



**Florence City Council
Special Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in special session on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 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 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 Aubuchon; Mel Carroll; Duane Froelicher; J. Kelly Huff; David A. Osborne; and, Gary Winn.

Staff members present were: City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice; City Attorney, Hugh O. Skees; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; City Engineer, Bill Viox; City Clerk, Nancy Zeilman; and, Police Officer, Patrick Cottingham.

Mayor Whalen presented the following for council's consideration:

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-16-19: 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. (2019)

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-16-19. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

DISCUSSION RESOLUTION R-2-19:

Joshua Wice, City Coordinator, addressed council regarding the operation and maintenance of the cable system in the City of Florence. He explained that Pat Wingo and Linda Ain attended the June 18, 2019, council meeting and answered questions relating to the cable system and the specifications as they are detailed in the ordinance.

City Council passed the first reading of the ordinance on July 9, 2019, and second reading of the ordinance during the July 23, 2019, meeting. The city then opened the cable franchise for bid. The bid opening was held on August 8, 2019. Only one bid was received and it was submitted from Charter / Spectrum and met all of the requirements of the ordinance. Based on that, Mrs. Wingo and other staff members are recommending to council that the city grant the franchise to Charter / Spectrum. That action will be completed with council approval of Resolution R-2-19.

Mayor Whalen opened the floor for discussion. There being none, Resolution R-2-19 will be placed on the next business agenda for action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Whalen did not call for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilmember Huff so moved, with a second from Councilmember Osborne. **Council approved by unanimous vote**, the time being 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Nancy Zeilman
Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk