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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 11, 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, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Business/Community Development Director Josh Wice, Finance Director Linda J. Chapman, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Police Chief Tom Szurlinski, Public Services Director Bob Townsend, City Engineer Bill Viox, Police Lieutenant Steve Butts, Fire/EMS Captain Pat Marshall, Fire/EMS Captain Steve Schreck, Fire/EMS Captain Tom Talbert, Fire/EMS Commander Elliott Cross, Fire/EMS Commander Chris Miller, Fire/EMS Apparatus Operator/EMT Jim Kunert, 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.

VIDEO:

* A brief video regarding the 11th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks played.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 28, 2012 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2012 business meeting of Council. Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

SWEARING-IN:

Fire/EMS Captains Pat Marshall & Steve Schreck

Mayor Whalen recognized Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench who introduced the Department's new Captains Pat Marshall and Steve Schreck.

Mayor Whalen gave the Oath of Office to Fire/EMS Captains Pat Marshall and Steve Schreck.

FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. O-16-12

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-16-12:
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEVYING OF A TAX UPON REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY; LEVYING A TAX ON ALL FRANCHISES TAXABLE WITHIN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY; SPECIFYING PAYMENT DATES, DISCOUNTS AND PENALTIES FOR THE FRANCHISE TAX ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS MEASURED BY THE DEPOSITS IN THE INSTITUTIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY; AND LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT SERVICE COSTS FOR POLICE AND FIREMEN IN THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM. (2012)

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

This is the Ordinance by which the City establishes tax rates and levies annual taxes.

The basic tax levied for General Fund purposes is a tax of eighteen and two-tenths cents ($.182) per one hundred dollars of value on real property and a tax of thirty three and nine-tenths cents ($.339) per one hundred dollars of value on personal property (except for motor vehicles and watercraft) and upon all franchises taxable by the City.

In addition this Ordinance levies a tax in the amount of six and four-tenths cents ($.064) per one hundred dollars of value upon all real and personal property (except for motor vehicles and watercraft) and upon all franchises taxable by the City for the purpose of payment of the City's obligations for current service costs for police and firemen in the County employees' retirement system.

All of the above mentioned taxes are due and payable upon final passage and publication of this Ordinance. A discount of two percent (2%) is allowed for any such taxes paid in full by November 1, 2012. Any such taxes remaining unpaid after January 1, 2013, are subject to a penalty of twelve percent (12%) plus interest on the amount unpaid at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from January 1, 2013, until paid.

This Ordinance also establishes the due date for the tax in the amount of twenty-five thousandths of one percent (0.025%) on all financial institutions measured by deposits in such institutions located in the City. This tax was levied by Ordinance No. O-18-96, pursuant to the Bank Franchise and Local Deposit Tax Act. (KRS 136.575) A two percent (2%) discount is allowed against this tax on bank deposits if paid before December 31, 2012. Any such taxes paid after January 31, 2013, will be subject to a penalty of twelve percent (12%) plus interest in the unpaid amount at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from January 31, 2013, until paid. The Ordinance establishes corresponding due dates, discounts and penalties for subsequent years.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-16-12 on first reading. Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Councilmember Winn, that Ordinance No. O-16-12 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen advised the Florence Freedom had won its wildcard playoff series and advanced to the Frontier League Championship with game one scheduled for Wednesday, September 12 at Freedom Stadium.

Mayor Whalen advised of the concert (Three Dog Night/Eddie Money) scheduled for Saturday, September 15 at Freedom Stadium.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Pooch Festival, scheduled for Saturday, September 15 at 10am on the campus of the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's Bake Sale to help support its annual United Way Campaign, scheduled for Thursday, September 13 at 9am in the lobby of the Florence Government Center.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

City Coordinator Lunnemann advised a Special City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:30pm inside the Council Chambers of the Florence Government Center to take second reading of the tax rate ordinance.

OTHER:

Mayor Whalen asked if any councilmember desired recognition; Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon advised of the Boone County Schools Lights On awareness program, scheduled for Thursday, October 18 from 6-8pm.

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.

Mayor Whalen advised the Quaker Steak and Lube grand opening is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3.

Mayor Whalen advised Chuy's grand opening is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to K.R.S. 61.810 (1)(b) Acquisition/sale of real property-where publicity would be likely to affect the value of property to be acquired for public use or to be sold by the City. Councilmember Carroll so moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:22 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)(b) Acquisition/sale of real property-where publicity would be likely to affect the value of property to be acquired for public use or to be sold by the City. Councilmember Brown so moved, with second from Councilmember Wingo and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brown so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 7:29 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk

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