CITY OF FLORENCE KENTUCKY®

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 8, 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 six (6) members of Council registered present: Mel Carroll, Gary Winn, Patricia Wingo, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Larry Brown, and David A. Osborne.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann, Business/Community Development Director Josh Wice, City Attorney Larry B. Dillon, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Police Chief Tom Szurlinski, Public Services Director Bob Townsend, Police Sergeant Eric Bowles, Public Services Maintenance Worker Chris Kinman, Public Services Project Manager Peter Glenn, Public Services Superintendent Chris Knapmeyer, Public Services Project Coordinator Eric Hall, Public Services Maintenance Worker Mike Knotts, Administration Co-op Chaz Edwards, Florence resident Patricia Allen, Brandon Keefe (WCPO Channel 9), Carrie May (Florence Community Band), Kathy Dreifuss (Florence Community Band), Roberta Plummer (Florence Community Chorus), Joellen Northcutt (Florence Community Chorus), Don Volland (Florence Urban Forest Commission), State Representative Sal Santoro, Public Services Senior Maintenance Worker Tim Aubrey, 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:

April 24, 2012 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2012 business meeting of Council. Councilmember Brown so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

Municipal Aid Road Fund

Mayor Whalen conducted the annual Municipal Aid Road Fund (M.A.R.F.) Proposed Use Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Whalen asked City Clerk Joe Christofield if he had received any written comments from citizens regarding the Municipal Aid Road Fund usage; Mr. Christofield replied no.

Public Services Director Bob Townsend advised of the proposed uses of the Municipal Aid Road Fund. The Street Repair Budget & Schedule for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 includes:

BUDGET	
EXPENDITURES	
Municipal Aid Road Fund (Contracted Work)	$325,000.00
Municipal Aid Road Fund (City Crew Work)	$200,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund	$975,000.00
Sidewalks / Bike Path	$100,000.00
Street Striping / Parking Lot Improvements	$95,000.00
TOTAL	**$1,695,000.00**

CONTRACTED REPAIRS

PROJECT	*PCI	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED AMOUNT
Amherst Court	59.15	Mill and Overlay	$45,000.00
Anchor Way	60.18	Mill and Overlay	$20,000.00
Beverly Place	50.88	Mill and Overlay	$25,000.00
Blackstone Drive	70.09	Mill and Overlay	$40,000.00
Collingwood Court	69.23	Mill and Overlay	$50,000.00
Dorcas Avenue	90.88	Mill and Overlay	$40,000.00
Fescue Court	57.13	Mill and Overlay	$30,000.00
Holiday Drive	65.62	Mill and Overlay, Sidewalk	$110,000.00
Hollywood Drive	.20	Mill and Overlay	$65,000.00
Hopeful Road	68.43	Mill and Overlay	$155,000.00
Imperial Court	84.54	Mill and Overlay	$45,000.00
Lendale Drive	50.51	Mill and Overlay	$35,000.00
Lexington Avenue	.20	Complete Replacement	$55,000.00
Manassas Drive	83.46	Mill and Overlay	$65,000.00
Meadow Lane	89.24	Mill and Overlay	$60,000.00
Orchard Drive	90.65	Mill and Overlay	$70,000.00
Red Clover Court	66.90	Mill and Overlay	$40,000.00
Rosetta Drive	59.55	Mill and Overlay	$30,000.00
Stratford Court	85.52	Mill and Overlay	$40,000.00
Sweetbriar Avenue	64.40	Mill and Overlay	$80,000.00
Virginia Avenue	.20	Complete Replacement	$50,000.00
Wellington Drive	78.00	Mill and Overlay	$150,000.00
Nature Park (Bike Path)		Bike Path Overlay	$50,000.00
Orleans South (Bike Path)		Bike Path Overlay	$50,000.00
Street Striping / Parking Lot		Improvements	$95,000.00
TOTAL	61.13 Average PCI		$1,495,000.00

Blue shading indicates that this project will correspond with a water main project
*Pavement Condition Index

IN-HOUSE STREET REPAIRS

Adella Drive, Banklick Drive, Canterbury Drive, Columbia Drive, Dilcrest Drive, Dortha Avenue, Harms Hill, Hillcrest Drive, Lloyd Avenue, Locust Avenue, Lynn Street, Meadow View Drive, Meijer Drive, Rosebrook Drive, Skyview Drive, Spruce Drive, Sussex Drive, Valley View Drive, Youell Street

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone on Council desired to be recognized regarding the Municipal Aid Road Fund usage; no one responded.

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone in the audience desired to be recognized regarding the Municipal Aid Road Fund usage; no one responded.

Mayor Whalen declared the Municipal Aid Road Fund public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Whalen recognized Florence resident Patricia Allen who addressed City Council regarding synthetic marijuana (K2). Additional discussion followed.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Arbor Day

Mayor Whalen read aloud a proclamation declaring Saturday, May 12, 2012 as *Arbor Day* in the City of Florence.

Mayor Whalen recognized Urban Forest Commission Member Don Volland who invited everyone to attend the annual Arbor Day event, scheduled for Saturday, May 12 beginning at 10am at the Florence Nature Park.

Helmet Safety Awareness Day

Mayor Whalen recognized Police Chief Tom Szurlinski who invited everyone to attend the Brain Injury Awareness Safety Fair, scheduled for Saturday, May 12 from 1-4pm in the Walmart parking lot. Additional discussion followed.

City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann read aloud a proclamation declaring Saturday, May 12, 2012 as *Helmet Safety Awareness Day* in the City of Florence.

National Police Week

Mayor Whalen recognized Police Sergeant Eric Bowles who read aloud a proclamation declaring the week of May 13-19, 2012 as *National Police Week* in the City of Florence. Chief Szurlinski advised of the annual Northern Kentucky Police Memorial, scheduled for Friday, May 18 at 10am at the foot of the Suspension Bridge in Covington.

PRESENTATION:

National Public Works Week

Mayor Whalen recognized Public Services Maintenance Worker Chris Kinman who read aloud a proclamation declaring the week of May 20-26, 2012 as *National Public Works Week* in the City of Florence. He also invited everyone to attend the annual Public Services Department Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, May 22 from 4-6:30pm in the Florence Mall parking lot. He also invited city officials to attend the annual Public Services luncheon, scheduled for Friday, May 25 beginning at 11:30am at the Maintenance Facility.

SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. O-8-12

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second 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 second reading. Councilmember Osborne so moved with second from Councilmember Brown, that Ordinance No. O-8-12 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Florence Community Band

Mayor Whalen recognized Florence Community Band Member Carrie May who presented to City Council the Band's budget request for fiscal year 2012-2013 ($4,500). Additional discussion followed.

Florence Community Chorus

Mayor Whalen recognized Florence Community Chorus Member Joellen Northcutt who presented to City Council the Chorus's budget request for fiscal year 2012-2013 ($3,400). Additional discussion followed.

Urban Forest Commission

Mayor Whalen recognized Florence Urban Forest Commission Member Don Volland who presented to City Council the Commission's budget request for fiscal year 2012-2013 ($50,000). Additional discussion followed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT:

Mayor Whalen recognized Chief Szurlinski regarding a law enforcement protection program grant which, if awarded, would be used to purchase ammunition for the Police Department.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. R-4-12

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-4-12:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND, UPON APPROVAL, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY (KOHS), TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY KOHS TO FACILITATE AND ADMINISTER THE PROJECT AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT.

Councilmember Winn moved, with second from Councilmember Brown, that Resolution R-4-12 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen advised of Florence Freedom's opening night, scheduled for Thursday, May 17 at 7:05 at Florence Freedom Stadium.

Mayor Whalen advised of the opening of the Florence Family Aquatic Center, scheduled for Saturday, May 26 at 11am on the campus of the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Memorial Day Parade & Program, scheduled for Monday, May 28 beginning with the parade (10am; KY 18/Burlington Pike) followed by the memorial program (11am; Veterans Memorial on the campus of the Government Center).

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's Movie in the Park event, scheduled for Friday, June 1 at 9pm at South Fork Park.

Mayor Whalen recognized State Representative Sal Santoro who addressed City Council regarding his representation of Florence for the next two years. Additional discussion followed.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann advised city officials would soon be meeting with Time Warner Cable representatives regarding the City's cable franchise agreement.

OTHER:

Mayor Whalen advised of the Florence Senior Activity Center management, adding the building will soon be turned over to Senior Services of Northern Kentucky. Mayor Whalen also advised of the ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication, scheduled for mid-June.

Mayor Whalen advised of the memo from Business/Community Development Director Josh Wice regarding real estate market highlights. Mr. Wice advised the current percentage of vacant retail space in Florence is 2.4 while the regional average is 11 percent.

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 Osborne, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk

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