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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 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, Gary Winn, J. Kelly Huff, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Larry Brown, and David A. Osborne.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Business/Community Development Director Joshua R. Wice, Police Chief John McDermond, City Engineer Bill Viox, Police Officer Matt Raniero, Students from Florence Elementary, Florence Elementary Teacher Christina Butsch, Florence Elementary Principal Lisa Resing, Boone County High School Executive Director of Student Services Kathy Reutman, Boone County School Board Member Karen Byrd, Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Videographer Tom Lape, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

PRESENTATION:

Florence Elementary School

Mayor Whalen recognized Florence Elementary School teacher Christina Butsch who introduced the student chorus which lead the Pledge of Allegiance and performed one song. Additional discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 14, 2014 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2014 business meeting of Council. Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

October 21, 2014 Special Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2014 special meeting of Council. Councilmember Brown so moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. O-25-14

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-25-14:
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN A COMMERCIAL TWO/PLANNED DEVELOPMENT/MALL ROAD OVERLAY (C-2/PD/MR) ZONE FOR AN APPROXIMATE 1.6 ACRE TRACT GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE MALL ROAD AND HEIGHTS BOULEVARD INTERSECTION, FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, TO ALLOW AN APPROXIMATE 30,000 SQUARE FOOT FITNESS CENTER/HEALTH CLUB TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM

CORNER SIDE YARD SETBACK, AND TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL PARKING IN THE CORNER SIDE YARD. (D&J MALL ROAD, LLC PROPERTY)

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

The effect of this Ordinance is to allow an approximate 30,000 square foot fitness center/health club to exceed the maximum corner side yard setback, and to allow additional parking in the corner side yard in a Commercial Two/Planned Development/Mall Road Overlay (C-2/PD/MR) zone for an approximate 1.6 acre site generally located on the southeast corner of the Mall Road and Heights Boulevard intersection, Florence, Kentucky.

The full text of Ordinance No. O-25-14, including its exhibits, is available for examination in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Florence, Kentucky, in the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Blvd., Florence, Kentucky, during regular office hours.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-25-14 on second reading. Councilmember Huff so moved with second from Councilmember Winn, that Ordinance No. O-25-14 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 Halloween Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, October 28 from 5-7pm at the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen advised the City's Trick-or-Treat hours are 6-8pm on Halloween, Friday, October 31.

Mayor Whalen advised of the Household Waste Collection Event, scheduled for Saturday, November 1 at UC Health Stadium, home of the Florence Freedom.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Veteran's Day program, scheduled for Tuesday, November 11 at 6pm at the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen reminded those who placed political signs on properties to remove them soon after Election Day.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann advised there would be no city council meeting on Tuesday, November 4 due to it being Election Day.

OTHER:

Mayor Whalen asked if any councilmember desired recognition; Councilmember Brown advised of the state soccer tournament for Special Olympics at Central Park.

Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon advised of the Blue Ribbon School Celebration and Open House, scheduled for Sunday, November 16 at 3pm at St. Paul Catholic School.

Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon advised she recently attended the Florence Women's Club 60th anniversary celebration.

Mayor Whalen asked if any department head desired recognition; Public Services Director Eric Hall gave a brief update on the ongoing construction on U.S. 42. Additional discussion followed.

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone in the audience desired recognition; Boone County School Board Member Karen Byrd thanked Mayor Whalen and City Council for the proclamation she recently received honoring her 20 years on the Boone County Board of Education.

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 Carroll, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 7:19 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk

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