



**Florence City Council
Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2020
12:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in special session on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. at the Rosetta Training Facility, 175 Rosetta Drive, Florence, Kentucky, with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding as chair.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen called the special meeting to order and declared the meeting open for the presentation of items on the special meeting agenda.

The following six (6) members of council were present: Dr. Julie Aubuchon, Mel Carroll, Duane Froelicher, J. Kelly Huff, David A. Osborne, and Gary Winn.

Staff members present were: City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice; CFO/HR, Linda Chapman; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; and City Clerk, Melissa Kramer.

The following person was also present: The River City News Reporter, Trish Scheyer.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Municipal Aid Road Fund

Mayor Whalen conducted the annual Municipal Aid Road Fund (M.A.R.F.) Proposed Use Hearing at 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Whalen read aloud the Municipal Aid Road Fund Legal Ad.

Public Services Director, Eric Hall, advised of the proposed uses of the Municipal Aid Road Fund. The Street Repair Budget & Schedule for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 includes:

In-House Repairs: Farmview Drive, Ridgecrest Drive, Steeplebush Drive, Hilltop Court, Running Creek Drive, Girard Street, Shelby Street, Oblique Street, Nicholas Street, Trace Drive, Georgian Court, Crimson Oak, Colonnade Drive, Dalton Drive, Wisteria Court, and Belvedere Court.

Contracted Repairs: Manderlay Street, Berkley Street, Maranatha Street, Drexel Street, Dell Street, and Kentaboo Street.

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone on Council desired to be recognized regarding the Municipal Aid Road Fund usage; no one responded.

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone in the audience desired to be recognized regarding the Municipal Aid Road Fund usage; no one responded.

Mayor Whalen asked if the City Clerk, Melissa Kramer, had received any written comments from citizens regarding the Municipal Aid Road Fund usage; Mrs. Kramer replied that she has not received any comments.

Mayor Whalen declared the Municipal Aid Road Fund public hearing closed at 12:05 p.m.

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Linda Chapman, CFO/HR, discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. Ms. Chapman advised the proposed budget continues the stringent philosophy that was adopted in previous fiscal years. This year's budget is to maintain a status quo in operating expenditures with that of the current fiscal year, less any additional requests that were approved during the budget process last year. Each department's budget has been adjusted to reflect the potential change in personnel costs by incorporating a C.O.L.A. of 2.3%. The remaining operating budget will be held the same as FY 2019-2020 in total with the exception of some additional requests.

Eric Hall, Public Services Director, presented his request for the Public Services Department budget including requests for additional personnel including a mechanic and code enforcement officer, disabilities committee, building alterations, street striping, replacement of equipment, new office furniture, funding for technology and software, parks, Kentaboo Street Replacement Phase 1, providing funding to replace two ton dump truck with snow equipment, backhoe, crack seal machine, replacement of vehicle and traffic signal upgrades along US 42, Mall Road, and Ewing Boulevard.

Tom Grau, Chief of Police, presented his requested budget for the police department including requests for six tasers, body worn camera replacement, replacement of nine cruisers with required equipment, annual replacement of broken radios, annual firearms replacement, JAG Grant for equipment purchase, and replacement of canine with six week handler course.

Scott Knoll, Fire/EMS Chief, presented his request for the Fire/EMS Department budget including requests for approval of additional staff including a part-time fire inspector, replacement of aging/worn out office furniture, replacement of staff vehicle with emergency response/warning package, squad replacement of a 2012 ambulance, replacement of 15 sets of PPE (bunker gear), replacement of 2010 Ferrara Quint fire apparatus, replacement of pumper (engine) fire apparatus, replacement of 2010 quint fire apparatus, purchase of three (3) Clorox Total 360 cleaning systems for infection control, cardiac monitor replacement, purchase of an EMS supply control system to be placed at each firehouse, handtevy system, scoop stretcher replacement, request for an internal

communication messaging system, and concept funding for renovation of the Fire/EMS Headquarters at Weaver Road.

Linda Chapman, CFO/HR, presented the proposed Administrative Department budget including requests for Community Events – Main Street, computer hardware and software, enhancements for the security system for all City owned facilities and parks, maintenance and upgrade of the web site, environmental and infrastructure, replace HP server blades and replacement of electronic equipment in the Council Chamber. Budget request of city projects was also reviewed.

Budget Contribution Request from the Boone County Planning Commission was reviewed discussed.

Councilmembers reviewed the Florence Community Band 2020-2021 Proposed Budget, as well as, review of the Florence Community Chorus Proposed Budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilmember Winn so moved, with a second from Councilmember Osborne. **Council approved by unanimous vote**, the time being 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Melissa Kramer
Melissa Kramer, City Clerk