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THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE ON MARCH 8, 2022, AT 5:30 P.M.

1. Meeting to be called to order by Mayor Justin Hanson.
2. Invocation to be given by Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag to be led by Alderman John Edwards.
4. Minutes of the Preceding Meeting to be approved.
5. Report from Committees:
  - Minutes of the General Welfare - Public Safety Committee Meeting
6. Additions to the Agenda.
7. Welcome to visitors and grievances from citizens.
8. Report from Mayor Justin Hanson:
  - Appointment of Covington Police Chief
  - Updates
9. Report from Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn:
10. Report from City Attorney Rachel Witherington.
11. Old Business:
12. New Business:
  - Ordinance 1744 – Establishing Districts ready for approval on second reading
  - Resolution – Single Article Cap and State Shared Sales Tax
  - Bills Over/Under \$1,000.00 ready for Board Approval

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met at City of Covington on February 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Justin Hanson, Aldermen: Johnetta Yarbrough, Jeff Morris, C H Sullivan, Chris Richardson, John Edwards, and Danny Wallace. Also, present were Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Interim Police Chief Jack Howell, Public Works Director David Gray, Building Official Lessie Fisher, Parks and Recreation Director Molly Glass, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Justin Hanson.

Invocation was given by Alderman John Edwards.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Edwards that the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting be approved as distributed to the Board (See Attached).  
Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman Morris and seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Minutes of the General Welfare – Public Relations be approved (See Attached).  
Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Morris that the Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee be approved (See Attached).  
Motion passed.

Sarita Alston gave a presentation honoring Black History Month.

Mayor Hanson presented the request for a donation from the Crestview Middle School to assist with financial support for the Championship tournament located in Smyrna, TN (See Attached).

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Richardson to make a donation of \$250.00 to the Crestview Middle School Boys Basketball team for their participation in the tournament.  
Motion passed.

Mayor Hanson presented the request for a donation from Barbara Mc Bride for the Summer Theater Camp from June 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (See Attached).

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Yarbrough to approve a donation of \$250.00 to the Summer Theater Camp.  
Motion passed.

Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn presented the report on debt obligation for the 2022 General Obligation Capital Outlay Note in the amount of \$869,000.00 for the conversion of streetlights to LED. This report will be forwarded to the Tennessee Comptroller's Office. The sales tax report



was presented showing receipt in the amount of \$442,266 which is an increase of 3.6% (See Attached).

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Edwards to approve the report from Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Motion passed.

Mayor Hanson presented Ordinance 1744 Establishing Districts for approval on first reading (See Attached).

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve Ordinance 1744 establishing new districts on first reading.

Motion passed with nay vote by Edwards.

The following bills over/under \$1,000.00 were presented for approval:

BANCORPSOUTH	VARIOUS	MISCELLANEOUS	3,000.24
BARNETT CO, INC	GENERAL	PHASE 2-THDA SANGSTER	40,000.00
BFI NORTH SHELBY LANDFILL	WWTP	SLUDGE REMOVAL	3,320.42
BOB AUSTILL	WWP	WASTEWATER PLANT - REPAIRS	1,800.00
BOB AUSTILL	STREET	REPAIRS	6,000.00
BRENNTAG	WWTP	CHEMICALS	10,505.00
BRENNTAG	WTP	CHEMICALS	2,826.73
BNY MELLON	BIOMASS	INTEREST PAYMENT ON BOND	1,794.93
CITY OF COVINGTON	VARIOUS	TRANSFERS	27,500.01
CITY OF COVINGTON	VARIOUS	IN LIEU OF TAX TRANSFER	13,666.67
CITY OF COVINGTON	VARIOUS	UTILITIES	10,828.09
COMM DEVELOPMENT PART	GENERAL	COVINGTON HOME 18 PROJECT	4,500.00
COVINGTON ELECTRIC	VARIOUS	ELECTRIC SERVICE	55,963.69
CUSTOM COIN HOLDERS LLC	PARKS / REC	MATERIALS	4,642.45
DOCUMENT OUTPUT CENTER LLC	UTILITIES	BILL PROCESSING	1,044.37
G & C SUPPLY CO	WATER	MATERIAL	1,987.64
GREENPOINT AG	GROUND	CHEMICALS	2,707.50
GULF STATES DISTRIBUTING	POLICE	AMMUNITION	1,125.00
GULF STATES ENGINEERING	SEWER	FLYGT PUMP	2,246.00
HOME DEPOT	VARIOUS	MISCELLANEOUS	2,105.00
JAMES BAUGUES	POLICE	TRAVEL	62.00
JENKINS OWEN, ETC	GENERAL	GENERAL MATTERS	2,902.50
JUDY DAVIS CATERING	GENERAL	WEST STAR LEADERSHIP LUNCH	1,250.00
LADD'S	PARKS / REC	INFIELD CONDITIONER	1,760.00
MEAC	GAS	PURCHASED NATURAL GAS	68,448.00
MID SOUTH SUPPLIERS LLC	STREET	LIMESTONE	2,408.12
REPUBLIC SERVICES	SANITATION	CONTRACTED SERVICES	96,466.82
RYE ENGINEERING PLC	WTP	METER TESTING SERVICES	1,550.00

SOUTHWEST EMC	AIRPORT	ELECTRIC SERVICE	1,653.54
SULLIVANS NATURAL GAS SERV	TAS	CATHODIC PROTECTION SURVEY	1,380.00
TIPTON CO BOARD OF ED	PARKS / REC	SHARE OF UTILITIES	14,604.40
TN COMPTROLLER OFFICE	REC/TREAS	TAX BILLING / POSTAGE	3,069.00
TRI STATE METER	GAS	METERS	3,113.00
WALKER COMM CUT&TRIM	CODES	DEBRIS / TREE CLEAN UP	10,300.00
WALMART	VARIOUS	MISCELLANEOUS	2,174.01
WOOTEN OIL CO	VARIOUS	FUEL	1,107.47
WOOTEN OIL CO	GAS INV	LOAD OF GAS	19,973.07
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>429,785.67</b>

Motion was made by Alderman Edwards and seconded by Alderman Richardson that the preceding bills over/under \$1000.00 be paid when properly approved.  
Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Attest:

Recorder-Treasurer

Mayor



The General Welfare – Public Safety Committee met at City of Covington on February 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman C H Sullivan, and Alderman Chris Richardson. Also, present were Captain Jack Howell, Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Danny Wallace, Public Works Director David Gray, Park and Recreation Director Molly Glass, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Chairman Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough called meeting to order.

Captain Howell reported the department has one vacant position and has started the application process. Lt. Baugues attended training sponsored by the Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force. This training is critical as overdoses continue to rise in the State of Tennessee. This course is designed to provide law enforcement with the knowledge and skills to investigate suspected drug-related deaths and prosecute those responsible. Sgt. Dillingham will be transferring from the Patrol Division to the Criminal Investigative Division as a detective. Officer Stanifer and Officer Taylor will both be promoted to Sergeant. The Glock 45 has finally arrived and will start the transitioning process in early February. The statistics for the month was presented showing 936 calls for the month and 535 traffic stops.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve the police department report.  
Motion passed.

Fire Chief Richard Griggs reported the CFD will partner with the State Fire Marshall's Office and American Red Cross on May 14, 2022 for the installation of smoke alarms. The run report was presented showing 221 calls from January 20<sup>th</sup> to February 17<sup>th</sup>. There has been a total of 383 calls for the year. The county coverage area collections to date are \$70,255.00. Rescue one will be out of service for repairs. There has been a letter of explanation submitted to Environmental Protection Agency for Unilever to explain the training interruptions for the 2020 calendar year. The care report was presented for review. The duties for the volunteer firefighter were presented for review. To be eligible for the Length of Service Award Program, an individual must be a volunteer and not an employee of the agency. Chief Griggs proposed a monthly incentive pay in the amount of \$125.00 and an annual contribution in the amount of \$500.00 per volunteer firefighter to LOSAP. This will be an increase of 1,700.00 in the next budget. This will be included in budget discussion for the next fiscal year.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve the fire department report.  
Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.



## **ORDINANCE 1744**

### **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE THREE ALDERMAN DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY OF COVINGTON.**

Whereas the Covington City Charter requires that the aldermen shall be elected by district; and

Whereas the Covington City Charter in Section 4.(4) requires that the districts be reapportioned every ten years based upon the most recent federal census; and

Whereas the 2020 federal census has now been published;

### **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF COVINGTON, THAT:**

SECTION 1. The City of Covington is hereby divided into three (3) alderman districts:

#### **DISTRICT ONE**

Beginning at a point where the western right of way of U.S. Highway 51 intersects with the northern right of way of Liberty Avenue, then in a western direction following the northern right of way of Liberty Avenue to the western city limits, then in a northern direction following the western city limits to the northwest corner of the city limits, then in a eastern direction along the city limits to a point in the western right of way boundary of U.S. Highway 51, then in southern direction along the western right of way boundary of U.S. Highway 51 to a point of intersection with the southern right of way of Ervin Lane, then in a western direction along the southern right of way of Ervin Lane to a point of intersection with the western right of way of Sandpiper Drive, then in a southern direction along the western right of way of Sandpiper Drive to the southern right of way of Loon Lane, then in a western and southern direction along the southern right of way of Loon Lane to eastern right of way to Cardinal Drive, then in a southern direction along the eastern right of way of Cardinal Drive to the northern right of way of Wortham Road, then in a eastern direction along the northern right of way of Wortham Road to a point that intersects with the western right of way of U.S. Highway 51, then in a southwestern direction along the western right of way of U.S. Highway 51 to the point of beginning.

#### **DISTRICT TWO**

Beginning at a point where the western right of way of U.S. Highway 51 intersects with the northern right of way of Wortham Road, then in western direction along the northern right of way of Wortham Road to the eastern right of way of Cardinal Drive, then in a northern direction along the eastern right of way of Cardinal Drive to the southern right of way of Loon Lane, then in a eastern and northern direction along the southern right of way of Loon Lane to the western right of way of Sandpiper Drive to the southern right of way of Ervin Lane, then in eastern direction along the southern right of way of Ervin Lane to a point in the western right of way of U.S. Highway 51, then in a northern direction along the western right of way of U.S. Highway 51 to the southern right of Leighs Chapel Road, then in a eastern direction crossing U.S. Highway 51 to the southern right of way of Rialto Road, then continuing in an eastern direction along the southern right of way of Rialto Road and the northern city limits of Rialto Road to a point that is the most northeastern corner of the city limits, then in a southern direction following the city limits to a point that is the most southeastern corner of the city limits, then in a western direction along the city limits to a point in the western right of way of South College Street, then in northern direction along the western right of way of South College Street to a point of intersection of the northern right of way of East Liberty Avenue, then in a western direction along the northern right of way of East Liberty Avenue to a point in the western right

of way of U.S. Highway 51, then in a northern direction along the western right of way of U.S. Highway 51 to the point of beginning.

### **DISTRICT THREE**

Beginning at a point where the western right of way of South College Street intersects with southern right of way of East Liberty Avenue, then in a western direction along the southern right of way of East Liberty and West Liberty Avenue to a point in the western city limits, then in a southern direction following the western city limits to the most southwestern point in the city limits, then in an eastern direction along the city limits to a point in the western right of way of Mount Carmel Road (South College Street) then in a northern direction along the western right of way of South College Street to the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. The districts established by this ordinance shall become effective upon final adoption of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 4. "This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the corporation demanding it.

First passage \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

Second Passage \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

Third Passage \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Mayor

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Recorder

Approved to form:

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City Attorney



Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT RESTORING THE HISTORIC REVENUE SHARING  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND ITS LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTS AND TO RETURN THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE SINGLE ARTICLE  
CAP TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, Tennessee's municipal communities are the economic engine of the state and today 92% of the state's total sales tax collections are generated within municipal boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, such economic growth is intentional and when it occurs, it is financed largely through city taxes for police, fire, streets, water and sewer, schools, parks, libraries and other amenities that attract and retain businesses and make Tennessee's communities desirable places for people to raise a family, start a business, and visit; and,

WHEREAS, in 1947, the state began sharing 4.6% of each year's total state sales tax collections with cities for the purposes of recognizing the collective contribution of cities as the state's economic engine; thereby acknowledging that city residents incur a local tax burden that is directly attributable to financing, developing, and maintaining an economic environment that continues to generate a healthy portion of the sales tax revenue accruing to the state; and,

WHEREAS, when confronting serious fiscal challenges in 2002, the state of Tennessee increased the state sales tax rate from 6% to 7%; and,

WHEREAS, the state chose not to share a portion of the sales tax revenues generated by the increase from 6% to 7% with Tennessee municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of this change the state broke a 55-year relationship of sharing 4.6% of all sales tax revenue designated for the state's general fund with municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, at the same time in 2002, the state also doubled from \$1,600 to \$3,200 the amount of the purchase price any single item that is subject to a combined state and local option sales tax of 9.75%; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the single article cap increase from \$1,600 to \$3,200, the state also captured and continues to capture 100% of the state's 7% levy as well as the 2.75% portion of the sales tax levy that is customarily reserved for local government on the added sale of items with a purchase price above \$1,600; and

WHEREAS, in the 20 years since these provisions took effect, these two changes have combined to result in the state realizing nearly \$2 billion in additional sales tax collections -- \$2 billion that would have benefitted local taxpayers had the historic revenue sharing relationship and single article cap not been altered in 2002; and,



WHEREAS, in the 20 years since these provisions took effect, Tennessee's state leaders have managed the budget with great care and a strong fiscally conservative approach to create a dynamic and growing economy with eight consecutive years of surplus revenues; and,

WHEREAS, in the 20 years since these provisions took effect, the State of Tennessee's sustained economic and fiscal performance have erased the conditions which led to these austerity measures in 2002; and,

WHEREAS, there is expected to be a surplus of recurring revenues produced by the economic engines of our state and managed by its leaders; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the accolades bestowed upon the state for its economic success, its fiscally conservative policies and strong leadership, the state has garnered an enviable reputation as the state in which to live, work and play; and,

WHEREAS, a consequence of this reputation has led to continued and substantial economic growth and an increase and realignment of the state's population, thereby increasing the fiscal pressures on municipal governments to meet demands to expand and maintain infrastructure, to deliver essential services, to provide the amenities that allow for continued quality of life for Tennessee's citizens, and to promote an economic environment that allows Tennessee's businesses and communities to prosper; and,

WHEREAS, these fiscal pressures create the need for recurring dollars to keep pace with this demand and to counteract the effects of inflation; and,

WHEREAS, correcting the provisions which took effect in 2002 will help to offset these fiscal pressures and to provide relief to local taxpayers shouldering the burden of meeting this demand which is associated with generating the sales tax revenues accruing to the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Covington, on behalf of its residents, formally supports the restoration of the historic revenue sharing relationship of recurring state shared sales taxes for cities to once again receive 4.6% of all state general fund sales tax revenue. The Covington Board of Mayor and Aldermen also formally supports the state allowing local governments to receive the local share of sales tax revenues realized by increasing the single article cap in 2002 to collect on items with a purchase price between \$1,600 and \$3,200.

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