



## FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 11<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, Mel Carroll and Duane Froelicher. Absent was 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, Videographers Matt Miller and Mike McClanahan, Deb McCarty (Community Projects Administrator), Senator John Schickel, Trisha Scheyer (River City News), Police Sergeant Rehkamp and City Clerk Erin Courts.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **June 13, 2017 Business Meeting**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2017 Business Meeting of Council. Council Member Winn so moved, with second from Council Member Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

#### **June 27, 2017 Business Meeting**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017 Business Meeting of Council. Council Member Winn so moved, with second from Council Member Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

### **RESOLUTION:**

#### **Resolution No. R-3-17**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, THANKING SENATOR JOHN SCHICKEL FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO SENATE BILL 226.

Mayor Whalen read the following Resolution:

*WHEREAS, the stability of the County Employees Retirement System is a top priority for Kentucky cities, and*

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*WHEREAS, the County Employees Retirement System covers more than 230,000 city, county, school, police and fire employees across the state, and*

*WHEREAS, Senator John Schickel cosponsored SB 226 during the 2017 legislative session, calling for the separation of the County Employees Retirement System from the Kentucky Retirement Systems, and*

*WHEREAS, the current 17-member Kentucky Retirement System Board of Trustees has only six seats for County Employees Retirement System representatives, and the Kentucky Retirement System Board of Trustees Investment Committee has no representative from the County Employees Retirement System, and*

*WHEREAS, separation of the County Employees Retirement System would result in the creation of a new nine-member board whose sole responsibility would be the management of the County Employees Retirement System, and*

*WHEREAS, separation of the County Employees Retirement System from the Kentucky Retirement Systems would mean local control of local pensions and would ensure the needs of the County Employees Retirement System are met so it can continue its current path of growth for years to come.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:*

**SECTION I**

*That the City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky thanks Senator John Schickel for his commitment to SB 226 and the separation of the County Employees Retirement System from the Kentucky Retirement Systems.*

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

**SECOND READING:**

**Ordinance No. O-13-17:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for Second Reading:

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PERSONNEL; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-11-17 RELATING TO PERSONNEL POLICIES, JOB DESCRIPTIONS, AND AUTHORIZED POSITIONS.**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-13-17 on second reading. Council Member Osborne moved, with second from Council member Froelicher, that Ordinance No. O-13-17 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

- Florence Aquatic Center is open from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm. It has been a pretty good turn out and we are working on having another “Day of Giving” in accordance with the Aquatic Center where people come to the Aquatic Center with canned goods that are donated to United Ministries and a discount is given on their pool admission. Information will be given out as soon as it is established.
- Fall Citizens Police Academy: applications are now being accepted for the new class. Chief McDermond did not have set dates yet for the classes.
- Nation Neighborhood Night Out will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Florence Senior Center from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Tonight’s Night out was supposed to be at the Florence Nature Park but was cancelled due to weather. We will make sure to put them at the top of the agenda next year for the City Nights Out.
- The Aquatic Center will close on August 13<sup>th</sup> as the kids go back to school.
- City of Florence Website Launch was launched this past week. We encourage you to go to [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov) and check out our new website. Big thanks to Deb McCarty and Josh Hunt for working so hard to make it a success!
- The Mayor wanted to encourage residents to pay attention to the traffic cameras. There has been an increase in accidents on the expressways in part with the Brent Spence Bridge construction that is ongoing. There is information on websites with people working with the construction traffic.

**RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Whalen asked if any Department Head desired recognition:

- Fire Chief Aylor stated the Fire Department is back to full staff. Overtime looks better this year than it did last year. One gentleman is off with an injury that is causing some overtime. A 67% cut from last year.
- Police Chief McDermond mentioned the Back to Blue event that will be taking place on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Remke Market on the corner of Turfway Road and Burlington Pike.

Mayor Whalen asked if any Council Member desired recognition;

- Council Member Osborne complimented the City of Florence Independence Day Celebration. He has received many compliments from Florence residents.

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) (f) Appointment, discipline, or dismissal of Personnel. Council Member Aubuchon so moved, with second from Council Member Osborne and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:21 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) (f) Appointment, discipline, or dismissal of Personnel. Council Member Carroll so moved, with second from Council Member Froelicher and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:45 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 Aubuchon and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:46 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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