



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 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 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. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Duane Froelicher, David A. Osborn, J. Kelly Huff and Mel Carroll.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Alex Mattingly, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Fire/EMS Chief Kelly Aylor, Police Chief John McDermond, Public Services Director Eric Hall, City Engineer Bill Viox, Videographers Matt Miller and Mike McClanahan, Kathy Reutman (Boone County Schools,) Members of the Boone County High School Journalism Class, Boone County Journalism Advisor Lance Melching, Members of the Yealey Middle School fourth grade STEM program and teacher Ms. Devers-Rich and City Clerk Erin Courts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 11, 2017 Business Meeting

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

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Whalen read a proclamation declaring April 25, 2017 as *BCHS "The Rebellion" Day* in the City of Florence. She recognized the success of the Boone County High School Journalism class, Advisor Lance Melching, staff and parents. Mr. Melching introduced a few members of his class and accepted the framed Proclamation from Mayor Whalen.

PRESENTATION:

Classmates from Yealey Middle School STEM program along with their teacher, Ms. Devers-Rich presented Mayor Whalen, Council Members and Department Heads with their energy presentation and their lego city that they built in their STEM lab. Four students gave their presentations on the different forms of energy.

MUNICIPAL ORDERS:

Municipal Order No. MO-17-17

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for discussion:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-17-17:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES KAHMANN TO THE BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM.

Vice Mayor Aubuchon moved, with second from Council Member Carroll, that Municipal Order No. MO-17-17 be placed on the agenda for approval. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Whalen then presented the following Municipal Order No MO-17-17 for consideration:

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

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. R-2-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT OF 1965.

Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Winn, that Resolution R-1-17 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

SPECIAL MEETING:

City of Florence, Kentucky Public Properties Corporation

Mayor Whalen then called to order the Special Meeting of the City of Florence, Kentucky Public Properties Corporation.

Mayor Whalen asked the City Clerk to do a roll call of the Public Properties Corporation; 6 out of 6 members were present. There was a Quorum.

Mayor Whalen then went on to explain the Resolution regarding the transfer of land to the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District. The closing is slated to take place by the end of the week.

abstained from voting. Roll call was taken resulting in 5-0 approving the Resolution, with one abstaining.

Mayor Whalen asked for a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Public Properties Corporation. Council Member Huff so moved with a second from Vice Mayor Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Tennis Clinics began on April 2, 2017 and run through the summer until October. The details for this are on our website.
- World Maker & Inventor Expo is a celebration of making and inventing will be held on April 29, 2017 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at Boone County High School. This is a family-friendly event.
- Great American Clean Up is this Saturday, April 29th starting at the Public Services Facility at 8:30 am. Groups, volunteers, kids and civic organizations are encouraged to come and help out. After then clean up there will be a cook out for all volunteers at the Public Services Facility. Information is available on our website. There will be a hidden "surprise trash" that if found during the cleanup, a door prize will be awarded to the person that found it.
- Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be taking place on Saturday, April 29th, 2017 from 10:00am until 2:00pm at the Florence Government Center closest to the Skate Park. Expired, unwanted or unused prescription medications can be dropped off so that they can be properly disposed.
- Outback Ribbon Cutting will be held on May 3, 2017 from 11:00 – 12:00 pm at the new Outback Steakhouse on Mall Road.
- CoreLife Eatery Ribbon Cutting will take place on May 5, 2017 from 10:00 – 11:30 at the new CoreLife Eatery on Houston Road. More information to follow.
- Florence Family Aquatic Center Memberships are still on sale until April 28.
- Public Services Night Out will be held on May 16, 2017 from 5:00 – 7:00 at the Florence Mall Parking lot next to Macy's.
- Boone County Water Rescue will be having an Open House On May 6, 2017 from 1:00-6:00 pm at the Newport Levee.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

- Alex Mattingly reminded Council of the Budget Retreat taking place on May 3, 2017 at 4:30 pm in the Caucus Room at the Florence Government Center.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen asked if any Department Head desired recognition:

- **Chief Aylor (Fire):** Chief Aylor is back from his time off from surgery and is thankful to Assistant Chief Knoll for taking his place while he was out.

- **Eric Hall (Public Services):** wanted to applaud Boone County School staff for their senior interviews.

Mayor Whalen asked if any council member desired recognition;

- Council member Froelicher wanted to comment on the speech made by Commissioner Charlie Walton and how this was not a very good representation of the City of Florence.
 - Mayor Whalen agreed and gave the option of inviting Mr. Walton to a future Council Meeting or have the Florence Council attend a Fiscal Court Meeting.


EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:

An executive/closed session was not necessary.

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 Froelicher and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED:


Diane E. Whalen
Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin M. Courts
Erin M. Courts, City Clerk

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