



**Florence City Council
Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2020
6:45 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in special session on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 6:45 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 Metzger-Aubuchon (Vice-Mayor), 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/HR, Linda Chapman; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua Hunt; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; City Clerk, Melissa Kramer; Community Events Coordinator, Vanessa Lenear; Assistant City Clerk, Brandi Roundtree; and Police Officer, Alex Ewald.

The following were also present: Mike Anderson, Churchill Downs; Erik Furlan, Churchill Downs, Chip Back, Churchill Downs; Jim Parsons, Attorney; Alexander Reynolds; Parents of Alexander Reynolds; and The River City News Reporter, Trish Scheyer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020, business meeting. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Huff. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen introduced City Events Coordinator, Vanessa Lenear. Mrs. Lenear explained that the student ambassador program was created in 2008 as a leadership program offered to Florence students in grades 6 through 12. Student ambassadors are encouraged to help with all city events and through the program gain skills related to public service, government operations, and customer

service. The process to apply for the program begins in March. Eligible students submit an application with two letters of recommendation. Next, selected students will complete an essay and undergo an interview. This year the interviews were conducted by Boone County Family Court Judge, Linda Bramlage; Florence City Councilmember, Gary Winn; Volunteers, Nancy Trotter and Brenda Sparks. Following the interview, chosen students will serve one year beginning on July 1 through June 30.

The student ambassador program received the 2019 Program of the Year by the Kentucky Recreation and Parks Society. Mrs. Lenear thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support of the program and allowing her to organize the program.

Mrs. Lenear explained the students receive many benefits while participating in the program including development in public speaking, leadership skills, increased knowledge of city and municipal government, community services hours, friendships, and receive uniforms. Senior ambassador students are also eligible to receive a scholarship.

This year, scholarships were presented to Alexander Reynolds and Rebecca Mulroney. In addition to Alexander and Rebecca, the following students also completed the 2019-2020 ambassador program: senior ambassadors, Zane Schneider, Jennifer Schalk and Sydney Gilson; junior ambassadors, Jake Workman, Miles Gilson, and Joel Klein; youth ambassadors, Jordan Dalcour, and Jonathan Glier-Simkus. The students did not attend the meeting as in years past due to COVID-19 and restrictions. This year's ambassadors will receive a certificate in the mail thanking them for their participation.

Mrs. Lenear thanked the parents for their support and introduced this year's scholarship winners, Seniors, Alexander Reynolds and Rebecca Mulroney. Senior, Rebecca Mulroney, was unable to attend. Mrs. Lenear introduced Senior, Alexander Reynolds. Alex recalled his time in the ambassador program including the initial interview process with Councilmember Winn. Alex learned a great deal in the program and particularly enjoyed his first event, the Annual Independence Day program. He enjoyed all the fellow ambassadors he met in the program and residents within the community. He felt the active civic engagement and interaction with the community was a positive experience. His favorite event he volunteered for was the Halloween Event. Alex believes the program builds character and he enjoyed his participation in the program. Alex thanked Mrs. Lenear, Mayor Whalen, and City Council.

Councilmember Aubuchon inquired what his future plans were. Alex let her know he intends on attending University of Louisville. He plans to pursue a major in political science and minor in economics. Alex is excited for his new venture and will miss the great city of Florence.

MUNICIPAL ORDER MO-10-20:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to place Municipal Order MO-10-20 on the agenda. Councilmember Carroll motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Whalen read Municipal Order MO-10-20. A Municipal Order of the City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, authorizing the issuance of Industrial Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, to assist Turfway Park, LLC, or assigns, to finance the acquisition, construction and equipping of an industrial building facility located within the City of Florence, Kentucky and to improve said facility; Authorizing the issuance of additional bonds; Providing for the pledge of revenues for the payment of said bonds; Authorizing a Lease Agreement between the City of Florence, Kentucky and Turfway Park, LLC, or assigns, with respect to the facility (the “Agreement”); Authorizing a trust indenture appropriate for the protection and disposition of such revenues and further to secure the payment of said bonds; Authorizing a bond purchase agreement; and Authorizing a home office payment agreement.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Municipal Order MO-10-20. Councilmember Osborne motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-6-20:

Mayor Whalen read Ordinance O-6-20. An Ordinance adopting and approving an amendment to the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget of the city (Amendment #2). The purposes of this amendment are as follows: (a) to reflect increases in the General Fund Revenue due to expanded storm water charges resulting from re-measuring affected areas, together with increases in fees from Code Enforcement Citations; (b) to reflect a decrease in General Fund Revenue resulting from the delay in Occupational License filing deadlines caused by the COVID-19 crisis; (c) to reflect an increase in General Fund Expenditures due to an increase in Fire/EMS Department unscheduled overtime and ongoing apparatus maintenance issues; (d) to reflect an increase in expenditures from the Health and Dental Fund based on a higher level of year-to-date claims; and (e) to reflect an increase in the Water and Sewer Fund expenses for higher levels of water purchases caused by increased water usage from families sheltering in their homes.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-6-20. Councilmember Carroll motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-7-20:

Mayor Whalen read Ordinance O-7-20 and Exhibit A. An Ordinance adopting and approving the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget of the city, including the General Fund, the Municipal Aid Road Fund, the Infrastructure Fund, the Asset Forfeiture Fund, the Aquatic Center Fund, the Water & Sewer Fund, the World of Golf Fund, and the Health and Dental Fund. Budgeted resources and expenditures are as shown on Exhibit A.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-7-20. Councilmember Aubuchon motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Huff. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-8-20:

Mayor Whalen read Ordinance O-8-20. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O-23-19 relating to personnel policies, job descriptions, authorized positions and the pay plan revising the City Personnel policies by eliminating one Administrative Secretary position and adding one Administrative Clerk position; adding one Code Enforcement Officer Position; and adding one Mechanic position; and providing an addition of a 2.3% cost of living increase.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-8-20. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Whalen reminded everyone the Annual Independence Day Celebration will be fireworks only on Friday, July 3, 2020 at 10:00 p.m. The fireworks display will be held at the Florence Public Services Facility. Guests can park and view the fireworks at the Florence Mall parking area, Florence Yall's Stadium, or at the Florence Government Center. Rain date will be held on Saturday, July 4, 2020.

Mayor Whalen advised the Florence Senior Center has not yet reopened. Senior centers are unable to resume in person services at this time under the state orders. While closed, the senior center has continued to provide services to residents including distributing 2,730 frozen meals; 1,759 telephone reassurance calls were made to check in with seniors; approximately 1700 masks were distributed; and delivering over 200 care packages to their homes.

The 2020 Census Team is currently hiring. Wages are \$18.50 per hour in Boone County. Apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs.

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 Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote**, the time being 7:13 p.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Melissa Kramer
Melissa Kramer, City Clerk