CITY OF FLORENCE KENTUCKY®

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 24, 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, Gary Winn, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Larry Brown, and David A. Osborne. Absent was Patricia Wingo.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann, Business/Community Development Director Josh Wice, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Finance Director Linda J. Chapman, Fire/EMS Assistant Chief Kelly Joe Aylor, Police Chief Tom Szurlinski, Public Services Director Bob Townsend, City Engineer Bill Viox, Police Officer Eric Bowles, Boone County High School Varsity Girls Head Basketball Coach Nell Fookes and team, Boone County High School Varsity Boys Head Basketball Coach Greg McQueary and team, Collins Elementary School Principal Carol Elliott, Collins Elementary School Technology Instructional Assistant Tammy Huff, Collins Elementary School 5th Grade Teacher Amanda Sigmon, Collins Elementary School Girls on the Run, Ockerman Elementary School Principal T.W. Loring, Ockerman Elementary School Chess Club, Boone County High Schools Superintendent Randy Poe, Boone County Schools Executive Director of Student Services Kathy Reutman, Florence Freedom General Manager Josh Anderson, Kroger Consultant Anne McBride, Florence resident Robert Ransdell, Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Public Services Senior Maintenance Worker Tim Aubrey, Public Services Senior Maintenance Worker Tom Lape, Florence Recorder Reporter Justin Duke, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 10, 2012 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2012 business meeting of Council. Councilmember Winn so moved, with second from Councilmember Brown. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

PROCLAMATIONS:

Boone County High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team

Mayor Whalen recognized Boone County High School Varsity Girls Head Basketball Coach Nell Fookes and team. Additional discussion followed.

Mayor Whalen read aloud a proclamation honoring the Boone County High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team on their successful 2011-2012 season.

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PRESENTATIONS:

Collins Elementary School Girls on the Run

Mayor Whalen recognized Collins Elementary School Principal Carol Elliott, Technology Instructional Assistant Tammy Huff, and 5th Grade Teacher Amanda Sigmon regarding the school's Girls on the Run program. Additional discussion followed.

Ockerman Elementary School Chess Club

Mayor Whalen recognized Ockerman Elementary School Principal T.W. Loring regarding the school's Chess Club. Additional discussion followed.

Florence Freedom Update

Mayor Whalen recognized Florence Freedom General Manager Josh Anderson regarding an update on the 2012 baseball season. Additional discussion followed.

FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. O-8-12

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-8-12:
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL SIGN DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY ZONED COMMERCIAL TWO (C-2), FOR AN APPROXIMATE 11.5 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 7619 - 7647 MALL ROAD, FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, TO ALLOW ALTERNATIVE SIGNAGE. (MCBRIDE/NEW PLAN PROPERTY HOLDING CO.)

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

The effect of this Ordinance is to establish a special sign district to allow alternative signage for property zoned Commercial Two (C-2), for an approximate 11.5 acre site located at 7619-7647 Mall Road, Florence, Kentucky.

The full text of Ordinance No. O-8-12, 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.

Vice Mayor/City Planning & Zoning Committee Member Metzger Aubuchon advised the Committee voted 2-0 during its meeting to approve the Zoning Map Amendment.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-8-12 on first reading. Councilmember Winn moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon, that Ordinance No. O-8-12 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER:

Municipal Order No. MO-12-12

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-12-2012:
MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING RANDY RACHEL TO THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Spring Cleanup week, scheduled for April 23-29 at the Public Services Maintenance Facility.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

There was no report given by City Coordinator Rick 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.

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 Winn so moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk

* After the meeting adjourned, Florence resident Robert Ransdell addressed city council regarding casino gambling. Additional discussion followed.