



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 25th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Government Center, with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding as Chair.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

Mayor Diane E. 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 were present: Gary Winn, Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, David A. Osborne, Mel Carroll, Duane Froelicher and J. Kelly Huff.

Also present were City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Fire/EMS Chief Kelly Aylor, Police Sergeant Roger Allen, City Engineer Bill Viox, Business and Community Director Josh Hunt, Videographers Matt Miller and Matt Miller, Deb McCarty (Community Projects Administrator), Mark Hansel (the Enquirer), Police Sergeant Greg Rehkamp and City Clerk Erin Courts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 11, 2017 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 Business Meeting of Council. Council Member Winn so moved, with second from Council Member Froelicher. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

PROCLAMATION:

Parks & Recreation Month

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following Proclamation:

Proclamation

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Florence;

WHEREAS our parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic competitiveness and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and to recreate outdoors

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY Diane E. Whalen, Mayor of the City of Florence, Kentucky, that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Florence, Kentucky, to be affixed this 25th day of July, 2017.

MUNICIPAL ORDER –

Municipal Order No. MO-21-17

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-21-17:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD LUNNEMANN TO THE BOONE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FILLING THE VACANCY CREATED BY CHARLIE REYNOLDS RESIGNATION UNTIL EXPIRATION OF DECEMBER, 2018.

Council Member Osborne moved, with second from Council Member Winn, that Municipal Order No. MO-21-17 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. R-4-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, SUPPORTING THE SEPARATION OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FROM THE KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.

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Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Winn, that Resolution R-4-17 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Mall Road Traffic Study Update:

Eric Hall gave an update on the Mall Road Traffic Study, the following proposals were presented: Mall Road & I-71/75 Ramp, Mall Road and Heights Boulevard, Mall Road & Kroger/Mall Access, Mall Road & Staples/Mall Access, Cayton Road & Connector Drive and Phantom & Antique Mall Connector Connection.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Florence Aquatic Center is open from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm. It has been a pretty good turn out with the great weather we have been having.
- 30th Annual Boone County Senior Picnic will be held Wednesday, September 13 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Boone County Fair Grounds. Tickets will be sold at the Florence Government Center Finance Department beginning August 1. You must show proof of residency and there is a 4 ticket purchase maximum.
- Nation Neighborhood Night Out will be held on August 1st at the Florence Senior Center from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.
- The Aquatic Center will close on August 13th as the kids go back to school.
- Mayor Whalen also gave an update that Chick-fil-A will be opening in August and Menards hopes to start “turning dirt” by the spring of 2018. They have resubmitted all of their plans to the Boone County Planning Commission.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen asked if any Department Head desired recognition:

- No one desired recognition

Mayor Whalen asked if any Council Member desired recognition;

- Council Member Froelicher mentioned there would be a Heroin Town Hall Meeting for Hope for Boone County held on October 23, 2017 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone in the audience desired recognition;

- No one desired recognition.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to K.R.S. 61.810 (1) (b) Acquisition/Sale of Real Property – where publicity would be likely to affect the value of property to be acquired for public use or to be sold by the City. Council Member Huff so moved, with second from Council Member Winn and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:24 p.m.

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Mayor Whalen called for a motion to come back into session after the **Executive Session** pursuant to K.R.S. 61.810 (1) (b) Acquisition/Sale of Real Property – where publicity would be likely to affect the value of property to be acquired for public use or to be sold by the City. Council Member Huff so moved, with second from Council Member Carroll and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:36 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Froelicher so moved, with second from Council Member Winn and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED:


Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Erin M. Courts, City Clerk

