



**Florence City Council
Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 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 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: Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Mel Carroll, Duane Froelicher, J. Kelly Huff, and, David A. Osborne.

Councilmember Gary Winn was absent.

Staff members present were: City Attorney, Hugh O. Skees; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua Hunt; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; City Engineer, Bill Viox; City Clerk, Nancy Zeilman; Videographers, Sean Kreke and Matt Miller; and, Police Officer, Dustin Zink.

The following were also present: Trish Scheyer, The River City News reporter; Kenny Vaught, commission appointee, Florence Board of Adjustment and Zoning Appeals; Kim Brown, Florence Freedom; Joshua Crouch, resident; Joe & Lilly McCarthy, resident.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019, special meeting. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

PROCLAMATION:

Kim Brown worked side by side with her husband Clint for fourteen years to build the Florence Freedom Ball Team. After Clint's sudden death in 2018, Kim took total responsibility for the baseball operations, stadium operations, and food and beverage service for Freedom.

In 2019, Kim made the difficult decision to sell the team. The City of Florence honors Kim Brown because of her leadership, passion, diligence, strength, and commitment to the City of Florence and to Florence Freedom. Mayor Whalen proclaimed October 8, 2019, as Kim Brown Day in the City of Florence, Kentucky.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Whalen read a proclamation designating October 23 – 31, 2019 as National Red Ribbon Week. This important week encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-14-19:

A Municipal Order approving the appointment of Kenny Vaught to the Florence Board of Adjustment and Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Charlie Reynolds.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to place Municipal Order No. MO-14-19 on the agenda. Councilmember Carroll motioned to place the Municipal Order on the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Municipal Order No. MO-14-19. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Metzger-Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-17-19:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O-28-14 relating to times and places for regular meetings of the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Committee to change the date of the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-17-19. Councilmember Osborne motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Carroll. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-18-19:

An Ordinance adopting and approving a change in concept development plan in a commercial two/planned development/Houston-Donaldson study corridor overlay (C-2/PD/HDO) zone for a 14.85 acre site located at 4949 Houston Road, Florence, Kentucky (Sam's Club) to allow a gasoline fueling station and for modifications to an existing retail building.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-18-19. Councilmember Osborne motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Metzger-Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The City of Florence Fall Clean Up Event will begin October 14, 2019, and run through Sunday, October 20, 2019. Drop off hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. For a list of acceptable items, go to our website at florence-ky.gov.
- National Drug Take-Back Day will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Unused or expired prescription drugs can be dropped off at the Florence Police Department, 8100 Ewing Blvd, Kroger, Mall Rd., or Walmart on Houston Road.
- Florence Community Band will present its Spooktacular Halloween Concert on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held in the lower level of the Florence Government Center.
- The City of Florence Annual Halloween Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at the Florence Government Center. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. Sponsor or vendor forms can be found on the City of Florence website.
- City of Florence Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be on Thursday, October 31, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- The homeless count in Boone County was launched today and will continue for two weeks. Professionals from the Welcome House, Brighton Center, and Veterans Affairs will be conducting brief surveys to gather better data around the population in Boone County experiencing homelessness.

October 15 is the target date for full canvassing, but professionals will be available and in the community through October 22, 2019.

- **RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

Department Heads:

Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll:

- Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll, explained that the week containing October 9 is recognized as Fire Prevention Week. This week is meant to bring awareness of fire safety to the community. In addition to social media communications, residents will receive fire safety reminders in this month's water bill.

Chief of Police, Tom Grau

- Chief Grau announced that the department has a new recruit at the academy. He will graduate on October 24, 2019. The department is excited for his arrival.
- The annual Honor Run will be held Sunday, November 10. Road closures and lane changes will be updated as the date gets close.

Public Services Director, Eric Hall

- Eric Hall gave an update on a few of the street and park projects:
 - Merravay Drive – Street improvement starting this week
 - Belair Drive – Street improvement in process
 - Miriam Drive – Street improvement and sidewalk in process
 - Kentaboo Park - In process, shelter and restrooms complete
 - Lincoln Woods Playground Resurfacing – In process
 - Nature Park Event Center – Complete – working on punch list

Audience:

Joshua Crouch, 6109 Spicewood Drive, Florence, Kentucky requested recognition.

Mr. Crouch expressed his displeasure at receiving a code violation for having a boat parked in his driveway. He appeared at the October Code Board Hearing and because he came into compliance, the fines were dismissed. Mr. Crouch does not feel this should be a violation. Mayor Whalen explained why there is a code enforcement process in the City of Florence and thanked him for taking his time to come to the council meeting.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, Hunters Green, Florence, Kentucky requested recognition.

Mr. McCarthy wanted to speak to council about the odor that his subdivision experiences from the Industrial Park, particularly Celanese Corporation. Mayor Whalen explained that even though Hunters Green has a Florence address, neither that subdivision nor Celanese are within the city or county limits.

Eric Hall, Director of Public Services, recommended that he reach out to the Sanitation District SD1. He could also talk to the Judge Executive's office in Kenton County, Kentucky.

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. **Council approved by unanimous vote**, the time being 6:55 p.m.

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APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Nancy Zeilman
Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk