



## FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 14<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 five (5) members of Council were present: Gary Winn, Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, David A. Osborne, Duane Froelicher and J. Kelly Huff. Absent was Mel Carroll.

Also present were City Attorney Hugh 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, Finance Director Linda Chapman, Videographers Mike McClanahan and Matt Miller, Deb McCarty (Community Projects Administrator), Trisha Scheyer (River City News), Police Lieutenant Greg Rehkamp, Jacob Brooks (YMCA), Vanessa Lenear (Community Events Coordinator), Captain Kevin Chestnut (U.S. Army Recruiting Commander for Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky), Sergeant First Class John T. Cottrell, Staff Sergeant Aaron W. Horlick, Staff Sergeant Dustin R. White, Sergeant First Class Frederick J. Klodt Jr., BN Commander LTC Che Arosemena (Department of Army Florence Recruiting Office), Rebecca Hussey (Fiber Tech), Mary Cochran along with her Brownie Troop 7266 and City Clerk Erin Courts.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#### October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Business Meeting of Council. Council Member Huff so moved, with second from Council Member Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

### RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen introduced Captain Kevin Chestnut to present the Army Achievement Medal to the following Soldiers by BN Commander LTC Che Arosemena:

Sergeant First Class John T. Cottrell,  
Staff Sergeant Aaron W. Horlick,  
Staff Sergeant Dustin R. White,  
Sergeant First Class Frederick J. Klodt Jr.

**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Whalen introduced Jacob Brooks from the YMCA who discussed the Florence Parks Project with Live Well Florence Coalition.

**RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Whalen introduced Mary Cochran and her third grade Brownie Troop 7266 from four different elementary schools. Ms. Cochran went on to talk about what the Brownies have been learning and at the end of the meeting each Brownie Scout was allowed to ask the Mayor a question.

**DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Mayor Whalen discussed with Council the possible action of awarding Fiber Technologies Networks a Telecommunications bid with the City of Florence. Mayor Whalen introduced Rebecca Hussey who gave some further information on the telecommunications in the City. Mayor Whalen then stated that if it was ok with Council, she would go ahead with reading the Resolution.

**Resolution No. R-14-17:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for approval:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY  
AWARDING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO FIBER TECHNOLOGIES  
NETWORKS, LLC FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR A  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE CITY OF  
FLORENCE, KENTUCKY**

Council Member Winn moved, with second from Council Member Aubuchon, that Resolution R-14-17 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**SECOND READING:**

**Ordinance No. O-15-17**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

**Ordinance No. O-15-17:**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM OFFICE ONE/PLANNED DEVELOPMENT/HOUSTON-DONALDSON STUDY CORRIDOR OVERLAY (O-1/PD/HDO) TO OFFICE TWO/PLANNED DEVELOPMENT/HOUSTON-DONALDSON STUDY CORRIDOR OVERLAY (O-2/PD/HDO) FOR AN APPROXIMATE 2.15 ACRE TRACT GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE VANDERCAR WAY/SELIGMAN DRIVE INTERSECTION, FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A HOTEL. (DEVESH PATEL/BBL DEVELOPMENT, LLC)**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-15-17 on second reading. Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council member Aubuchon, that Ordinance No. O-15-17 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Whalen read the following Proclamation:

**Whereas**, the City of Florence recognizes those citizens and employees who exhibit the utmost loyalty and dedication to the community, and

**Whereas**, Bob Webster served our country in the US Navy on the battleship Massachusetts during World War II and moved to Florence in 1951, and

**Whereas**, beginning in 1958, Mr. Webster served with distinction as a member of the City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, and as the Public Works Director of the City from 1975-1983, where after retirement he occasionally attended Council meetings, and

**Whereas**, Mr. Webster was a leading contributor to numerous civic, religious and charitable endeavors in the Northern Kentucky area, and

**Whereas**, the Mayor and members of City Council deem it appropriate to honor Bob Webster by renaming the public way, Steinberg Drive, to Bob Webster Way.

**Now, Therefore, I, Diane E. Whalen**, Mayor of the City of Florence, do hereby proclaim Steinberg Drive be renamed to as

***“Bob Webster Way”***

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017

**FIRST READING:**

**Ordinance No. O-16-17:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

**Ordinance No. O-16-17:**

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF STEINBERG DRIVE  
TO BOB WEBSTER WAY.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-16-17 on first reading. Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Winn, that Ordinance No. O-16-17 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next Council Business meeting. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Whalen read the following Proclamation:

**Whereas**, the City of Florence recognizes those citizens and employees who exhibit the

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utmost loyalty and dedication to the community, and

**Whereas**, Mr. Callen began his career with the Florence Police Department in 1969 and progressed through the ranks to Sergeant, then Captain, and ultimately Chief.

**Whereas**, Charles R. Callen served with distinction as Chief of Police for the City of Florence from 1976 through 1995; and,

**Whereas**, that his period of service corresponded to an era of tremendous growth for the City, the Boone County area, and the Police Department; and

**Whereas**, Charles R. Callen oversaw the development of the Police Department from a small rural agency to an efficient, sophisticated law enforcement department; and

**Whereas**, Charles R. Callen was known for his character and integrity and firmly believed in what he was doing,

**Whereas**, the Mayor and members of City Council deem it appropriate to recognize Charles R. Callen by renaming the public way Biggs Drive to Charles R. Callen Drive in his honor.

**Now, Therefore, I, Diane E. Whalen**, Mayor of the City of Florence, do hereby proclaim Biggs Drive be renamed to as

***“Charles R. Callen Drive”***

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017

**FIRST READING:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

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

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF BIGGS DRIVE TO CHARLES R. CALLEN DRIVE.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-17-17 on first reading. Council Member Osborne moved, with second from Council Member Huff, that Ordinance No. O-17-17 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:**

- Mayor Whalen wanted to thank everyone for their help with the Renegade Way Dedication, the Veterans Day Program and the Honor Run that all took place over Veterans Day weekend.

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- Annual Leaf Collection – continues until December 15<sup>th</sup> at various times and various locations. Please check the leaf collection schedule. Last year 1274 cubic feet of leaves were collected and used in fertilizer and compost.
- The Government Center will be closed on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Government Center will reopen on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas Tree Lighting Program – will take place on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and will include photos with Santa, train display, sleigh rides, Holiday music and cookies and milk.

**RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Whalen asked if any Council Member desired recognition;

- Julie mentioned that the Planning and Zoning Committee met Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and discussed the 5 year Boone County Comprehensive Plan. Some updates will be coming soon regarding this.

Mayor Whalen asked if any Department Head desired recognition:

- Josh Hunt mentioned the Cardinal Storage Ribbon Cutting will take place on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.

Mayor Whalen asked if any anyone in the audience desired recognition:

- The Brownie troop came to the podium with their questions for Mayor Whalen. Anastasia, Kendall, Jackie, Leah, Clarissa, Ellie, Kara and Aurora all had their chance to ask Mayor Whalen their question.


**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 7:54 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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