

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 09, 2013 6:00 P.M.**

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Covington, Kentucky, was opened by Mayor Carran, on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in Commission Chambers, 638 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky.

Mayor Carran presiding with Commissioners Chuck Eilerman, Steve Frank, Mildred Rains, Michelle William, City Manager Larry Klein, and City Solicitor Frank Warnock, present.

**MOTION** of Commissioner Rains, seconded by Commissioner Frank to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 26, 2013, meeting minutes.

**Passed.** 5 Yeas. Commissioners Eilerman, Frank, Rains, Williams, and Mayor Carran.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Legislative Update – State Senator Chris McDaniel gave a brief update to the Mayor and Commissioners on legislation outcome during the recent Legislative Session.
- Public Hearing – 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan was presented by Natalie Gardner, Programs and Strategic Projects Manager

**NEW BUSINESS – ORDER/RESOLUTIONS**

**FENIANS OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY** – the Fenians executed an agreement with the City for the construction of an Irish memorial in Devou Park. They are asking for an extension of that contract to continue efforts at fund raising for the project.

**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-94-13**

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE FENIANS OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY, INC., A KENTUCKY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, TO EXTEND THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF AN IRISH MEMORIAL BY THREE YEARS.

**MOTION** of Commissioner Frank, seconded by Commissioner Eilerman.  
**Passed.** 5 Yeas. Commissioners Eilerman, Frank, Rains, Williams, and Mayor Carran.

**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT** – The Business Improvement District (BID) would be a self-imposed and self-governed assessment district formed by commercial property owners who are committed to raising improvement funds for enhanced services within the district. The services would include economic development, beautification and enhanced maintenance services.

**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-95-13**

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COVINGTON BUSINESS COUNCILS' EFFORTS TO FORM A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

**MOTION** of Commissioner Frank, seconded by Commissioner Eilerman.  
**Passed.** 3 Yeas. Commissioners Eilerman, Frank, and Mayor Carran.  
2 Nays. Commissioners Rains and Williams

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**CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM** – This is the second class to graduate from the Customer Service Training Program and includes employees from DPI, the Police Department, and Department of Development.

**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-96-13**

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON'S CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM, AS WELL AS JO ANN SIMPSON AND STACEY HOETER FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM ALONG WITH JANET CROCETTI OF GATEWAY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

**MOTION** of Commissioner Eilerman, seconded by Commissioner Frank.  
**Passed.** 5 Yeas. Commissioners Eilerman, Frank, Rains, Williams, and Mayor Carran.

**PURCHASE RAY'S LANE PROPERTY** – Purchase of this key property allows the City and other potential public partners, SD1 and Commonwealth of Kentucky, to continue its pursuit of a long-term improvement to storm water problems in the Peaselburg, Pointe Benton, and Monte Casino area.

**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-97-13**

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH KEVIN SHORT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTH END OF RAYS LANE, LYING BETWEEN WIDEVIEW DRIVE AND GENEVIEVE DRIVE, FOR \$42,000.00

**MOTION** of Commissioner Frank, seconded by Commissioner Eilerman.  
**Passed.** 3 Yeas. Commissioners Eilerman, Frank, and Mayor Carran.  
2 Nays. Commissioners Rains and Williams.

**TEXT AMENDMENT** – This text amendment will allow Cultural Exhibits and Libraries in the IP and IL zoning districts. A text amendment was approved in 1988. However, it was not carried over in the zoning rewrite of 2006. This amendment would allow the Railway Museum to do improvements that have been planned since the 1988 amendment.

**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-98-13**

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION OF THE KENTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF COVINGTON ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW CULTURAL MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES USE IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK (IP) AND INDUSTRIAL LIMITED (IL) ZONING DISTRICTS.

**MOTION** of Commissioner Eilerman, seconded by Commissioner Frank.  
**Passed.** 5 Yeas. Commissioners Eilerman, Frank, Rains, Williams, and Mayor Carran.

**LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CIPS** – The City will ultimately remain ownership and control of Meinken Field and will continue to pay utilities. A one-year lease will be between the City and the Covington Independent Public Schools (CIPS). Holy Cross High School will sub-lease Meinken from CIPS, allowing both schools to have equal and fair distribution of field use. Any major improvements or changes to the field must have the City's approval before proceeding. The day-to-day maintenance will become the shared responsibility of CIPS and Holy Cross High School.

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**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-99-13**

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COVINGTON AND COVINGTON INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE USE OF MEINKEN FIELD.

**MOTION** of Commissioner Frank, seconded by Commissioner Eilerman.  
**Passed.** 5 Yeas. Commissioners Eilerman, Frank, Rains, Williams, and Mayor Carran.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN** – CCB 621,LLC has purchased the properties on Main Street which are blighted, vacant structures in need of repair. They will be turning the buildings into the Commonwealth Bistro, a restaurant which will seat 100 guests and will include a private dining/event space, a four season room, a chef's table, and bar area.

**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-100-13**

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN OF \$150,000.00 TO CCB 621, LLC FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTIES AT 621 AND 623 MAIN STREET, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE LOAN AND SECURE THE CITY'S INTEREST, PAYABLE FROM THE CITY OF COVINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

**MOTION** of Commissioner Eilerman, seconded by Commissioner Frank.  
**Passed.** 5 Yeas. Commissioners Eilerman, Frank, Rains, Williams, and Mayor Carran.

**ACCEPT BID** – An advertisement for bids was sent out and only one bid was received and opened on Monday, April 1, 2013. These tablets will afford police officers a user friendly interface with the recently upgraded CAD/RMS system and will augment the Departments' connection with the City's nineteen unique neighborhoods.

**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-101-13**

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF CDW-G FOR TABLET COMPUTERS AND ACCESSORIES FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$73,782.45, AS THE BEST RESPONSIBLE BID, TO BE PURCHASED FROM FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.

**MOTION** of Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Eilerman.  
**Passed.** 5 Yeas. Commissioners Eilerman, Frank, Rains, Williams, and Mayor Carran.

**STEP IN GRADES** – These pay increases are contractual obligations of the City with the FOP bargaining unit based on satisfactorily achieving tenure with the Police Department.

**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-102-13**

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STEP-IN-GRADE INCREASES FOR RYAN MALONE AND JUSTIN MEYER FORM POLICE OFFICERS GRADE III TO POLICE OFFICERS GRADE IV, EFFECTIVE MAY 25, 2013, A PY INCREASE OF 11.232%.

**MOTION** of Commissioner Rains, seconded by Commissioner Williams.

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**CHANGE IN PAY GRADE** – In accordance with Article XI "WAGE RATE", exception I of the CBA by and between the City of Covington and the Covington Professional Firefighters Local Union 38, any paramedic that has served 6.5 years and wishes to voluntarily discontinue their paramedic status may do so provided that there is a minimum of 27 paramedics remaining on the job.

**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-103-13**

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE IN PAY GRADE STATUS FOR GARY RUCKER, COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, FROM PARAMEDIC/ENGINEER TO ENGINEER, EFFECTIVE APRIL 3, 2013.

**MOTION** of Commissioner Rains, seconded by Commissioner Williams.  
**Passed.** 5 Yeas. Commissioners Eilerman, Frank, Rains, Williams, and Mayor Carran.

**APPOINTMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING BOARD** – Mr. Gray will be filling an expired seat on the Board for a three-year term. Mr. Gray is a Covington resident.

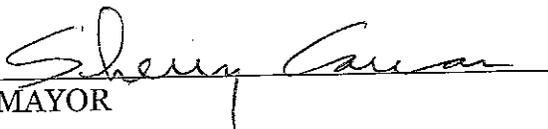
**COMMISSIONERS' ORDER/RESOLUTION NO. O/R-104-13**

AN ORDER/RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF OMAR GRAY TO THE COVINGTON CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING BOARD, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE APRIL 10, 2013, AND EXPIRING APRIL 9, 2016.

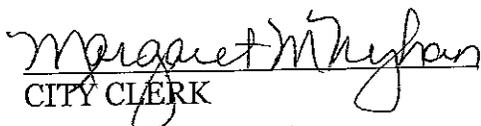
**MOTION** of Commissioner Rains, seconded by Commissioner Williams.  
**Passed.** 5 Yeas. Commissioners Eilerman, Frank, Rains, Williams, and Mayor Carran.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MAYOR CARRAN adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED: 4-23-13