



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026, 9:00 AM
20 WEST PIKE STREET, COVINGTON, KY 41011**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Covington, Kentucky met in special session in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 20 West Pike Street, Covington, KY 41011 at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2026. Mayor Ronald L. Washington called the meeting to order and called the roll. 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, Systems Analyst/Project Manager Essam Elgusain, Human Resources Director Cindy Lewis, City Solicitor Frank Schultz, Finance Director Bre Gaffney, Economic Development Director Tom West, Assistant Economic Development Director John Sadosky, Police Chief Justin Wietholter, Assistant Fire Chief Patrick Averbeck, Assistant Public Works Director Brad Schwenke, Neighborhood Services Director Brandon Holmes, Director of Special Projects and Intergovernmental Affairs Elizabeth Wetzel, Director of External Affairs & Senior Counsel Sebastian Torres, and Executive Assistant Carolann Baughman.

NEW BUSINESS

During discussion of the Vacation Rights-of-Way related to the Duro Bag Property Acquisition, motion was made by Commissioner Acri and seconded by Commissioner Downing to suspend the rules so as to take legislative action for the first reading of a proposed Ordinance. 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 suspend the rules so as to take legislative action for the first reading of a proposed Ordinance was approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

COMMISSIONERS' ORDINANCE NO. O-xx-2026

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY LOCATED ON THE FORMER 13TH STREET AND FORMER 14TH STREET, AND LOCATED ON LAND ADJACENT TO NEAVE STREET WITHIN THE FORMER DURO BAG PROPERTY SITE.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Washington adjourned the special meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Ronald L. Washington

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

Susan Ellis

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED: March 10, 2026