



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 22nd, 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, Duane Froelicher, Mel Carroll and J. Kelly Huff.

Also present were City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Fire/EMS Chief Kelly Aylor, Police Chief John McDermond, City Engineer Bill Viox, Business and Community Director Josh Hunt, Public Services Director Eric Hall, Videographers Matt Miller and Mike McClanahan, Deb McCarty (Community Projects Administrator), Trisha Scheyer (River City News), Jo and Patrick Craven (NKY Hidden Rocks), Battalion Chief – Training Bill Allen, Battalion Chief John Black, numerous Police Officers, Retired Police Chief Tom Kathman and family, New Florence Patrolman Tad Ecklar, Police Lieutenant Greg Rehkamp, and City Clerk Erin Courts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 8th, 2017 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8th, 2017 Business Meeting of Council. Council Member Winn so moved, with second from Council Member Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

OATH OF OFFICE:

Florence Police Patrolman: Tad Ecklar

Mayor Whalen recognized Chief McDermond who introduced Patrolman Tad Ecklar. Mayor Whalen gave the Oath of Office to Patrolman Tad Ecklar.

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PRESENTATION:

Mayor Whalen introduced Jo and Patrick Craven who gave a brief presentation on NKY Hidden Rocks and the impact the community building group has had on Florence and surrounding areas with its positive response so far. Mrs. Craven went on to explain the process of the group and encouraged the City of Florence to be a part of it. Mrs. Craven also mentioned that August was “Rockin’ the School” month thanking our teachers and staff members; September will be “Back the Blue” month thanking our local Police Departments and October will be “Rock the Firehouse” Month to thank our Firefighters and EMT’s with the painting of the rocks.

Discussion:

Mayor Whalen introduced Bill Allen who discussed the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk supporting the Stephen Siller Foundation that will be taking place at Crescent Springs Community Park on September 16th, 2017 for the first year. Bill Allen gave information on how to find out more about the Run/Walk, how to register and how to donate to the cause.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. R-10-17:

Mayor Whalen read the following Resolution for approval:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE SUPPORTING THE REMOVAL OF REFORMULATED GASOLINE (RFG) FROM THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP) FOR BOONE, CAMPBELL AND KENTON COUNTIES.

Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Winn, that Resolution R-10-17 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Resolution No. R-11-17:

Mayor Whalen read the following Resolution for approval:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY ACCEPTING THE AGREEMENT APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA,) AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE LOCAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Council Member Aubuchon moved, with second from Council Member Froelicher, that Resolution R-11-17 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

FIRST READING:
Ordinance No. O-14-17

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

Ordinance No. O-14-17:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEVYING OF A TAX UPON REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY; LEVYING A TAX ON ALL FRANCHISES TAXABLE WITHIN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY; SPECIFYING PAYMENT DATES, DISCOUNTS AND PENALTIES FOR THE FRANCHISE TAX ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS MEASURED BY THE DEPOSITS IN THE INSTITUTIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY; AND LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT SERVICE COSTS FOR POLICE AND FIREMEN IN THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM. (2017)

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-14-17 on first reading. Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Winn, that Ordinance No. O-14-17 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next Council Business meeting. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Boone County Transportation Plan Open House is scheduled for August 29th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm at the Main Branch of the Boone County Library in Burlington. The transportation plan is underway. Mayor Whalen encouraged residents to go there and share their thoughts.
- 2018 Family Aquatic Center Membership discount passes are available through August 31st at the Florence Government Center.
- Labor Day is Monday, September 4th and all offices will be closed that day.
- Annual Pooch Fest will be held on Saturday, September 9th at the Florence Senior Center. Registration begins at 10:00am and the competition will begin at 10:30am.
- 60th Anniversary of Metzger Eye Care Celebration will be on Saturday, September 9th at Metzger Eye Care from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Dr. Metzger-Aubuchon has invited the community to come out and celebrate with her, her father and the members of Metzger Eye Center.
- 30th Annual Boone County Senior Picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 13th at the Boone County Fairgrounds from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Tickets are available at the Florence Government Center, the Boone County Courthouse and the Union City Building.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen asked if any Council Member desired recognition;

- Council Member Aubuchon mentioned that she was recently at World of Golf and commented on how good the miniature golf is there. Council Member Aubuchon

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was interested to see if World of Golf could give us a report on how business is doing. Mayor Whalen responded by saying that she will try to get Ralph Landrum to a meeting to give Council and update.

Mayor Whalen asked if any anyone else 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 Aubuchon so moved, with second from Council Member Osborne and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:25 p.m.

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 Aubuchon 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 Winn so moved, with second from Council Member Osborne and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED:


Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST


Erin M. Courts, City Clerk

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