



## FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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), Chris Mayhew (The Enquirer), Josh Anderson (Florence Freedom General Manager), Police Lieutenant Greg Rehkamp, and City Clerk Erin Courts.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 Business Meeting**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 Business Meeting of Council. Council Member Huff so moved, with second from Council Member Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

### **SECOND READING:**

#### **Ordinance No. O-14-17:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for Second Reading:

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)

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Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-14-17 on second reading. Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council member Winn, that Ordinance No. O-14-17 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**PRESENTATION:**

**Josh Anderson – Florence Freedom General Manager**

Mayor Whalen recognized Josh Anderson who gave a brief presentation encouraging Council and residents to come to the UC Health Stadium to support the Florence Freedom Baseball team as they enter the Championship series.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Boone County Senior Picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at Lincoln Woods Park. Lunch will be provided to participants.
- Police Department Home Depot Safety Day will be on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Home Depot in Florence.
- Hope for Boone County Town Hall will be held on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at the Crossroads Church.

**OTHER:**

**Mayor Whalen presented the following Proclamation:**

***WHEREAS,** The City of Florence appreciates longevity of local businesses, who also contribute back to the community, and,*

***WHEREAS,** The Metzger Family has been involved in eye care for almost 100 years beginning with Drs. Leo and Edward Metzger and then Dr. Ferd Metzger, Dr. Bill Metzger, Dr., Julie Metzger and student doctor Bryan Metzger who represent four generations of Metzger's dedicated to eye care, and*

***WHEREAS,** Dr. Ferd Metzger established Metzger Eye Care and became the first optometrist in Boone County when he opened his practice on Main Street in the City of Florence in 1957*

***WHEREAS,** Dr. Ferd Metzger became very active in the community in organizations such as the Florence Lions and Boone County Businessmen's Association, and was elected to serve on Florence City Council for twelve years, and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Metzger's daughter, Julie purchased the business in 1995, along with state of the art diagnostic testing equipment for the treatment and management of eye diseases, and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Metzger joined the practice in 2003 and has partnered with Dr. Julie Metzger to create a learning environment for new doctors just beginning their career, and in 2018, Metzger Eye Care will become an externship training facility for the University of Alabama College of Optometry, and*

*WHEREAS, The City of Florence would like to congratulate the Metzger Eye Care Family on their 60 years of success and charitable contribution to the community providing eye exams and glasses to thousands of patients, and their recognition for civic involvement and dedication to the protection of the visual welfare of the public and service to the profession of optometry,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I Diane E. Whalen, Mayor of the City of Florence, Kentucky, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim September 13, 2017 as*

***“METZGER EYE CARE DAY”***

**RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Whalen asked if any Council Member desired recognition;

- Council Member Froelicher commented on the Florence 9/11 Memorial Speaker held on September 11, 2017

Mayor Whalen asked if any Department Head desired recognition:

- Eric Hall mentioned a few things to Council:
  - October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Streambank Erosion Workshop
  - He gave an update on the US 42 Jughandle Project and how it has been delayed until December
  - He mentioned that we had finalized the first trial of the online Auction raising \$23,000 on the vehicles and equipment.

Mayor Whalen asked if any anyone else desired recognition:

- No one desired recognition

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:**

There was no need for an Executive Session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Huff so moved, with second from Council Member Winn and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED:



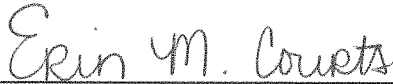
Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

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Erin M. Courts, City Clerk