CITY OF FLORENCE KENTUCKY

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 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 four (4) members of Council registered present: Gary Winn, J. Kelly Huff, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, and Duane Froelicher. Absent were Mel Carroll and David A. Osborne.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, Business/Community Development Director Joshua R. Wice, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Finance Director Linda J. Chapman, Fire/EMS Chief Kelly Joe Aylor, Police Chief John McDermond, Public Services Director Eric Hall, City Engineer Bill Viox, Police Lieutenant Roger Allen, Kyle Randall (729 Liberty Street, Newport), Terrell & Amy Copelin (38 Meadow Wood Drive, Florence), Joe Gallenstein (2019 Howell Street, Covington), Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Videographer Tom Lape, Florence Recorder Reporter Amy Scalf, River City News Reporter Trisha Scheyer, Northern Kentucky Tribune Reporter Mark Hansel, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 15, 2015 Special Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 special meeting of Council. Councilmember Huff so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. O-16-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-16-15:
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LATERAL TRANSFERS OF EXPERIENCED OFFICERS FROM OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO JOIN THE FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND EXPERIENCED FIREFIGHTERS, EMTS OR PARAMEDICS FROM OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO JOIN THE FLORENCE FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

This Ordinance establishes a program for lateral transfers to the Florence Police Department and Fire/EMS Department by experienced officers and firefighters from other departments. The Ordinance includes requirements for transfer consideration; initial compensation formula; and vacation, sick leave and seniority status.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-16-15 on second reading. Councilmember Winn so moved with second from Councilmember Froelicher, that Ordinance No. O-16-15 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER:

Municipal Order No. MO-18-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-18-15:
A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE TRANSFER WITHOUT COMPENSATION OF A SURPLUS TREADMILL TO CINCINNATI STATE TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE FIRE SCIENCE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon moved, with second from Councilmember Winn, that Municipal Order No. MO-18-15 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. R-4-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-4-15:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CREATING THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIFIED POLICE PROTECTION SYSTEM (NKYUPPS) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

Councilmember Winn moved, with second from Councilmember Huff, that Resolution R-4-15 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. R-5-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-5-15:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY AND OTHER PARTIES THERETO REGARDING THE KENTUCKY BOND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING SUCH CORPORATION TO ISSUE BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, PAYABLE SOLEY FROM REVENUES TO BE DELIVERED FROM A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH SAINT ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER, INC. TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF HEALTH CARE AND RELATED FACILITIES FOR USE BY SAINT ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER, INC.

Councilmember Huff moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon, that Resolution R-5-15 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen advised of the annual City Auction, scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 at 9am (viewing at 8am) at the Public Services Maintenance Facility.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's participation in the annual Household Waste Collection Event, scheduled for Saturday, October 17 from 10am-2pm at UC Health Stadium.

Mayor Whalen advised absentee voting is now open from 8:30am-4:30pm on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays and from 8:30am-6pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Boone County Clerk's office in Burlington.

Mayor Whalen advised of the Salt Festival on October 16-18 at Big Bone.

Mayor Whalen, on behalf of the City, expressed her condolences to the family and friends of former Assistant City Clerk Marlene Brown on the recent passing of her husband, Robert.

Mayor Whalen advised Finance Director Linda J. Chapman was recently awarded with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the second consecutive year.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Halloween Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 from 5pm-7pm at the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen advised of the crash which occurred yesterday on the expressway involving a semi carrying insulation running into the wall. The accident resulted in a fire which shut down northbound I-75 at the U.S. 42 exit ramp for approximately four hours. She thanked the Police, Fire/EMS, and Public Services Departments on responding to the scene.

Mayor Whalen congratulated Councilmember Osborne on becoming a grandfather for the second time after his granddaughter, Caroline James Osborne, was born on October 12 (Kevin & Anna Osborne).

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

There was no report given by City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann.

OTHER:

Mayor Whalen asked if any councilmember desired recognition; Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon reminded citizens to pull over as emergency vehicles are attempting to get to a scene.

Councilmember Winn asked regarding the City's recent Prescription Drug Take-Back event; Police Chief John McDermond said the Department collected about four boxes worth of prescription drugs, weighing approximately 40 pounds each.

Councilmember Winn asked regarding the surfacing of U.S. 42; Public Services Director Eric Hall advised he would find out and get the information to Councilmember Winn.

Mayor Whalen asked if any department head desired recognition; Public Services Director Hall advised of the City's annual Fall Cleanup Week, scheduled for October 19-25 from 7am-7pm (M-F) and 9am-7pm (S-S) at the Public Services Maintenance Facility.

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone in the audience desired recognition; Kyle Randall (729 Liberty Street, Newport) and Amy Copelin (38 Meadow Wood Drive, Florence) addressed City Council regarding affordable housing options in Florence. Additional discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to K.R.S. 61.810 (1)(b) Acquisition/sale of real property-where publicity would be likely to affect the value of property to be acquired for public use or to be sold by the city and (1)(c) Litigation-Proposed or pending against or on behalf of the City. Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:28 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)(b) Acquisition/sale of real property-where publicity would be likely to affect the value of property to be acquired for public use or to be sold by the city and (1)(c) Litigation-Proposed or pending against or on behalf of the City. Councilmember Winn so moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:45p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Winn so moved, with second from Councilmember Huff, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 7:46 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk

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