



**MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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, April 14, 2026. Mayor Ronald L. Washington called the meeting to order. Acting City Clerk Allyson Schaefer 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 Coordinator Essam Elgusain, Human Resources Director Cindy Lewis, City Solicitor Frank Schultz, Acting City Clerk Allyson Schaefer, Finance Director Bre Gaffney, Economic Development Director Tom West, Assistant Economic Development Director John Sadosky, 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 Wetzell, Director of External Affairs & Senior Counsel Sebastian Torres, and Neighborhood Services Coordinator Kim Strategier.

ACTION TAKEN ON LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Minutes of the March 24, 2026 Regular Legislative Meeting were distributed to the Board of Commissioners with the Agenda for review. Motion was made by Commissioner Toebbe 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, Toebbe, and Washington

Voting Nay: None

Motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Prior to the City Manager's Report, the Board of Commissioners agreed without objection to remove item number one under New Business: Orders and Resolutions from the agenda.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

NEW BUSINESS: CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONERS’ ORDER NO. ORD-081-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE HIRE OF LYNNE LINGREL-PARTIN AS TAX AUDITOR IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2026.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-081-2026 was read by the Acting 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-081-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS’ ORDER NO. ORD-082-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2026 DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT AWD FOR THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM DON FRANKLIN SOMERSET INC.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-082-2026 was read by the Acting 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-082-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS’ ORDER NO. ORD-083-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THE UPFIT FOR ONE (1) 2026 DODGE DURANGO K9 UNIT FOR THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM RIDGENET PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS.

Title of Commissioners’ Order No. ORD-083-2026 was read by the Acting 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-083-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-084-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2026 TOYOTA CAMRY HIBRID LE SEDAN AWD FOR THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM FRANKFORT TOYOTA.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-084-2026 was read by the Acting 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-084-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-085-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THE UPFIT FOR TWO (2) 2026 TOYOTA CAMRY HYBRID LE SEDAN AWD FOR THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM RIDGENET PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-085-2026 was read by the Acting 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-085-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-086-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) TESLA MODEL Y PREMIUM AWD FOR THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #081325-TES.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-086-2026 was read by the Acting 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-086-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-087-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THE UPFIT FOR THREE (3) TESLA MODEL Y PREMIUM AWD FOR THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM DANA SAFETY SUPPLY.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-087-2026 was read by the Acting 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-087-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-088-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ROVE IQ FOR THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION, AND PROGRAMMING OF A VIDEO KIOSK FOR THE LATONIA BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-088-2026 was read by the Acting 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-088-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-089-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A JOB DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-089-2026 was read by the Acting 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-089-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-090-2026

AN ORDER APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW POSITION OF REVITALIZATION MANAGER.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-090-2026 was read by the Acting 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-090-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-091-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A HOME PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER CINCINNATI TO BUILD TWO NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AT 1039 JOHN STREET AND 1041 JOHN STREET FOR AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-091-2026 was read by the Acting 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-091-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-092-2026

AN ORDER APPOINTING JOE SCHAMER TO THE DEVOU PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FOR A 3-YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2026, AND EXPIRING APRIL 14, 2029.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-092-2026 was read by the Acting 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-092-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS: ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

COMMISSIONERS' ORDER NO. ORD-093-2026

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE SERIES, TO BE ISSUED IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000,000, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH SHALL BE USED TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND IMPROVEMENTS OF AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING FACILITY, OR FACILITIES, TO BE LEASED TO CCR-MN INVESTMENT PARTNERS LLC, AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ITS AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, AND/OR ASSIGNS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT, A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND SUCH OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS, CERTIFICATES, AND AGREEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH OTHER ACTIONS, NECESSARY OR REQUIRED, RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE FINANCING OF THE PROJECT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A FEE JOINDER TO THE MORTGAGE, AND OTHER CUSTOMARY AND COMMERCIALY REASONABLE DOCUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE LENDER PROVIDING FINANCING TO THE PROJECT, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

SHALL BE CONDITIONED UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PILOT AGREEMENT.

Title of Commissioners' Order No. ORD-093-2026 was read by the Acting City Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Toebe and seconded by Commissioner Acri 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-093-2026 was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

MAYOR COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Downing and seconded by Commissioner Smith 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, Toebe, and Washington

Voting Nay: None

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

Mayor Washington adjourned the regular meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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

Closed Session adjourned at 7:09 p.m. with no further action taken.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED: _____