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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 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 Tom Nienaber, Business/Community Development Director Joshua R. Wice, Finance Director Linda J. Chapman, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Police Chief John McDermond, Public Services Director Eric Hall, City Engineer Bill Viox, Northern Kentucky University President Geoff Mearns, Northern Kentucky University Vice President for Government and Community Relations Joe Wind, Jeff Koenig, Boy Scout Zachary Koenig (Troop 702), Boy Scout Nick Koenig (Troop 702), Boy Scout Michael Wermuth (Troop 805), Karlie Roth, Police Lieutenant Tom Grau, Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Florence Recorder Reporter Melissa Stewart, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

PRESENTATION:

First Year in Review (Northern Kentucky University President Geoff Mearns)

Mayor Whalen recognized Northern Kentucky University President Geoff Mearns who gave a presentation regarding his first year as President at NKU. Additional discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 26, 2013 Special Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2013 special meeting of Council. Councilmember Huff so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. O-18-13

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-18-13:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-6-05 TO MAKE REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S POLICY ON SPECIAL EVENTS.

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

This Ordinance makes housekeeping changes to the City's Policy on Special Events.

The full text of Ordinance No. O-18-13, 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-18-13 on second reading. Councilmember Brown so moved with second from Councilmember Osborne, that Ordinance No. O-18-13 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance No. O-19-13

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-19-13:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR OF THE CITY. (AMENDMENT #1)

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

This Ordinance is an amendment to the fiscal year 2013-2014 Budget of the City. The purposes of this amendment are as follows: (a) to reflect changes in General Fund Expenditures for increases in the amount of the Management Partners study and the municipal building alteration account together with adjustments for the amount of the carryover portion from FY 2013 for Park projects, Fire Substation and related office furniture, CMAQ Turn Lane, Wayfinding Signs and the Main Street/Turfway project; (b) to reflect an increase in Infrastructure Fund Expenditures for highway/street repairs; (c) to reflect an increase in Aquatic Fund Expenditures for the re-coat of pool sides; and (d) to adjust all beginning fund balances to reflect the amounts per the June 30, 2013 year-end audit report.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-19-13 on first reading. Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon, that Ordinance No. O-19-13 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Ordinance No. O-20-13

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-20-13:
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF A PARCEL OF APPROXIMATELY 2.61 ACRES LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF TED BUSHELMAN BOULEVARD NORTHWEST OF HOUSTON ROAD, ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS. (FOLTZ/LPF, CORPORATION PROPERTY)

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

This Ordinance annexes and makes a part of the City a tract of approximately2.61 acres located on the northeast side of Ted Bushelman Boulevard northwest of Houston Road, adjacent to the City limits.

This annexation is in response to a request by LPF, Corporation, the owner, to have the property become part of the City. The annexation will be complete upon second reading and publication of this Ordinance.

After annexation the 2.61 acre tract shall be continue to be zoned Commercial Two/Planned Development (C-2/PD), with a change in the currently approved Concept Development Plan.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-20-13 on first reading. Councilmember Huff moved, with second from Councilmember Winn, that Ordinance No. O-20-13 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen welcomed three boy scouts who were in the audience working on badges, including Zachary and Nick Koenig (Troop 702) and Michael Wermuth (Troop 805).

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Christmas Tree curbside pickup program, scheduled for Wednesday, January 8 as well as the City's annual Christmas Tree recycling program, scheduled for Saturday, January 11 at Stringtown Park.

Mayor Whalen thanked the Public Services Department, as well as Police, Fire/EMS, and Administration, regarding dealing with the recent icy and snowy weather.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

City Coordinator Lunnemann advised City Council would hold a special meeting on Tuesday, December 17 to take second reading on Ordinance No. O-19-13.

OTHER:

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

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 Carroll so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 7:41 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk