

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
APRIL 15, 2019

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. with all members present as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor Crosier, Councilman C. J. Entsminger, Jr., Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.
Interim City Manager: Clay Goodman

Tad Robertson, Chairman of the Covington Planning Commission, called the Planning Commission to order with the following members present: Mr. Robertson, Mr. Wayne Lamb, Mr. Pat Scruggs, Mr. Jerry Morgan, Mr. Brandon Parker and Mr. Josh Haynes. Ms. Carolyn O'Conner was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a joint meeting with the Covington Planning Commission regarding:

1. To hold a Public Hearing regarding recommendation/adoption of the City of Covington's Five Year Plan
2. To hold a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance Amendment to the CN District allowing for the ability to allow camping by Special Exception
3. To hold a Public Hearing regarding Rezoning request of the City of Covington, for property known as the Jackson River Sports Complex, 470 W. Edgemont Drive, to be rezoned from R-2, C-2 and M-2 to CN
4. To hold a Public Hearing regarding Special Exemption request for the City of Covington, for property known as the Jackson River Sports Complex to allow camping.

The Public Hearing regarding recommendation/adoption of the City of Covington's Five Year Plan was opened. There were no comments heard from the citizens present. Following the Public Hearing and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Parker, to recommend adoption of the Five Year Plan. Motion carried 6 to 0.

The Public Hearing regarding Ordinance Amendment to the CN District allowing for the ability to allow camping by Special Exception was opened. Discussion was held regarding rules such as a time for "lights out" and "quiet time" for the protection of the neighbors. The design layout was also discussed. Chairman Robertson requested the definition of the CN District. At this time, Mr. Don Arrington spoke against allowing camping in the Jackson River Sports Complex. He stated that he was for the rezoning of the Sports Complex but was totally against the camping. He expressed concerns regarding the noise he experienced from concerts at the Complex. There were no additional comments from the citizens present. Upon a motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Planning Commission voted to recommend the Amendment to the CN District allowing for the ability to allow camping by Special Exception. Motion carried 5 to 1. Mr. Haynes against.

The Public Hearing regarding the rezoning request of the City of Covington, for property known as the Jackson River Sports Complex, 470 W. Edgemont Drive, be rezoned from R-2, C-2 and M-2 to CN. Eric Tyree, Director of Development Service and Zoning Administrator, explained that the purpose of the rezoning is to equalize all the zoning for the Sports Complex. Allan Dressler, Director of Parks and Public Works, stated that the City needs to protect the investment of the Sports Complex. He also explained future plans and goals for the Complex. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Scruggs, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to recommend the rezoning of the Jackson River Sports Complex from R-2, C-2 and M-2 to CN. Motion carried 6 to 0.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the Special Exception request for the City of Covington, for property known as the Jackson River Sports Complex to allow camping. It was explained that the ordinances stated regarding this issue must be approved to allow for camping before this Special Exception can be used. Mr. Arrington expressed his opposition to this use. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Scruggs, to recommend the Special Exception request regarding camping in the Jackson River Sports Complex contingent upon the approval of the stated ordinances regarding camping. Motion carried 6 to 0.

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



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

ATTEST:



EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK