



**Florence City Council
Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 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 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 five (5) members of council were present: Mel Carroll, Duane Froelicher, J. Kelly Huff, David Osborne, and Gary Winn.

Councilmember Dr. Julie Aubuchon (Vice-Mayor) was absent.

Staff members present were: City Attorney, Hugh O. Skees; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua Hunt; City Clerk, Melissa Kramer; Videographer, Spencer Foreman; and Police Lieutenant, Jeff Mallery.

The following were also present: Brock MacKay, Viox & Viox; Boone County Commissioner, Jesse Brewer; and Trisha Scheyer, The River City News.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020, business meeting. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Huff. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-13-20:

Mayor Whalen read Ordinance O-13-20. An ordinance adopting and approving a zoning map amendment for a special sign district in a Commercial Services/Planned Development/Mall Road Overlay (C-3/PD/MR) zone for an approximate 3.3 acre site located at 8025 Action Boulevard, Florence, Kentucky, to allow an existing roof mounted sign to remain.

The effect of this Ordinance is to allow a zoning map amendment for a Special Sign District in a Commercial Services/Planned Development/Mall Road Overlay (C-3/PD/MR) zone, which would allow an existing roof mounted sign to remain. This Ordinance does not change the zoning of the site, but approves a zoning map amendment for a Special Sign District based on its current zoning.

The full text of Ordinance O-13-20, including its exhibits, are available for examination in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Florence, Kentucky, in the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, Kentucky, during regular office hours.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-13-20. Councilmember Froelicher motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O-14-20:

Mayor Whalen read Ordinance O-14-20. An ordinance adopting and approving a zoning map amendment from Commercial Two/Planned Development/Houston-Donaldson Study Corridor Overlay (C-2/PD/HDO) to Urban Residential Two/Planned Development/Houston-Donaldson Study Corridor Overlay (UR-2/PD/HDO) for a 20.484 acre site located on the northwest corner of the Houston Road/Turfway Access/Charles R. Callen Drive intersection, and north of the property at 4885 Houston Road, Florence, Kentucky, to allow a multi-family residential development. (Arlington Properties, LLC)

The effect of this Ordinance is to allow a Zoning Map Amendment from Commercial Two/Planned Development/Houston-Donaldson Study Corridor Overlay (C-2/PD/HDO) To Urban Residential Two/Planned Development/Houston-Donaldson Study Corridor Overlay (UR-2/PD/HDO), to allow a multi-family residential development.

The full text of Ordinance O-14-20, including its Exhibits, is available for examination in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Florence, Kentucky, in the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, Kentucky, during regular office hours.

Mayor Whalen called upon Joshua Hunt, Business and Community Development Director. Mr. Hunt explained the project is for a Class A luxury residential multi-family project including 320 units. The project will include 159 one bedroom units; 162 two bedroom units; 52 three bedroom units; and 567 parking spots which meet the parking count requirements. Boone County Planning Commission concluded that the proposal is in agreement with the Boone County Comprehensive Plan and the Houston Road Overlay District. Rent ranges are between \$1,000.00 and \$1,750.00 per month. The Florence Planning and Zoning Committee has recommended approval of the development with a condition. The condition is an amendment of Condition #8 which shall include cementitious board on the project.

Councilmember Froelicher commended Mr. Hunt for the project and believes the project will be a great addition to the city.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance O-14-20. Councilmember Osborne motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Property taxes have been sent out and can be paid at the Florence Government Center. Boone County Sheriff's Department is also stationed at our Finance Department and accepting payments for property taxes.
- The city's annual leaf collection began on October 26 and will run through December 28. The leaf collection schedule is on the city website.
- Trick or treat hours are Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please follow CDC Guidelines and trick or treat in small groups. If you want to participate and provide candy, leave your porch light on; if you do not want to participate, keep your porch light off.
- Do not forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday.
- Boone County will hold their annual Household Hazardous Waste Event on November 7, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at UC Health Stadium. Additional information can be found on Boone County's website or on the city website.
- This evening the city held Halloween Night Out Drive-thru event at the UC Health Stadium from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Everyone was to stay in their car, drive to a checkpoint, provide the number of children in their vehicle, and vendors will place a treat in your car. This was our substitution for our annual Halloween Night Out which normally takes place at the Government Center.
- The Honor Run Half-Marathon will not be held this year. In an effort to provide recognition to our Veterans, there will be an in-car veteran's parade held on Sunday, November 8 at the Florence Mall. The event will be hosted by the Florence Mall and Honor Flight Tri-State. Bring your veterans, drive your car in the parade, and each car will receive an American flag. Begin lining up at 9:00 a.m. and the parade starts at 10:00 a.m. The parade will loop around the mall parking lot.
- One week left to vote. Vote early at the Extension Office or vote at one of the ten polling places in the county on Election Day. All of the voting information will be on the county clerk's website.

Mayor Whalen, on behalf of the City of Florence, expressed condolences to the Metzger family. Dr. Ferd Metzger, founder of Metzger Eye Care, passed away on Saturday Morning. He served on Florence City Council numerous years, retiring from city council in 1998. Dr. Metzger was a great participant and servant of the Florence community for many years including participation in the Florence Lions Club, practice in optometry, and his service to the city. Our sympathies are with the Metzger family during this time.

Mayor Whalen advised Dr. Ferd Metzger's visitation will be held on October 29, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Chambers and Grubb on Dixie Highway in Florence. A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 10:00 a.m. on October 30 at St. Paul's Church in Florence. Mayor Whalen expressed condolences to Dr. Julie and the rest of the Metzger family.

Councilmember Carroll stated he was privileged to serve with Dr. Metzger during his tenure on city council. Mr. Carroll felt Dr. Metzger made respectable decisions and he will be missed.

Mayor Whalen advised there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases in Boone County and the rest of the region. We are not considered a red county at this point in time. Mayor Whalen strongly urged the community to do our best to follow the guidelines set forth to slow the spread. Mayor Whalen encouraged everyone to be kind and thoughtful of neighbors and family and also to be aware that gatherings can be a source of spreading the virus. Mayor Whalen is looking forward to turning the page to 2021.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

Members of City Council:

Councilmember Osborne applauded the brochure for the Veterans Parade and requested extra copies.

Audience:

None desired recognition.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Huff so moved, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Councilmembers present voted aye**, the time being 6:14 p.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Melissa Kramer
Melissa Kramer, City Clerk