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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 25, 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, J. Kelly Huff, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Duane Froelicher, and David A. Osborne. Absent was Gary Winn.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Finance Director Linda J. Chapman, Fire/EMS Chief Kelly Joe Aylor, Police Chief John McDermond, City Engineer Bill Viox, Police Lieutenant Roger Allen, Community Events Coordinator Vanessa Lenear, Florence Hammerheads President Sean Knollman, Deputy Superintendent Karen Chesser, Boone County School Board Member Karen Byrd, Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Florence Recorder Reporter Amy Scalf, River City News Reporter Trisha Scheyer, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 4, 2015 Special Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 special meeting of Council. Councilmember Huff so moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

RECOGNITION:

Florence Hammerheads, 2015 NKSL Champions
(Community Events Coordinator Vanessa Lenear)

Mayor Whalen recognized Community Events Coordinator Vanessa Lenear who introduced Florence Hammerheads President Sean Knollman regarding the 2015 season. Additional discussion followed.

PRESENTATION:

Boone County Schools Strategic Plan & Boone County Schools World Language Program
(Deputy Superintendent Karen Chesser)

Mayor Whalen recognized Deputy Superintendent Karen Chesser who discussed the Boone County Schools 2015 Strategic Plan and World Language Program. Additional discussion followed.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. R-3-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-3-15:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CREATING THE FLORENCE, ERLANGER, AND ELSMERE, KENTUCKY, UNIFIED POLICE PROTECTION SYSTEM (FEEUPPS) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

Councilmember Huff moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne, that Resolution R-3-15 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER:

Municipal Order No. MO-16-15

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-16-15:
A MUNICIPAL ORDER ACCEPTING THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF MARCUS CAREY, DANIEL CRIPE, DARRYL CUMMINS, ROBERT F. GREENE, CAROLYN LAINHART, AND TOM QUIRK AND APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT SANDERS AS MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY REGIONAL ETHICS AUTHORITY ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM, EXPIRING ON JANUARY 31, 2017.

Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon moved, with second from Councilmember Huff, that Municipal Order No. MO-16-15 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's participation in the Turn The Towns Teal Campaign, beginning on Sunday, August 30 and lasting through September as part of ovarian cancer awareness (teal ribbons placed along Mall Road).

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Tax Rate Public Hearing, scheduled for Friday, August 28 at 4:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Pooch Fest, scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at 10am at the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen advised of the Strike Out Cancer Night, scheduled for Wednesday, August 26 at 5:25pm at UC Health Stadium, home of the Florence Freedom.

Mayor Whalen advised of the 2016 Family Aquatic Center discount registration (25%), scheduled through Friday, September 4 at the Finance Department.

Mayor Whalen advised of the Northern Kentucky Hates Heroin Night, scheduled for Tuesday, September 1 at 6:35pm at UC Health Stadium, home of the Florence Freedom.

Mayor Whalen advised of the Boone County Senior Citizens Night, scheduled for Wednesday, September 9 from 9am-2pm at the Boone County Fairgrounds.

Mayor Whalen advised of the partial removal of a median on Mall Road to make the connection to the Costco/Menards development, as well as a full-access traffic light (prior to the mid-November opening of Costco).

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

There was no report given by City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann.

OTHER:

Mayor Whalen asked if any councilmember desired recognition; Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon advised there would be information in the upcoming council packets regarding the City's Planning & Zoning Committee.

Mayor Whalen asked if any department head desired recognition; Public Services Director Eric Hall advised the Department would be removing 91 Australian Pine trees along the Government Center (Ewing Boulevard) beginning on Saturday, August 29 and replacing them with Norway Spruces (bid opening on Thursday, September 10 with planting beginning on Thursday, October 1).

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 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk