receive a backpack and supplies.

Coffee
with the
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7:30 am - 9:00 am
Brunch Time Café
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Covington, TN

Tuesday, August 3rd



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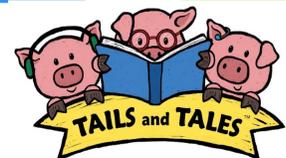
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**MAY 25 -
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