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## CITY OF COVINGTON PRESS RELEASE

**RE:** Covington organizational report and recommendations released by independent consultant Management Partners; City seeks Input from residents and businesses

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The City of Covington will host public meetings to gather input about the recently released Management Partners report.

Representatives of Management Partners, Inc. have been meeting with City department heads and employees, gathering information, studying the City's process and procedures, and have made recommendations based on their review.

The Police and Fire department reports and recommendations will be discussed at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

The Community Development and Code Enforcement departments will be discussed at 6 p.m. Thursday, August 9, 2012.

The hearings will be at the Commission Chamber on the first floor of City Hall, 638 Madison Avenue.

"We want to be open and transparent," said City Manager Larry Klein. "We want to hear what citizens have to say. We, like most local governments across the nation, are trying to manage limited resources while moving our community forward. Our ultimate goal is a better City of Covington. It can be done."

Management Partners issued its final report just recently titled *City of Covington Organization Reviews*. It can be reviewed online at the City's website, [www.covingtonky.gov](http://www.covingtonky.gov). The report was paid for entirely by non-City funds which were raised by Covington Mayor Chuck Scheper.

Mayor Scheper announced his *C + V = G 10 Point Action Plan* for the City in January, 2012, and called for independent reviews of all areas of City operations at that time.

“The V stands for Vision and we need to look outside our boundaries for ‘best of class’ examples to consider because more of the same will not solve the problems of today and tomorrow,” said Scheper.

“Management Partners conducted an independent review of the City’s operations,” said Scheper. “They have extensive experience analyzing local governments.”

The 143-page document is the result of a study of organizational reviews of the City’s Police, Fire, Community Development, Code Enforcement, and Administration departments, as well as a review of the City’s entire organizational structure.

The primary objective of the study was to determine if there are ways to reduce operations costs while maintaining or improving service quality.

There are 57 recommendations in the report. Substantial savings could be achieved if the report’s recommendations were implemented, according to the study.

Former Cincinnati City Manager Jerry Newfarmer founded Management Partners in 1994. Newfarmer was instrumental in guiding the Covington study. Assisting in the report was Wayne Chapman who is a former city manager of several cities, including Aspen, Colorado.