



**MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026, 6:00 PM
20 WEST PIKE STREET, COVINGTON, KY 41011**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Covington, Kentucky met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 20 West Pike Street, Covington, KY 41011 at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. Mayor Ronald L. Washington called the meeting to order. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll, and the following members were present: Mayor Ronald L. Washington, Commissioner Tim Acri, Commissioner Tim Downing, Commissioner Shannon Smith, and Commissioner James Toebbe. Quorum was met for the Board of Commissioners.

The following staff members attended in person: City Manager Sharmili Reddy, Strategic Infrastructure Initiatives Director Keith Bales, Communications Manager Dan Wohler, Systems Analyst/Project Manager Essam Elgusain, Human Resources Director Cindy Lewis, City Solicitor Frank Schultz, City Clerk Susan Ellis, Controller Jiv Johnson, Assistant Economic Development Director John Sadosky, Police Chief Justin Wietholter, Fire Chief Corey Deye, Public Works Director Bill Matteoli, Assistant Public Works Director Brad Schwenke, Neighborhood Services Director Brandon Holmes, Parks & Recreation Manager Greg Stacy, Recreational Program Coordinator Alicia Chappell, Director of Special Projects and Intergovernmental Affairs Elizabeth Wetzel, Director of External Affairs & Senior Counsel Sebastian Torres, and Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Medina.

ACTION TAKEN ON LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Minutes of the March 10, 2026 Regular Legislative Meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for review. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Toebbe to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe, and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Washington opened the floor to public comment which began at 6:02 p.m. and concluded at 6:04 p.m.

Following Public Comments, the Commission agreed without objection to remove Item 1 under New Business: Orders and Resolutions from the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

- Devou Park Presentation – Barbara Drees & Pete Nerone
- 2026 Parks and Recreation Program Guide – Greg Stacy & Alicia Chappell

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

There was no City Manager’s Report.

NEW BUSINESS: CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONERS’ ORDER NO. ORD-062-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION OF THE NEW CITY HALL.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-062-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-062-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS’ ORDER NO. ORD-063-2026

AN ORDER PROMOTING WILLIAM MATTEOLI TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 202.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-063-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and following comments, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-063-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS’ ORDER NO. ORD-064-2026

AN ORDER PROMOTING BRAD SCHWENKE TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2026.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-064-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and following comments, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-064-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-065-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A JOBS DEVELOPMENT AND PAYROLL INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH MARFOFMA CORP.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-065-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-065-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-066-2026

AN ORDER AGREEING TO UNDERTAKE THE ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO PAY OR REIMBURSE THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, AND INSTALLING AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING IN THE CITY AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 103 OF THE KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES; APPROVING A RELATED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT; APPROVING PRELIMINARY ACTIONS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-066-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-066-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-067-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FORGIVABLE FAÇADE AGREEMENT WITH CHEWLU LLC.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-067-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-067-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-068-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FORGIVABLE FAÇADE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-068-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-068-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-069-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COMMERCIAL RENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH DICE ON DRAFT, LLC.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-069-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-069-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-070-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF CURTIS CZIRR AS LABORER IN THE GENERAL MAINTENANCE DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2026.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-070-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-059-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-071-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF JEREMIE RING AS A COVINGTON POLICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE MARCH 29, 2026.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-071-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the

Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-071-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-072-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF GARRETT KOENIG AS CLERK TYPIST IN THE RECORDS SECTION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE MARCH 29, 2026.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-072-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-072-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-073-2026

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF LONNIE JOHNSON, LIGHT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2026.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-073-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-073-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-074-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF JACK MONTS DE OCA AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COVINGTON MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING AUTHORITY, EFFECTIVE APRIL 13, 2026..

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-074-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-074-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-075-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LOANED PERSONNEL AGREEMENT WITH THE COVINGTON MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING AUTHORITY FOR THE SERVICES OF JACK MONTS DE OCA.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-075-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-075-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-076-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-076-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-076-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-077-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 1038 JACKSON STREET.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-077-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-077-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-078-2026

AN ORDER APPOINTING TRAVIS GYSEGEM TO THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT, FOR A 4-YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2026, AND EXPIRING MARCH 24, 2030.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-078-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-078-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-079-2026

AN ORDER APPOINTING WILLIAM MATTEOLI TO THE INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF OKI, EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2026.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-079-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-079-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-080-2026

AN ORDER APPOINTING SEBASTIAN TORRES TO THE INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF OKI, EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2026.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-080-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Order. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Order No. ORD-080-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

During Commission Discussion motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the City of Covington to become a Green Dot City and allocate \$10,000.00 to the Ion Center to support their efforts. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and following discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Smith, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Motion to approve the City of Covington to become a Green Dot City and allocate \$10,000.00 to the Ion Center to support their efforts was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

MAYOR COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Washington adjourned the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Ronald L. Washington

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

Susan Ellis

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED: April 14, 2026