CITY OF FLORENCE KENTUCKY®

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 14, 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 five (5) members of Council registered present: Mel Carroll, Gary Winn, J. Kelly Huff, Duane Froelicher, and David A. Osborne. Absent was Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon.

* Mayor Whalen, on behalf of the City of Florence, extended her sympathy to Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon and the Metzger family on the passing of Julie's mother, Audrey Metzger.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Business/Community Development Director Joshua R. Wice, 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 Officer Ken Osborn, Administrative Assistant Deb McCarty, Boone County Judge-Executive Gary Moore, Boone County Government and Community Relations Coordinator Matthew Webster, Laura Moon (417 Commonwealth, Erlanger), David Miller (P.O. Box 6053, Florence), Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Videographer Tom Lape, Florence Recorder Reporter Amy Scalf, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 24, 2015 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 business meeting of Council. Councilmember Winn so moved, with second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance No. O-6-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-6-15
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF EXISTING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A PUBLIC WAY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, ON THE WEST SIDE OF MEL'S LANE AND SOUTH OF BILL WENTZ DRIVE AS PART OF GUNPOWDER CENTRE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY; THE CITY OF FLORENCE HAVING DETERMINED THAT THIS CLOSING OF THIS PORTION OF THE EXISTING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IS IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ACCESSING THIS DEVELOPMENT THROUGH GUNPOWDER ROAD; FURTHER, THIS CLOSING OF THIS PORTION OF EXISTING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IS PURSUANT TO KRS 82.405(2) AS THE SOLE MEMBER AND OWNER OF ALL PROPERTY IN OR ABUTTING THIS PORTION TO BE CLOSED HAS REQUESTED AND CONSENTED TO THIS CLOSING BY A WRITTEN NOTARIZED CONSENT; AND THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, HAS PROVIDED WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CLOSING TO THIS SOLE PROPERTY OWNER.

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

This Ordinance provides for the closing of a public way consisting of a 0.016 acre parcel on the west side of Mel's Lane and south of Bill Wentz Drive. This closure is pursuant to the request of Gunpowder Properties, LLC, the owner of all property abutting the public way to be closed.

The full text of Ordinance No. O-6-15, 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-6-15 on second reading. Councilmember Osborne so moved with second from Councilmember Winn, that Ordinance No. O-6-15 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Ordinance No. O-7-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-7-15:
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 5.239 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 25 CAVALIER BOULEVARD, FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, TO ALLOW AN EXISTING RECREATION/SPORTS FACILITY TO BE CONVERTED INTO A CHURCH. (DIOCESE OF COVINGTON/KNOCHELMANN)

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

The effect of this Ordinance is to allow an existing recreation/sports facility to be converted into a church in a Commercial Service/Planned Development (C-3/PD) zone.

The full text of Ordinance No. O-7-15, 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-7-15 on second reading. Councilmember Huff so moved with second from Councilmember Carroll, that Ordinance No. O-7-15 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Potential application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to refurbish the Lincoln Woods Park tennis courts

Mayor Whalen asked for a motion to place Resolution No. R-2-15 on the agenda for consideration. Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Councilmember Winn, that Resolution No. R-2-15 be placed on the agenda for consideration. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. R-2-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2-15:
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT OF 1965.

Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Councilmember Winn, that Resolution R-2-15 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

PRESENTATION:

City/County Partnerships (Boone County Judge-Executive Gary Moore)

Mayor Whalen recognized Boone County Judge-Executive Gary Moore who gave a presentation regarding City/County Partnerships. Additional discussion followed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen advised of the Mall Road Phase III Public Workshop, scheduled for Thursday, April 16 from 4pm-7pm at the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Great American Cleanup program, scheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 8:15am until 12:30pm throughout Florence.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Spring Cleanup program, scheduled for April 27-May 3 at the Public Services Maintenance Facility.

Mayor Whalen, on behalf of the City of Florence, extended her sympathy to the family of Vic Miller who recently passed away.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

No report given by City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann.

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; Laura Moon of Erlanger and David Miller of Florence each addressed City Council regarding an incident involving Ms. Moon's daughter and the hotels located on Dream Street. Additional discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to K.R.S. 61.810 (1)(c) Litigation-Proposed or pending against or on behalf of the City. Councilmember Winn so moved, with second from Councilmember Carroll and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:36 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)(c) Litigation-Proposed or pending against or on behalf of the City. Councilmember Huff so moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 8:10 p.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 Osborne, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk