



**Florence City Council  
Business Meeting  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020  
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, Kentucky, with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding as chair.

**CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:**

Mayor Diane E. Whalen called the regular meeting to order and declared the regular session open for the presentation of all city business.

**ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called, and the following four (4) members of council were present: Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Duane Froelicher, J. Kelly Huff, and David A. Osborne.

Councilmembers Mel Carroll and Gary Winn were absent.

Staff members present were: Josh Wice, City Coordinator; City Attorney, Hugh O. Skees; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; City Clerk, Nancy Zeilman; Event Center Coordinator, Victoria Wells; Videographers, Sean Kreke and Matt Miller; and, Police Officer, Dustin Zink.

The following were also present: family and friends of Fire/EMS Department new employees; family and friends of Police Department new employee; family and students of Ockerman Elementary School; Isaac Stricker, Boy Scout; James E. Parsons, Attorney; Associates of Churchill Downs; and, Melissa Kramer, Assistant City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020, business meeting. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Scott Knoll, Fire/EMS Chief, introduced the newest members of the Florence Fire/EMS Department, Brandon Kannady, Firefighter/EMT; Wallace LeMaster, Firefighter/Paramedic; Timothy Mitchell, Firefighter/EMT; Matthew Presnell, Firefighter/EMT; and Joshua Tucker, Firefighter/EMT; and all were administered the oath of office by Mayor Whalen. Mayor Whalen welcomed them to the City of Florence Fire/EMS Department.

Captain Tom Grau introduced Jacob Sander as the newest member of the Florence Police Department. Mayor Whalen administered the oath of office to Mr. Sander and welcomed him to the City of Florence Police Department.

### **PRESENTATION:**

Students representing Ockerman Elementary presented their “Club Days, The Leader in Me Program”. Each student explained the numerous clubs available to the student and why they enjoyed the clubs they were in. Mayor Whalen thanked the group for their presentation and wished the students good luck.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 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 KRS 61.810 (1)(g) discussions between the city and representatives of a business entity – where open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business. Mayor Whalen advised discussion during the closed session may or may not result in an item being added to the meeting agenda for action. Councilmember Huff so moved with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon and **all councilmembers present voted aye, the time being 6:54 p.m.**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to come back into session after the Executive Session. Councilmember Aubuchon so moved, with a second from Councilmember Froelicher and **all councilmembers present voted aye, the time being 7:31 p.m.**

### **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-2-20:**

An Ordinance adopting and approving a change in a Concept Development Plan in a Commercial Two/Planned Development (C-2/PD) zone and Office One/Planned Development (O-1/PD) zone for 0.97 acre lot located on the south side of US 42, to the immediate west of the property at 8741 US 42 and immediate east of the property at 8755 US 42, Florence, Kentucky, to allow a multi-tenant commercial building. (Ken Butler/Jimmy Johns)

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-2-20. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-3-20:**

An Ordinance adopting and approving a change in a Concept Development Plan in an Industrial One/Planned Development/Houston Donaldson study corridor overlay (I-1/PD/HDO) zone for an approximate 2.8 acre site located at 5 Spiral drive, Florence Kentucky, to allow modifications, sales, and service of vehicles and equipment for the mobility challenged. (Mobility Works)

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-3-20. Councilmember Osborne motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-4-20:**

An Ordinance providing for a credit of occupational license fees for new employees as part of an economic development project by Leancor, LLC, under the Kentucky Business Investment Program.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-4-20. Councilmember Aubuchon motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Huff. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-02-20:**

A Resolution in support of House Bill 484 calling upon the General Assembly and legislators representing the community to pass the measure to reorganize the Kentucky Retirement Systems and create an independent County Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Resolution R-02-20. Councilmember Aubuchon motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- The Florence Aquatic Center Membership can be purchased at a 15% discount through April 30, 2020. More information is available at [florence-ky.gov](http://florence-ky.gov).
- Linking Together Youth Mental Health Summit will be held on February 28, 2020 and February 29, 2020 at the Florence Baptist Church. Register online at [tinyurl.com/linkingtogether3rd](http://tinyurl.com/linkingtogether3rd).
- The 2020 Census Team is currently hiring. Wages are \$18.50 per hour in Boone County. Apply online at [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs)
- The Citizens Police Academy begins on March 11, 2020. The class will be held every Wednesday for eight weeks from 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Applications are available online and must be submitted by March 2, 2020.

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- Florence Community Band will present its American Faces Concert on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the lower level of the Florence Government Center.
- Youth in Government will begin in March. The students will be educated on the duties of each department and how it fits into the infrastructure of the City. Youth in Government Night will be held on Tuesday evening, March 10, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and is open to students of all ages that may not have the opportunity to visit during the week.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-01-20:**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky (the “City”), authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement, and an agreement in lieu of taxes attached thereto between the City and Turfway Park, LLC relating to the acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of a recreational project for a state-of-the-art live and historical thoroughbred racing facility, along with related amenities (the “Project”), agreeing to undertake the issuance of industrial building revenue bonds at the appropriate time to pay the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping, and installing said project and facilities; and taking other preliminary action.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to place Resolution No. R-01-20 on the agenda. Councilmember Osborne motioned to place the Resolution on the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Resolution R-01-20. Councilmember Aubuchon motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Osborne. Mayor Whalen opened the floor for discussion and introduced James Parsons, an attorney representing Churchill Downs. Mr. Parsons explained the process and the resolution of the intent to initiate bonds.

Following discussion, Councilmember Froelicher moved to table the pending motion until the next council meeting. No second was received.

Mayor Whalen called for a roll call vote on the original motion to approve Resolution R-01-20. Councilmember Huff, yes; Councilmember Aubuchon, yes; Councilmember Froelicher, no; Councilmember Osborne, yes. **Yes-3, No-1, R-01-20 approved.**

**RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

Josh Wice, City Coordinator, brought attention to council a memo regarding the March 17, 2020 council meeting.

Department Heads:

Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll:

Chief Knoll did not desire recognition.

Chief of Police, Tom Grau:

Chief Grau did not desire recognition.

Public Services Director, Eric Hall:

Eric Hall did not desire recognition.

Audience:

Mayor Whalen introduced Boy Scout, Isaac Stricker. He is in Troop 727 and working on his communications badge.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Huff so moved, with a second from Councilmember Osborne. **Councilmembers present voted aye**, the time being 8:04 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Diane E. Whalen  
Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Nancy Zeilman,  
Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk