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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 23, 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, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, and David A. Osborne. Absent was Duane Froelicher (present at 7:01 p.m.).

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, Administrative Assistant Deb McCarty, City Engineer Bill Viox, Police Lieutenant Roger Allen, NKADD Executive Director Lisa Cooper, representatives of BRG Realty Group, LLC, approximately 25 citizens, Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Northern Kentucky Tribune Reporter Mark Hansel, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 9, 2015 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 business meeting of Council. Councilmember Winn so moved, with second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

RECOGNITION:

City Administrator of the Year Award (Lisa Cooper, NKADD Executive Director)

Mayor Whalen recognized Northern Kentucky Area Development District Executive Director Lisa Cooper who presented City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann with the 2015 City Administrator of the Year Award. Additional discussion followed.

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance No. O-8-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-8-15:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR OF THE CITY. (AMENDMENT #2)

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

This purposes of this amendment are to: (a) reflect increased revenues in the General Fund due to refunding of the 2005 bonds; (b) to reflect increases in General Fund Expenditures related to the Police Department vacation pay down, additional Fire Department overtime, to show the carryover amount in the Project Sign Upgrade Account, and to show the debt service increase relating to the refunding of the 2005 bonds; (c) to reflect an increase in revenue and expenditure amounts in the Infrastructure Fund relating to completion of a portion

of the state-funded Mall Road Project; and (d) to reflect increased expenses in the Water & Sewer Fund due to the vacation pay down, expense from increased water purchases, and for the payout of water deposits.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-8-15 on second reading. Councilmember Huff so moved with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon, that Ordinance No. O-8-15 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Ordinance No. O-9-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-9-15:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL BUDGET FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR OF THE CITY.

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

This Ordinance adopts the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget of the City, including the General Fund, the Municipal Aid Road Fund, the Infrastructure Fund, the Asset Forfeiture Fund, the Aquatic Center Fund, the Water & Sewer Fund, the World of Golf Fund, and the Health and Dental Fund. Budgeted resources and expenditures are as shown on Exhibit "A".

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-9-15 on second reading. Councilmember Osborne so moved with second from Councilmember Froelicher, that Ordinance No. O-9-15 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Ordinance No. O-10-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-10-15:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCES RELATING TO PERSONNEL POLICIES, JOB DESCRIPTIONS, AND THE PAY PLAN.

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

This Ordinance eliminates the authorized position of Parks and Recreation Administrator; adds the authorized position of Community Events Coordinator; and increases the number of Firefighter EMT and Paramedic positions from 33 to 36.

The full text of Ordinance No. O-10-15, 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-10-15 on second reading. Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon so moved with second from Councilmember Winn, that Ordinance No. O-10-15 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER:

Municipal Order No. MO-13-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-13-15:
A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RICK ROWLAND TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM.

Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne, that Municipal Order No. MO-13-15 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

DISCUSSION:

Planning and Zoning Committee Report for a Zoning Map Amendment for a 9.7 Acre Parcel off of Weaver Road across from the Saddlebrook Subdivision, BRG Realty Group, LLC (applicant) for Commonwealth Bank & Trust Company (owner)

City Attorney Hugh O. Skees advised the recommendation from the Boone County Planning Commission is for denial of the application. He said the procedure for tonight is not a procedure imposed by the City of Florence but rather a procedure imposed on the City by state law. He said this is not a public hearing, adding the public hearing was conducted before the Planning Commission, adding no additional testimony will be taken from anyone. He said City Council as a group will be hearing information regarding this application for the first time, hearing a presentation from the City's Planning & Zoning Committee followed by a presentation from City staff. He said City Council is allowed to ask citizens and applicants in the audience questions, and the citizens and applicants may respond to those questions but no presentations will be made (and no letters may be sent to City Council and if so City Council would not read or consider them). He said City Council has the opportunity to make two decisions, but no decision will be made tonight, adding legislation has not been prepared for City Council to act on since this will be the first time they will hear the presentations. He said City Council may affirm the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial by a vote of a simple majority (at least three votes); they could vote to overturn the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the project by vote of a super majority (at least 4 votes); he also said there is a 90-day rule from the time the City received the information from the Planning Commission and if City Council doesn't act within those 90 days either way then the recommendation of the Planning Commission will become final.

Vice Mayor and Planning & Zoning Committee Member Metzger Aubuchon read aloud the City's Planning & Zoning Committee report. Additional discussion followed.

Business/Community Development Director Joshua R. Wice read aloud the City staff's report. Additional discussion followed.

Mayor Whalen advised no decisions will be made or votes taken this evening. She said the next meeting of City Council will be a caucus (Tuesday, July 7) and at that point city officials will determine what legislation needs to be prepared for passage during City Council's first business meeting in July (Tuesday, July 14).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen offered condolences to the City of Cincinnati and its Police Department and the family and friends of Police Officer Sonny Kim, who was killed in the line of duty last week.

Mayor Whalen congratulated Police Officer Adam Argullin on receiving the D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year Award.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Independence Celebration, scheduled for Friday, July 3 from 5-11pm at the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's next Neighborhood Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 from 5-7pm at the Senior Activity Center.

Mayor Whalen advised of the recent announcement by the Kentucky Department of Transportation regarding the milling and resurfacing of U.S. 42 and Dixie Highway from Ewing Boulevard to the railroad bridge in Erlanger this summer.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

City Coordinator Lunnemann advised there would be no city council meeting next Tuesday since it will be the fifth Tuesday of the month, adding the next meeting would be held on July 7.

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 Huff, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 7:51 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk