

**CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014, 6:00 PM**

**20 WEST PIKE STREET
COVINGTON, KY**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sherry Carran

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Reading of Minutes of the meetings of April 1, 2014, minutes (or motion to dispense with reading and approve minutes).

PRESENTATION(S):

- Emergency Cold Shelter of Northern Kentucky Recap of Winter Statistics – Rachael Winters, Director

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

OLD BUSINESS – SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

1. Consider Ordinance No. O-xx-14 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TRANSPARENCY POLICY FOR THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY.** *The Mayor's Task Force to Restore Public Confidence has recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of a Transparency Policy to ensure that the government of the City is transparent and accountable to its citizens for its actions. The policy outlines that the City will provide the following information and documentation to the public: meeting information, including dates, times, and agendas, which are also to be posted to the City's website; contact information for the City's elected officials and department directors on the City's website; annual budget and audit reports on the City's website; taxes and fees, ordinances on the City's website; a fair and transparent process of hiring employees; policies that will not allow nepotism to exist; personnel policies and labor*

union contracts available to the public upon request; meeting minutes on the City's website; allowing citizens to comment about public issues at City meetings; making contracts available for public inspection at City Hall; following a procurement policy.

Staff Reporting: Larry Klein, City Manager

Recommendation: Approve Ordinance. Approval accepts the recommendation of the Mayor's Task Force to Restore Public Confidence, and demonstrates the City's commitment to transparent government. The Transparency Policy will be placed on the City's website and with all the information required by it, in a location that is convenient for the public to access.

NEW BUSINESS – ORDER/RESOLUTIONS

2. Consider Order/Resolution No. O/R-xx-14 entitled: **AN ORDER/RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH PROLOCITY, LLC PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES RELATED TO THEIR OCCUPANCY AT RIVERCENTER.**

Staff Reporting: Naashom Marx, Business Development Manager

Recommendation: Approve Order/Resolution. Approval allows, Prolocity, LLC, a Cloud Services Brokerage firm, to utilize the City's tax incentive program and relocate its software/IT business to Covington.

3. Consider Order/Resolution No. O/R-xx-14 entitled: **AN ORDER/RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT OF TOM WATERS, STAFF ACCOUNTANT IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 2014.**

Staff Reporting: Lisa Goetz, Finance Director

Recommendation: Approve Order/Resolution. Approval accepts Mr. Water's resignation for retirement purposes. Best wishes are extended to Mr. Waters in his retirement. He has served the City very well.

4. Consider Order/Resolution No. O/R-xx-14 entitled: **AN ORDER/RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF WAYNE BERRY AS A PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTOR IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2014.**

Staff Reporting: Mike Yeager, Community Services Director/City Engineer

Recommendation: Approve Order/Resolution. Approval accepts the resignation of Mr. Berry. Best wishes are extended to Mr. Berry in his future endeavors. He has served the City very well.

5. Consider Order/Resolution No. O/R-xx-14 entitled: **AN ORDER/RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CAINE HUGHES AS STAFF ACCOUNTANT IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 21, 2014, AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$52,000.00.**

Staff Reporting: Lisa Goetz, Finance Director

Recommendation: Approve Order/Resolution. Approval allows a Staff Accountant vacancy in the Finance Department to be filled with a very qualified candidate, and to continue the appropriate segregation of duties and other internal controls to be implemented therein.

6. Consider Order/Resolution No. O/R-xx-14 entitled: **AN ORDER/RESOLUTION APPROVING A FACADE GRANT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$7,221.00, TO JOSEPH U. MEYER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 230 PIKE STREET, PAYABLE FROM THE COVINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

Staff Reporting: Naashom Marx, Business Development Manager

Recommendation: Approve Order/Resolution. Approval allows the property at 230 Pike Street that is under renovation to utilize a façade improvement program offered by the City.

7. Consider Order/Resolution No. O/R-xx-14 entitled: **AN ORDER/RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COVINGTON AND 638 MADISON, LLC EXTENDING THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD FOR THE SALE OF THE OLD CITY HALL AT 638 MADISON AVENUE.**

Staff Reporting: Frank Warnock, Assistant City Manager/City Solicitor

Recommendation: Approve Order/Resolution. Approval extends the City's and 638 Madison, LLC's due diligence period to finalize the property transfer for 638 Madison Avenue.

8. Consider Order/Resolution No. O/R-xx-14 entitled: **AN ORDER/RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROMOTION AND CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL TRAILS ALLIANCE TRAIL PLAN.** *The Regional Trails Alliance Trail Plan recommends linking trails and greenways together by working with neighboring communities to plan, design, build and maintain a system of trails that will connect our communities, people and special regional points of interest.*

Staff Reporting: Larry Klein, City Manager

Recommendation: Approve Order/Resolution. Approval demonstrates the City's support of regional trails to benefit the quality of life and economic development in the City. Other organizations that have approved this Resolution include the Cincinnati Regional Business Committee; Green Umbrella; Interact for Health; Great Parks of Hamilton County; OKI; Great Miami Rowing Center, and OKI.

9. Consider Order/Resolution No. O/R-xx-14 entitled: **AN ORDER/RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL J. STREICHER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COVINGTON BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2014, AND EXPIRING APRIL 14, 2018.**

Staff Reporting: Larry Klein, City Manager

Recommendation: Approve Order/Resolution. Approval fills a vacancy on the Board of the Housing Authority of Covington with the expiration of current term of Rita Dreyer on April 1, who is not seeking reappointment. Ms. Dreyer has served very well as a Board Member, and best wishes are extended to her future endeavors. Mr. Streicher is well qualified to serve with his experience as a project manager in private real estate residential development in Greater Cincinnati and Louisville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

CITY SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT