



**MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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, February 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 Toebe. 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, Human Resources Director Cindy Lewis, City Solicitor Frank Schultz, City Clerk Susan Ellis, Finance Director Bre Gaffney, Controller Jiv Johnson, Economic Development Director Tom West, Police Chief Justin Wietholter, Fire Chief Corey Deye, Public Works Director Bill Matteoli, Neighborhood Services Director Brandon Holmes, Director of Special Projects and Intergovernmental Affairs Elizabeth Wetzel, Director of External Affairs & Senior Counsel Sebastian Torres, and Code Enforcement Officer Nolan Dismukes.

ACTION TAKEN ON LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Regular Legislative Meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for review. Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Acri 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, Toebe, and Washington

Voting Nay: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Washington opened the floor to public comment which began at 6:03 p.m. and concluded at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Kentucky Legislative Update – Sebastian Torres

During the presentation, the Commission agreed without objection to add three Resolutions to the Agenda.

COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION NO. R-01-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON COMMISSION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 112 WHICH SEEKS TO PREEMPT OR LIMIT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY BY RESTRICTING A CITY'S ABILITY TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM RENTALS.

Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Toebbe to approve the Resolution. 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' Resolution No. R-01-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION NO. R-02-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE RETENTION ACT WHICH SEEKS TO ENSURE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE REVENUES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO INCENTIVIZED CORPORATE OFFICE FACILITIES.

Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Resolution. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Voting Nay: None

Commissioners' Resolution No. R-02-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION NO. R-03-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON COMMISSION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 612 WHICH SEEKS TO IMPOSE TAXES ON ALL ALCOHOLIC SALES AND PREEMPT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY.

Motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve the Resolution. Mayor Washington asked for additional discussion, and with none, a voice vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Acri, Downing, Toebbe and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Smith

Commissioners' Resolution No. R-01-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

NEW BUSINESS: CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-042-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET TO ESTABLISH FUNDING SUPPORT FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG EUCLID AND HIGHLAND AVENUES AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-042-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Toebe 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-042-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-043-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF A WILLOW RUN PARCEL WITH THE CITY OF COVINGTON AS GRANTOR AND KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET (KYTC) AS GRANTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF KYTC CONSTRUCTING A SURFACE ROAD PARALLEL TO THE NEWLY ALIGNED I-71/75 CORRIDOR.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-043-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Toebe 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-043-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-044-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT OF AN EXCLUSIVE TEMPORARY PROPERTY EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET (KYTC) TO ALLOW KYTC ACCESS TO PARCEL 401 THROUGHOUT THE BRENT SPENCE BRIDGE (BSB) CORRIDOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-044-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Toebe 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-044-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-045-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER WITH RIEGLER BLACKTOP AUTHORIZED BY THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET (KYTC).

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-045-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Toebbe 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-045-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-046-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH AM TITAN DEVELOPMENTS, LLC ASSOCIATED WITH 1129 AND 1131 BANKLICK STREET AND 1136 and 1138-40 HOLMAN AVENUE.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-046-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Toebbe 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-046-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-047-2026

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF GAURAV SALVI, TAX AUDITOR, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 13, 2026.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-047-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Toebbe 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-047-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-048-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF LAUREN BALLARD AS EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN IN THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-048-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Toebe 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-048-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-049-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF MARK RICHARDSON AS A CONTRACT OFFICER PURSUANT TO KRS 95.022, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT PEACE OFFICER AGREEMENT WITH MARK RICHARDSON.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-049-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Toebe 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-049-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-050-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE 2026 DUKE ENERGY SITE READINESS PROGRAM FOR TWO COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES IN COVINGTON.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-050-2026 was read by the City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Toebe 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-050-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

COMMISSIONERS' ORDINANCE NO. O-xx-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COVINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 158 OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO (1) ALLOW "CHANGEABLE COPY" AS A PART OF A PRINCIPAL DETACHED SIGN WITHIN THE AUC (AUTO-URBAN COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT AND (2) ADDING A FORMULA FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF SIGN ILLUMINATION.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

MAYOR COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Acri to approve an order to hold a Closed Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency and KRS 61.810(1)(c) discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. 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

The Motion to hold a Closed Session was approved by unanimous vote.

Mayor Washington adjourned the regular meeting at 6:29 p.m.

The Commission entered Closed Session following adjournment of the regular meeting.

Closed Session adjourned at 7:06 p.m. with no further action taken.

Ronald L. Washington

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

Susan Ellis

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED: March 10, 2026