CITY OF FLORENCE KENTUCKY®

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 9, 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: Mel Carroll, Patricia Wingo, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Larry Brown, and David A. Osborne. Absent was Gary Winn.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Business/Community Development Director Josh Wice, Finance Director Linda J. Chapman, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Police Chief Tom Szurlinski, Public Services Director Bob Townsend, Police Lieutenant Steve Butts, Gloria Bushelman, Tom Bushelman, Public Services Senior Maintenance Worker Tom Lape, Kentucky Enquirer Reporter Mark Hansel, Florence Recorder Reporter Justin Duke, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 18, 2012 Special Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 special meeting of Council. Councilmember Brown so moved, with second from Councilmember Wingo. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. O-18-12

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-18-12:
AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF A PORTION OF WOODSPOINT DRIVE TO TED BUSHELMAN BOULEVARD.

Mayor Whalen read aloud the Ordinance:

WHEREAS, Ted Bushelman served with distinction as a member of the City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, for years Ted Bushelman was a leading contributor to numerous civic and charitable endeavors in the Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati area, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of City Council deem it to be appropriate to honor Ted Bushelman by affixing his name to a public way in the City.

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

SECTION I

That the portion of existing Woodspoint Drive more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and as shown on Exhibit "B' attached hereto is hereby renamed TED BUSHELMAN BOULEVARD.

SECTION II

That the appropriate officials of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary to accomplish the renaming herein authorized.

SECTION III

This Ordinance shall be published in full.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-18-12 on first reading. Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne, that Ordinance No. O-18-12 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. O-17-12

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-17-12
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF A PARCEL OF APPROXIMATELY 17.74 ACRES BEING A PORTION OF THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF INTERSTATE 71/75 LYING WEST OF THE BOONE/KENTON COUNTY LINE AND EAST OF THE EXISTING FLORENCE CITY BOUNDARY ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY.

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

By this Ordinance the City annexes a parcel of approximately 17.74 acres which is a portion of the existing right-of-way of Interstate 71/75 lying west of the Boone/Kenton County line and east of the existing City of Florence boundary. This is the parcel which was proposed to be annexed by Ordinance No. O-9-12. After annexation the parcel shall remain subject to the same land use restrictions as applied prior to annexation.

Upon final enactment and publication of this Ordinance the parcel shall become a part of the City of Florence, Kentucky for all purposes.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-17-12 on second reading. Councilmember Brown so moved with second from Councilmember Wingo, that Ordinance No. O-17-12 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MUNICIPAL ORDERS:

Municipal Order No. MO-19-12

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-19-12:
A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ED HUDDLESTON AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY URBAN FOREST COMMISSION FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM.

Councilmember Wingo moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon, that Municipal Order No. MO-19-12 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Municipal Order No. MO-20-12

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-20-12:
A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DON VOLLAND TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY URBAN FOREST COMMISSION FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM.

Councilmember Brown moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne, that Municipal Order No. MO-20-12 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Municipal Order No. MO-21-12

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-21-12:
A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BETSY R. CONRAD TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY URBAN FOREST COMMISSION FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM.

Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon, that Municipal Order No. MO-21-12 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

PROCLAMATIONS:

Crime Stoppers Awareness Week

Mayor Whalen read aloud a proclamation declaring the week of October 8, 2012 as Crime Stoppers Awareness Week in the City of Florence.

National Fire Protection Week

Mayor Whalen read aloud a proclamation declaring the week of October 7-13, 2012 as National Fire Protection Week in the City of Florence.

PRESENTATION:

Upcoming Kentucky Enquirer Format and Subscription Fee Changes

Mayor Whalen recognized Kentucky Enquirer Reporter Mark Hansel who gave a brief presentation regarding the upcoming Kentucky Enquirer format and subscription fee changes. Additional discussion followed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Fall Cleanup Week, scheduled for October 15-21 at the Public Services Maintenance Facility.

Mayor Whalen advised of National Fire Protection Week/Month in the City of Florence.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Halloween Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, October 23 from 5-7pm on the campus of the Florence Government Center.

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

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Auction, scheduled for Friday, October 26 at 9am (viewing at 8am) at the Public Services Maintenance Facility.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

City Coordinator Lunnemann advised road construction (in-place patching along with asphalt base) will occur along KY 18 from Zig Zag Road to the concrete section just before Ewing Boulevard on Sunday, October 14 through Wednesday, October 17 (9pm-6am).

OTHER:

Mayor Whalen asked if any councilmember desired recognition; Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon advised of the City's Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, October 10 at 9am at the Florence Government Center.

Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon advised of the Light On After School program, scheduled for Thursday, October 18 from 6-8pm.

Mayor Whalen asked if any department head desired recognition; Police Chief Szurlinski advised of the Tip-A-Cop event (supports Special Olympics), scheduled for Saturday, October 13 at Red Robin.

Police Chief Szurlinski advised of the current rise in Heroin abuse in the Northern Kentucky area.

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

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. Councilmember Carroll so moved, with second from Councilmember Brown and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:51 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. Councilmember Brown so moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 8:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Wingo so moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk

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