



# Covington Public Works/Utilities

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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## City of Covington

### Public Works Meeting

City Hall

Down Stairs Board Room 4:00 P.M.

February 1, 2022

1. Update on Roundabout. ( See Attached )
2. Proposed new law for training and education requirements for Board members. ( See Attached )
3. Update on local programs. ( See Attached )
4. Repair work at WWTP. ( See Attached )
5. Extension Polices. ( See Attached )
6. Natural gas prices. ( See Attached )

#### Other Business:

1. Code Division monthly report: (See attached)

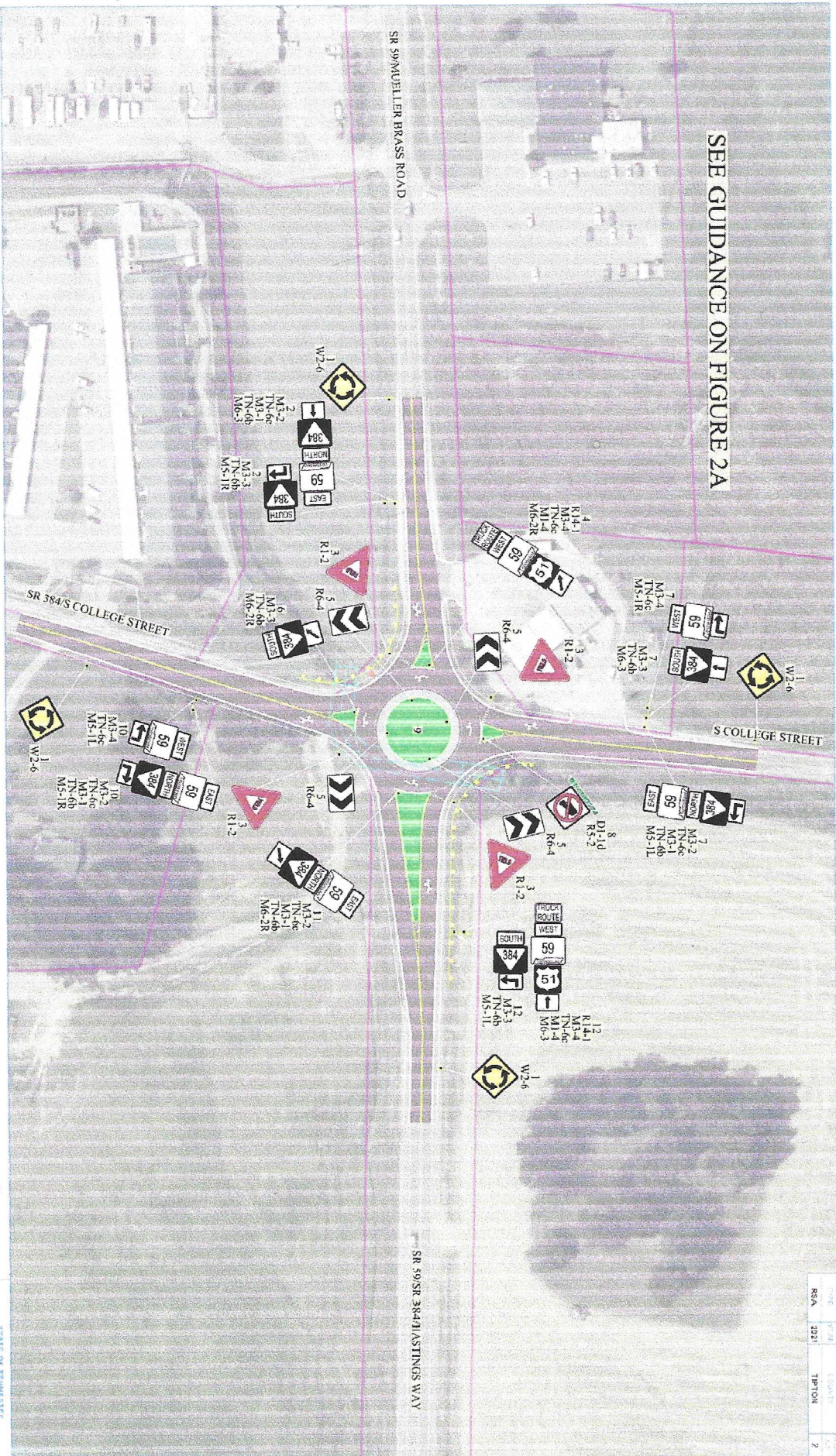
#### Adjourn:



**ROAD SAFETY AUDIT**  
 STATE ROUTE 59 AT STATE ROUTE 384/S COLLEGE STREET  
 I.M. 20.10 TO I.M. 20.50  
 TIPTON COUNTY



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 FIGURE 2  
 SR 59  
 AT S COLLEGE ST



SEE GUIDANCE ON FIGURE 2A

DATE	BY	REVISION
NSA	2021	TIPTON
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## David Gray

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**From:** Justin Hanson  
**Sent:** Monday, January 24, 2022 11:08 AM  
**To:** tsallee@covingtones.com  
**Cc:** David Gray; Beth McDonald; Rebecca Ray  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Law Change

Tim – thanks! I hadn't seen this proposed change.

I'm copying David so he's in the loop as well.

JMH

**From:** Tim Sallee <tsallee@covingtones.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 24, 2022 11:07 AM  
**To:** Justin Hanson <jhanson@covingtontn.com>  
**Subject:** Proposed Law Change

Mayor: FYI

I have attached a summary of a proposed law filed this year in the State General assembly that may affect the training requirements for your aldermen.

**SB1757/HB1727 Training and education requirements of municipal utility board members.**

Sponsors	Sen. Reeves, Shane; Rep. Gillespie, John
Category	Utilities
Summary	Changes compliance requirements for existing training and education requirements of municipal utility board members, utility district commissioners, and the local municipalities and utility districts that they serve. Specifies that a utility district that purchases more than 50 percent of its total water for resale must include the contract for the purchase of water for resale simultaneously with the report required to be submitted annually to the utility management review board. Changes certain water loss requirements. Transfers certain compliance oversight to the Tennessee public utility commission.
Senate Status	01/13/22 - Introduced in the Senate
House Status	01/19/22 - Referred to House Business & Utilities Subcommittee.
Caption	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7- 34-115; Section 7-82-307; Section 7-82-308; Section 7-82-314; Section 7-82-401; Section 7-82- 702; Section 7-82-705; Section 7-82-709; Section 68-221-1010; Section 68-221-1012; Section 68- 221-1016; Section 68-221-1206; Section 68-221- 1006 and Section 68-221-1009, relative to utilities.
Comment	Requires a municipal water utility board member to file an annual written statement with the comptroller's office certifying the training courses they attended. Requires the utility to keep a copy for six years.

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**From:** Jason Dittrich <jasond@a2h.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 3:37 PM  
**To:** David Gray; Tina Dunn; Lessie Fisher  
**Cc:** Pat Harcourt; Justin Hanson  
**Subject:** City of Covington (Project Status Update)

All,

Below is an update on where each of our Local Programs and USDA projects stand, and what the next action items are.

- PIN 123327.01 – (A2H 15486) – James Avenue TAP – Now that the scriveners affidavits have been approved by TDOT and the ROW has been certified we are free to submit the Construction Documents to TDOT for review. This is scheduled for this week, and plans will be uploaded to TDOT's TNCloud for review.
- PIN 126656.00 – (A2H 17384) – Highway 51 Connector Phase I – A2H received ROW comments back from TDOT last week (1/18), and have the necessary revisions scheduled to be completed this week, and will resubmit to TDOT using their TNCloud website.
- PIN 129969.00 – (A2H 19215) – STBG Various Streets – A2H submitted preliminary plans to TDOT last week (1/21) and Seth Gordon acknowledged receipt. He set a date of 2/11 for his reviewers to have comments back, so we will follow up with him on that date.
- 20404 – USDA City of Covington Paving Project – Change Order #2 has been submitted to USDA (Walt Downing) along with an email justifying the additional time requested. I spoke with Stevan Hite (Union City Paving) and we are on his schedule to finish up the paving once the asphalt plants open back up in the Spring, approximately March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moving forward I will make a more consistent effort to send updates similar to this to keep everyone up to date on where our projects stand.

Thank you,

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## **WWTP REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE**

**STARTING BUDGET \$150,000.00**

**CURRENT BALANCE \$-18,646.00**

**TOTAL \$168,646.00**

## **PENDING REPAIRS ESTIMATES**

**RAW SCREW PUMP \$25,000**

**AERATION BRUSH**

**ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER \$ 40,070**

**Other materials needed \$2,000.00**

**TOTAL: \$ 90,070.00**

## **EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENT**

**Due to a power failure at the WWTP, Covington Electric was called out to check our pole mounted transformers. During their visit, they discovered the pole that secure the transformers in the air was in terrible shape, and that we need to do something before we have a major problem that will put us down for a Day or more. The best plan moving forward was to convert existing transformer to a pad style transformer. Covington Electric will supply the pad mount transformer at no charge. As of today, we have bought and installed around \$11,570.00 in material with a labor cost of around \$6,500.00.**

**We are buying the wire needed for the project and the estimated cost is around 28,500.00, but as with everything prices fluctuate daily.**

**This summary does not include other daily expenses that may occur between now and June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**POLICY NO. 96-0709-001**

**Date: August 17, 1998**

**SUBJECT: UTILITY SERVICE EXTENSION POLICY**

**REFERENCES: City Ordinance dated July 9, 1996**

**GENERAL**

It is the intent of this Ordinance to regulate the installation and extensions of City of Covington Utilities such as Water, Sewer, Natural Gas and other. The purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure that the city recovers the cost incurred by these utility extensions. It is also the intent of this Ordinance to ensure that our citizens within the City of Covington planning region are treated fairly and equitably in providing these services.

This ordinance was passed to regulate utility extensions as they apply to development and developers within the City of Covington Planning region. It does not apply to private homeowners.

All new Utility Main or Service extensions must be approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen before the work is accomplished.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Developer: A person or persons that is building or subdividing with the intent to sell.

## WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS

1. **Extensions to accommodate Development.**
  - a. Inside City Limits. The City will provide or pay for or provide the piping materials only. All other cost (Engineering and Design, Labor, Fill Material, Excavation & Installation, other cost) will be the responsibility of the Developer.
  - b. Outside City Limits. The Developer must pay all cost of the extension.
2. **Water Main Extensions to accommodate individual reaches of homes where there is no developer.**
  - a. Inside City Limits. The city is required to provide water services to all areas within the city limits of Covington within 5 years after annexation.
  - b. Outside City Limits. In order to provide water extensions to existing homes the City of Covington must evaluate its cost / benefit ratio and estimate to be able to recover its cost of installation within 15 years.



## SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS

Sewer Ordinance Section 13-303, 30 3.1d Connect to Public Sewer States : The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes situated within the service area and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located an accessible public sanitary sewer in the service are, is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, within ninety (90) days after date of official notice to do so, provided that said public sewer is within one hundred (100) feet of the building drain as defined herein.

1. Sewer Extensions to accommodate Development
  - a. Inside the City Limits. The Developer must pay all cost of the extension.
  - b. Outside the City Limits. The Developer must pay all cost of the extension.  
Note: Due to the high cost of Sewer extension any sewer extension outside the city must receive Mayor and Board of Aldermen approval.
2. Sewer Extensions to accommodate established subdivisions / reaches of homes.
  - a. Inside the City Limits: The City of Covington shall provide sewer inside the city to all citizens within 5 years after annexation or as soon as funds are available.
  - b. Outside the City Limits: The City of Covington shall not extend sewer outside the City of Covington unless directed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

## NATURAL GAS MAIN EXTENSIONS

Inside the City Limits. The City will pay all cost of the extension provided that the cost can be recovered through revenues within seven (7) years.

Outside the City Limits. The City will pay all cost of the extension provided that the cost can be recovered through revenues within seven (7) years.

**POLICY NO. 01-0103-005**

**Date: January 3, 2001**

**SUBJECT: PRESSURISED SEWER SYSTEM**

**REFERENCES:**

1. Minutes of Covington Public Works meeting dated November 13, 2000 subject as above.
2. Minutes of City Board meeting dated November 14, 2000, approval of the policy recommended by Covington Public Works Committee and described below.

The city of Covington may elect to use pressurized sewer system provided it's in the best interest of the city. Where these type systems are used the city will maintain the system beginning at the pump and holding tank. There will be a monthly maintenance fee added to the normal charge for sewer. This is to cover the cost of city maintenance.

## David Gray

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**From:** Gregg, John <jgregg@McCarter.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 8:56 PM  
**To:** 'Alan Cherry'; 'Alex Smith'; Allyson Horner (allyson@gcud.net); 'Angie Moyers'; 'Braxton Williams'; 'Bryan Smith'; 'Casey Burnett'; David Gray; 'Doug Meyers (dmyers2382@aol.com)'; 'Greg Williams (gwilliams@dymersburgtn.gov)'; 'Neil Hunter'; 'Regie Castellaw'; 'Scott Nelson'; 'Tim Clayton'  
**Subject:** Unprecedented Price Spike in NG Caused by Short Squeeze

Natural-gas prices spiked on Thursday, with traders shocked by a more than 46% jump in prices at the settlement, as the front-month February futures contract expired at the end of the trading session. Natural gas for February delivery NGG22, +37.95% settled at **\$6.265 per MMBtu**, up \$1.99, or 46.5% on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

According to Dow Jones Market Data it was the largest one-day percentage move on record and highest finish since October.

The February contract was thinly traded apparently. More heavily traded futures for March delivery ended the day up 8.1% at \$4.363. It appears that speculators got trapped in wrong-way bets on the direction of fuel prices and they raced to buy futures at the 11th hour to settle trades. Known as a "short squeeze," the situation can produce sharp gains *with little connection to market fundamentals*.

Short selling is a finance practice in which an investor or trader, known as the short-seller, borrows the tradable asset and immediately sells them, hoping to buy them back later ("covering") at a lower price. A short squeeze is a rapid increase in the price of a tradable asset owing primarily to an excess of short selling of a tradable asset rather than underlying fundamentals. A short squeeze occurs when there is a lack of supply and an excess of demand for the tradable asset due to short sellers having to buy tradable assets to cover their short positions.

At one point, late in the trading session, February futures jumped to nearly \$7.35 before crashing back down and rising again to the closing price. Moves throughout the day were so sharp that trading was paused a dozen times by circuit breakers aimed at maintaining orderly trading, exchange operator CME Group Inc. said in a statement.

Hopefully the physical market will not react on Friday to the abnormality in the futures market and price indices will come out closer to \$4/MMBtu.



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# CODE COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT: February 1, 2022



## TOUCH POINTS:

**Personnel Report:** Full Staff

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**Training:** LAF-JN – TN NFIP 2022 Refresher Webinar

LAF-JN-CH – SCEMA webinar

JN – Building Unstoppable Teams

Increasing Collaboration

Use your Strength for Impact

Modernize your Digital Document Management for Maximum Efficiency webinar

Together We Promote Leadership for Emergency Responders webinar

LAF-JN – January Coffee with My Girlfriends (monthly meeting) –Code issues discussed

## **Drafting and/or Updating:**

- Covington Municipal Code – Update on going
- Historic Zoning Commission – Design Guidelines – on going
- Design Review Commission – Guidelines – on going
- Municipal and Regional Subdivision Regulations
- Updating Website, Documents, and Permit System



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Help You!



