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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 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, Larry Brown, and David A. Osborne. Absent was Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon.

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 Marc Muench, Police Chief John McDermond, Public Services Director Eric Hall, City Engineer Bill Viox, Police Officer Chad Byers, Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 24, 2014 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2014 business meeting of Council. Councilmember Huff so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen advised there would be no city council meeting next Tuesday, July 29 due to it being the fifth Tuesday of the month.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's next Neighborhood Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, August 5 from 5-7pm at Erpenbeck Elementary School.

Mayor Whalen advised of Fire/EMS Captain Joy Cutter-McVay's retirement luncheon, scheduled for Wednesday, July 30 at 11am at the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen advised of the Municipal Government League of Northern Kentucky's summer picnic, scheduled for Thursday, July 31.

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; no one responded.

Mayor Whalen asked if any department head desired recognition; Public Services Director Eric Hall gave a brief update on the ongoing construction on U.S. 42. Additional discussion followed.

Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench advised the City's new fire station, located on Ted Bushelman Boulevard, is officially open.

Councilmember Carroll asked if the Fire Department's incident reports could be grouped via firehouse in its Monthly Department Report; Fire/EMS Chief Muench said he would look into the request.

Police Chief John McDermond advised of the TeensDriveSmart program, scheduled for Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3 at Turfway Park.

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone in the audience desired recognition; no one responded.

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 and (1)(c) Litigation-Proposed or Pending against or on behalf of the city. Councilmember Huff so moved, with second from Councilmember Brown and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:18 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 and (1)(c) Litigation-Proposed or Pending against or on behalf of the city. Councilmember Winn so moved, with second from Councilmember Brown and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:35 p.m.

FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. O-11-14

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-11-14:
AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CONTRIBUTION OF POLLUTANTS TO THE STORM SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE BY STORM WATER DISCHARGES AND PROHIBITING ILLICIT CONNECTIONS AND DISCHARGES TO THAT SYSTEM; ESTABLISHING LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR INSPECTIONS, SURVEILLANCE, MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES.

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to achieve maximum reduction of pollutants contained in discharges from the City storm sewer system. To that end, this Ordinance regulates contributions of pollutants into the storm sewer system; prohibits illicit connections and discharges into the system; and, establishes authority for inspections, surveillance, monitoring and enforcement procedures.

The Ordinance provides for notice to violators, elimination of illicit discharges by violators and, in the absence thereof, abatement by the City at the expense of the violator.

The Ordinance provides for enforcement through the City of Florence Code Enforcement Board which may impose civil penalties including remedial orders, fines and the imposition of liens.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-11-14 on first reading. Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Councilmember Huff, that Ordinance No. O-11-14 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Carroll, Winn, Huff, and Osborne voted yes; Councilmember Brown voted no; Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon was absent. **Council approved by a 4-1 vote.**

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Huff so moved, with second from Councilmember Brown, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk

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