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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 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 five (5) members of Council registered present: Gary Winn, Patricia Wingo, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Larry Brown, and David A. Osborne. Absent was Mel Carroll.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Business/Community Development Director Josh Wice, Fire/EMS Assistant Chief Tom Baumann, Police Chief Tom Szurlinski, Police Captain Linny Cloyd, Police Captain John McDermond, Lieutenant Steve Butts, Public Services Director Bob Townsend, City Engineer Bill Viox, Police Officer James Travis Birchwell, Boone County High School Teacher Kimberly Shearer, Boone County Schools Executive Director of Student Services Kathy Reutman, Boone County Schools Superintendent Randy Poe, Boone County Board of Education Board Member Karen Byrd, College of Mount Saint Joseph Student Tammy Steger (133 Wellington Drive, Florence), Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Kentucky Enquirer Reporter Mark Hansel, Florence Recorder Reporter Justin Duke, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 13, 2011 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2011 business meeting of Council. Councilmember Brown so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

December 20, 2011 Special Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 special meeting of Council. Councilmember Osborne so moved, with second from Councilmember Brown. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

SWEARING-IN:

Police Officer James Travis Birchwell

Mayor Whalen recognized Police Chief Tom Szurlinski who introduced the City's new police officer James Travis Birchwell.

Mayor Whalen gave the Oath of Office to Police Officer James Travis Birchwell.

PRESENTATION:

2012 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Kimberly Shearer (Boone County High School)

Mayor Whalen introduced Boone County High School Teacher Kimberly Shearer, the 2012 Kentucky Teacher of the Year. Additional discussion followed.

Mayor Whalen read aloud a proclamation declaring Tuesday, January 10, 2012 as Kimberly Shearer Day in the City of Florence.

SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. O-26-11

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-26-11:
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A CHANGE IN AN APPROVED CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN A COMMERCIAL SERVICES/PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (C-3/PD) ZONE FOR A 6.5 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 7830 COMMERCE DRIVE, FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, TO ALLOW A SOLAR CHARGING FACILITY FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES. (TOM GILL CHEVROLET)

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

The effect of this Ordinance is to allow a solar charging facility for electric vehicles in addition to the previously approved development options in a Commercial Services/Planned Development (C-3/PD) zone for a 6.5 acre site located at 7830 Commerce Drive, Florence, Kentucky.

Vice Mayor/City Planning & Zoning Committee Member Metzger Aubuchon advised the Committee voted 2-0 during its meeting to approve the Change in an Approved Concept Development Plan, along with special conditions.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-26-11 on second reading. Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon so moved with second from Councilmember Winn, that Ordinance No. O-26-11 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Program, scheduled for Monday, January 17 at 3pm at the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen advised Fire/EMS Assistant Chief Tom Baumann and Fire/EMS Battalion Commander Robin Brunker were both retiring, adding their retirement luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, January 26.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann advised of the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) City Day/Night, scheduled for Wednesday, February 1 in Frankfort.

OTHER:

Mayor Whalen asked if any councilmember desired recognition; Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon advised of the City's next Planning & Zoning Committee meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, January 11 at 9am in the City Council Caucus Room of the Florence Government Center.

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 Osborne so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk

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