



**Florence City Council
Special Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in special session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 6:00 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 special meeting to order and declared the meeting open for the presentation of items on the special meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called, and the following six (6) members of council were present: Dr. Julie Metzger-Aubuchon (Vice-Mayor), Mel Carroll, Duane Froelicher, J. Kelly Huff, David A. Osborne, and Gary Winn.

Staff members present were: City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice; Assistant City Attorney, Thomas Nienaber; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua Hunt; City Clerk, Melissa Kramer; and Police Officer, Alex Ewald.

The following were also present: Daughters of the American Revolution Boone County Chapter, Peggy Kennedy, Robin Bennett, and Lynn Demi; and River City News Reporter, Trisha Scheyer.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Whalen called upon the Daughters of the American Revolution, Boone County Chapter, Peggy Kennedy, Robin Bennett, and Lynn Demi. Mayor Whalen issued a Proclamation acknowledging September 17, 2020 through September 23, 2020, to be Constitution Week reading the following Proclamation into record:

WHEREAS, it is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2020 marks the two hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence recognizes and reaffirms the ideals the framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through September 23 as Constitution Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, I, Diane E. Whalen, Mayor of the City of Florence, Kentucky, and on behalf of the members of Florence City Council, proclaim September 17 through September 23, 2020 to be Constitution Week in the City of Florence, Kentucky.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Florence, Kentucky, to be affixed hereto, this 15th day of September, 2020.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-12-20:

Mayor Whalen read Ordinance O-12-20. 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.

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 twenty-nine and eight-tenths cents (\$.298) 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, 2020. Any such taxes remaining unpaid after January 1, 2021, 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, 2021, until paid.

This Ordinance also establishes a franchise 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, 2020. Any such taxes paid after January 31, 2020, 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, 2021, until paid. The Ordinance establishes corresponding due dates, discounts and penalties for subsequent years.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-12-20. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 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.

Councilmember Huff so moved with a second from Councilmember Osborne. **All councilmembers present voted aye, the time being 6:07 p.m.** Mayor Whalen advised that no further business is anticipated to take place after the executive session.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to come back into session after the Executive Session. Councilmember Winn so moved, with a second from Councilmember Huff. **All councilmembers present voted aye, the time being 7:04 p.m.**

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 Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote, the time being 7:04 p.m.**

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Melissa Kramer
Melissa Kramer, City Clerk