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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Government Center with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding in the 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: Mel Carroll, Mike Apgar, David A. Osborne, Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, J. Kelly Huff, and Vice Mayor Ted Bushelman.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Business/Community Development Director Josh Wice, Fire/EMS Assistant Chief Tom Baumann, Police Chief Tom Szurlinski, Public Services Director Bob Townsend, City Engineer Bill Viox, Police Officer Roger Allen, Boone County Planning Commission Executive Director Kevin Costello, Don Whitis & The Florence Community Chorus, Success By Six Executive Director Dawn Denham, Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Kentucky Enquirer Reporter Mark Hansel, Florence Recorder Reporter Justin Duke, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

PRESENTATIONS:

Florence Community Chorus

Mayor Whalen introduced Don Whitis and The Florence Community Chorus, who sang three Christmas carols. Additional discussion followed.

Success By Six (Executive Director Dawn Denham)

Mayor Whalen introduced Dawn Denham, Success By Six Executive Director, who spoke to City Council regarding Success By Six. Additional discussion followed.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Whalen read aloud a proclamation in support of the 2010 Census.

MUNICIPAL ORDERS:

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-23-09:
A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE SALE OF A SURPLUS POLICE CRUISER TO THE CITY OF GLENCOE, KENTUCKY, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne, that Municipal Order No. MO-23-09 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-24-09:
A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY PIEPER TO THE FLORENCE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND ZONING APPEALS FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM.

Councilmember Apgar moved, with second from Councilmember Metzger Aubuchon, that Municipal Order No. MO-24-09 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-25-09:
A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LINDA SCHAFFER TO THE FLORENCE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND ZONING APPEALS FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM.

Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Councilmember Metzger Aubuchon, that Municipal Order No. MO-25-09 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

RESOLUTION:

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-16-09:
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE OR JOIN A DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT LAWSUIT AGAINST THE KENTUCKY FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CABINET TO RECOVER CITY FUNDS OWED UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX OF 2005 AND TO CHALLENGE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF HOUSE BILL 272 ENACTED DURING THE 2005 SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Vice Mayor Bushelman moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne, that Resolution R-16-09 be approved as reviewed. Council approved by unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's City on a Diet program, scheduled to begin in January.

Mayor Whalen advised of the annual Shop With a Cop Auction, scheduled for Thursday, December 10 at 7pm at Shakey's Pub & Grub. She also advised of the annual Shop With a Cop program, scheduled for Monday, December 14.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann advised of the Mall Road Public Workshop which took place earlier today from 12-7pm at the Florence Government Center.

City Coordinator Lunnemann advised of the temporary lane closures on Mall Road, which will continue during the weekdays through December 11, adding weekend traffic will not be impacted. He said these temporary lane closures are to allow for test drilling of the roadway in conjunction with the proposed rebuild of Mall Road which will occur in 2010. He also said Florence Police would be onsite during work hours to facilitate traffic movement.

OTHER:

Mayor Whalen asked if any Councilmember desired recognition; Councilmember Metzger Aubuchon said her Green Living Tip of the month was a reminder of the City's annual Treecycling Program, scheduled for Wednesday, January 7 (Christmas tree pickup) and Monday, January 12 before 10am (mulching) at the former city building site located on U.S. 42 between

the library and Florence Nursery. She also advised residents to redistribute unwanted Christmas decorations, use timers on Christmas lights, unplug unused electronics, purchase rechargeable batteries, and recycle gift bags.

Mayor Whalen asked if any department head desired recognition; no one responded.

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone in the audience desired recognition; no one responded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no need for City Council to go into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bushelman so moved, with second from Councilmember Huff, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 8:08 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk

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