



## FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Government Center with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding in the Chair.

### **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:**

Mayor Whalen called the regular meeting to order and declared the Regular Session to be open for the presentation of all City business.

### **ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called and the following six (6) members of Council registered present: Gary Winn, Dr. Metzger Aubuchon, Duane Froelicher and David A. Osborne, J. Kelly Huff and Mel Carroll.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Fire/EMS Chief Kelly Joe Aylor, Police Chief John McDermond, Public Services Director Eric Hall, City Engineer Bill Viox, Videographers Jerry Schrepfer and Mike Setters, City Clerk Erin Courts, Reporters Mark Hansel and Trisha Scheyer, Linda Ain and Lt. Greg Rehkamp.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **December 13, 2016 Business Meeting**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 business meeting of Council. Councilmember Winn so moved, with second from Council member Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

### **SECOND READING –**

#### **ORDINANCE O-19-16**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for Second Reading:

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING FOR BID A NON-EXCLUSIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS (OR RELATED NON-CABLE) FRANCHISE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES FOR THE GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR RELATED NON-CABLE SERVICES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF CITY OF FLORENCE FOR A TEN (10) YEAR DURATION; AND PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER RELEVANT LAWS, REGULATIONS, STANDARDS, AND ORDINANCES; DEFINITIONS; WORK, MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS; WIRE MOVING AND TREE TRIMMING; PERFORMANCE BONDS; INDEMNIFICATION; INSURANCE; ACCESS TO PROPERTY AND INSPECTIONS; NOTICE OF FILINGS WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; NO VESTED RIGHTS; LIMITED ASSIGNMENT; NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE AND

BANKRUPTCY; CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; PERMITTING AND INSPECTION FEES; ADDITIONAL PERMITTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBSTANTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION; AND BID REQUIREMENTS; ALL EFFECTIVE ON DATE OF PASSAGE.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-19-16 on second reading. Vice Mayor Aubuchon moved, with second from Council member Winn, that Ordinance No. O-19-16 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

### FIRST READING –

#### ORDINANCE O-1-17

Administration received a phone call from Tri-Ed regarding this Ordinance that it was not as simple as it appeared. The Mayor stated that we were withdrawing this Ordinance from first reading and Tri-Ed was going to submit a revised Ordinance to be discussed at the Caucus meeting and placed on the agenda at the proper time for first reading.

### MAYOR'S REPORT:

- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program:** This program is scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2017 from 3:00-4:00 pm at the Florence Government Center. She encouraged residents to come and participate.
- **Florence Family Aquatic Center:** Memberships to the Aquatic Center are now on Sale. The membership is to be completed and brought to the Finance Department. You can get online or contact us to discuss memberships.
- The Mayor recognized Mr. Bob Webster who passed away over the weekend. The Mayor wanted to extend her sympathies to the family. He served on City Council and in the Public Works Department. He was a close resident and friend to the City of Florence.
- The Mayor always wanted to recognize Mr. Bob Williams who also passed away over the Holidays. He participated in many of the City's parades and walked with the Mayor many times. He was a true hero and gentleman.
- Our new City Coordinator will start on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Alex Mattingly will take over Rick Lunnemann's position.

### RECOGNITION:

- Mayor Whalen asked if any council member desired recognition;
  - Council member Carroll had a concern regarding the hotel tax increase and the Convention Center.
  - Council member Froelicher wanted to commend Josh Hunt on the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Economic Development Update that was in the packets.
- Mayor Whalen asked if any department head desired recognition;

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- Chief Aylor stated that they have had 34 applicants for the Fire Department with 5 slots to fill.
- Eric Hall mentioned that the Florence Inn demolition is well underway and almost complete.
  
- Mayor Whalen asked if any member of the audience desired recognition; no one responded


**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no need to go into Executive Session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Aubuchon so moved, with second from Councilmember Froelicher and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Erin M. Courts, City Clerk

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