



**Florence City Council
Business Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 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 six (6) members of council were present: Dr. Julie Metzger 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; CFO/Human Resources Director, Linda Chapman; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; City Clerk, Nancy Zeilman; Videographers, Sean Kreke and Matt Miller; and, Police Officer, Dustin Zink.

The following were also present: Cub Scout Troop #702; Scott Spicher, Executive Director of Honor Run Half Marathon; family members and volunteers associated with the Honor Run Half Marathon; Cheryl Popp, Tri-State Honor Run; Bruno Giacomuzzi, Vice President, St. Elizabeth Healthcare; Jesse Brewer, Boone County Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019, business meeting. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Whalen introduced Scott Spicher, Executive Director of Honor Run Half Marathon, to present the results of the 2019 Honor Run.

Mr. Spicher reported that 2019 is the sixth year for the Honor Run and the donations to Honor Flight Tri-State has now exceeded \$231,000.00. This amount will help pay for 434 local Veterans to fly to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials.

Mr. Spicher then invited Cheryl Popp, Executive Director of Tri-State Honor Flight, and Bruno Giacomuzzi, Vice President, St. Elizabeth Healthcare to the podium and presented this year's donation in the amount of \$50,000.00. This amount will send 87 local veterans on the annual trip to Washington, D.C.

MUNICIPAL ORDER MO-16-19:

A Municipal Order approving the reappointment of Gary Winn to the Board of Directors of the Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI).

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Municipal Order MO-16-19. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O-21-19:

An Ordinance to update the traffic regulations of the City by amending Ordinance No. O-20-11 relating to parking prohibitions, stop signs, speed regulations, truck traffic prohibitions, left turn prohibitions, one-way streets, and right turn only streets.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance O-21-19. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O-22-19:

An Ordinance amending the budget for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year of the City (Amendment #1).

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance O-22-19. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O-23-19:

An Ordinance relating to personnel; amending Ordinance No. O-12-19 relating to personnel policies, job descriptions, authorized positions, and the pay plan.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance O-23-19. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Whalen thanked everyone for their condolences on the passing of Lt. Phil Bender on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Services are scheduled on Friday, December 13, 2019.
- The City of Florence leaf collection will continue through December 31, 2019. A list of street pick up dates can be found on the City of Florence website at www.florence-ky.gov.
- The Florence Aquatic Center Membership can be purchased at a 15% discount through April 30, 2020. More information is available at www.florence-ky.gov.
- The City of Florence is partnering with Be Concerned's United Ministries to collect non-perishable food donations for Christmas. A donation barrel will be available in the Florence Government Center lobby until December 13, 2019.
- Christmas with Cops will hold a fundraising auction on December 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Brickhouse Pub & Grill, 7718 U.S. 42, Florence, Kentucky.
- The Florence Government Center will be closed on December 24 and December 25, 2019 and will resume normal business hours on Thursday, December 26 at 8:30 a.m.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice

Mr. Wice did not desire recognition.

Department Heads:

Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll:

- Chief Knoll announced that the Fire/EMS Department was at Big Lot's collecting toys for Be Concerned's United Ministries on Saturday, December 7, 2019. They collected 176 gifts for donation to this organization.

Chief of Police, Tom Grau:

Chief Grau did not desire recognition.

Public Services Director, Eric Hall

Eric Hall gave an update on a few of the street and park projects:

- Kentaboo Park water main is currently being installed. Construction on a new sidewalk will begin soon.
- Tanners Parking Lot is moving forward with utility relocation
- Orleans Park Playground surfacing is complete.

Audience:

No recognition requested from the audience.

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 6:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Nancy Zeilman
Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk