



**Covington – Living, Learning, Working Together**  
**Newsletter - December 18, 2020**

Mayor Justin Hanson



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**Public Works Committee**  
Chairperson Danny Wallace, Jeff Morris, Johnetta Yarbrough

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Chairperson Jeff Morris, CH Sullivan, John Edwards

**Finance and Administration Committee**  
Chairperson CH Sullivan, All Board Members

**Public Safety Committee**  
Chairperson Johnetta Yarbrough, Chris Richardson, CH Sullivan

*Official meeting minutes and agendas can be found by visiting [www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com).*

## **Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – 12/15/20**

Present: Chairman CH Sullivan, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Chris Richardson, Alderman John Edwards, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman Danny Wallace, Rachel Witherington, David Gray, Lessie Fisher, Ronnie Neill (virtual), Echo Day (virtual), Rebecca Ray, David Gwinn, Chief Larry Lindsey, Chief Richard Griggs, Assistant Chief Jeremy Channell, Tiny Rose, Tina Dunn, Joseph Mack, Nic Shaw, Margaret Fleming

### **Charter / Code Update – City Attorney Rachel Witherington**

Atty Witherington provided a redline version of the new Charter.

- Discussed the suggestion to define certain terms such as “Officer”, “Department Heads”, “Employees”
- Discussed other changes in Charter
- Vice Mayor section 23, gives Vice Mayor first priority to fill in for Mayor temporarily or permanently. Has the option to decline. The Board can choose another Alderman or Department Head.
- Discussed filling void for Aldermen seat
- Changed ouster provision for any elected official, written how it is written in State law
- There needs to be a resolution for the next Board meeting to move forward with changes
- Motion made to send Charter as presented to full Board, 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, Attorney Witherington discussed other sections including City court, Alderman Edwards discussed Mayor and Board voting, motion passes

### **City Property Discussion – Mayor Justin Hanson, Director Tiny Rose**

- Chairman Sullivan discussed listing and sale of properties
- Mayor Hanson discussed Mark Herbison’s work on selling Anderson property
- Attorney Witherington discussed appraisal on old police station property (Pleasant), easement, parking, etc. Will make sure everyone has a copy
- The Board will vote to list property after Covington Realty submits agreement

### **Salary Study Discussion – Police Chief Larry Lindsey**

- Chief Lindsey conducted workforce study, results would justify the amount of officers we have and pay increase requested
- Discussion about state of the department, hiring, training, and investment costs in certified vs. non-certified officers
- Motion made to approve Chief Lindsey’s request for pay increase, 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, Tina Dunn requested January 30<sup>th</sup> start date, Chairman Sullivan amended to reflect, motion passes.

There being no further business, meeting is adjourned.

*Take some time before Christmas and visit our Historic Square and Depot District. It is decorated beautifully for the Holiday!*



*Merry  
Christmas*



Marianne Dunavant, Victim Outreach Director for Marcy's Law for Tennessee met with local law enforcement and elected officials on Friday to discuss what they can do to support victims' rights and the need for Marcy's Law to pass in TN. To learn more about Marcy's Law, visit [marsyslawfortn.com](http://marsyslawfortn.com).



*Congratulations to Sherl Rose of the Tipton County Museum for winning the Covington Parks and Recreation Teammate of the Year! We appreciate all you do for our community, Sherl!*



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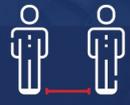
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Congratulations to the brilliant Soap Maker Beth Fuhrman-Kadlec who came up with this amazing design for Buff City Soap! Customers LOVE the "Merry Grinch-mas" soap!

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What a joy it was to celebrate with Lori Beth and Allen Belk during the grand opening of their new business on our Historic Covington Square last weekend! We are delighted to have their business in our community and excited to serve them as valued Chamber Members! Join us in congratulating the Belks on opening **Agape Of Covington** located at 120 West Liberty Avenue.



Republic Services has announced it's holiday pickup days:

Friday Route December 25th - Pickup Saturday 12/26

Friday Route January 1st - Pickup Saturday 1/2



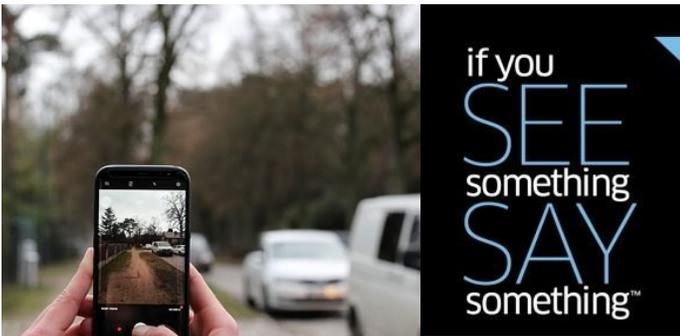
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