



**Florence City Council
Business Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 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, Duane Froelicher, J. Kelly Huff, David A. Osborne, and Gary Winn.

Councilmember Mel Carroll was absent.

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

The following were also present: Trish Scheyer, The River City News reporter; Melissa Kramer, Assistant City Clerk; Jen Worstell, resident of Florence; and Cady Cornell, Northern Kentucky Health Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020, business meeting. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Huff. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O-2-20:

An Ordinance adopting and approving a change in a Concept Development Plan in a Commercial Two/Planned Development (C-2/PD) zone and Office One/Planned Development (O-1/PD) zone for 0.97 acre lot located on the south side of US 42, to the immediate west of the

property at 8741 US 42 and immediate east of the property at 8755 US 42, Florence, Kentucky, to allow a multi-tenant commercial building. (Ken Butler/Jimmy Johns)

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance O-2-20. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O-3-20:

An Ordinance adopting and approving a change in a Concept Development Plan in an Industrial One/Planned Development/Houston Donaldson study corridor overlay (I-1/PD/HDO) zone for an approximate 2.8 acre site located at 5 Spiral drive, Florence Kentucky, to allow modifications, sales, and service of vehicles and equipment for the mobility challenged. (Mobility Works)

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance O-3-20. Councilmember Aubuchon motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O-4-20:

An Ordinance providing for a credit of occupational license fees for new employees as part of an economic development project by Leancor, LLC, under the Kentucky Business Investment Program.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance O-4-20. Councilmember Osborne motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Florence Aquatic Center Membership can be purchased at a 15% discount through April 30, 2020. More information is available at florence-ky.gov.
- There will be a Presidents Day display in the lobby of the Florence Government Center on Monday, February 17, 2020.
- Citizens Police Academy begins on March 11, 2020. The class will be held every Wednesday for eight weeks from 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. The program teaches citizens the daily duties and functions of the police department. Applications are available online.
- Florence Community Band will present its American Faces Concert on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the lower level of the Florence Government Center.
- Youth in Government will begin in March. The students will be educated on the duties of each department and how it fits into the infrastructure of the City.
Youth in Government Night will be held on Tuesday evening, March 10, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and is open to students of all ages that may not have the opportunity to visit

during the week. The event will be held in the lower level of the Florence Government Center.

- The Safe Sitter program will be held on April 7, 2020 at the Florence Government Center. Visit florence-ky.gov for registration and details.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

Department Heads:

Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll:

The Fire/EMS Department has a new fire truck which began service within the city last week and has already undergone plenty of runs. Chief Knoll thanked the Mayor, city council, and the city for the continued support of their department.

Chief of Police, Tom Grau:

Chief Grau did not desire recognition.

Public Services Director, Eric Hall:

Eric Hall, Public Services Director, reported the following:

New Street Improvements for the Spring – Manderley Street, Berkley Street, Shaun Alexander Way; Julia and Ann Street; all will be asphalt overlays
Street Improvements in front of Value City and the Morris Furniture Intersection
Water Main Improvements on Dell

Councilmember Winn encouraged all to attend “Linking Together” the 3rd Annual Youth Mental Health Summit which will be held on February 28, 2020 6:00-9:00 p.m. and February 29, 2020, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Florence Baptist Church. The cost of the event is \$35.00.

Councilmember Aubuchon was concerned with the potholes on Dixie Highway. Mayor Whalen explained that Dixie Highway was a state road and the responsibility of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Mayor Whalen advised everyone it is important to report potholes to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. There is also information on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet website. If you have any issues with city maintained roads, please call the city for information.

Audience:

No recognition requested from the audience.

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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 Winn. **Councilmembers presented voted aye**, the time being 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Nancy Zeilman
Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk