



**Florence City Council  
Business Meeting  
Tuesday, July 23, 2019  
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 23, 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; J. Kelly Huff; David A. Osborne and Gary Winn.

Councilmember Duane Froelicher was absent.

Staff members present were: City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice; City Attorney, Hugh Skees; Police Chief, 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, Derek Lynn.

The following were also present: Melissa Kramer, Assistant City Clerk; Trish Scheyer, The River City News reporter, Mr. Darrell Gross, Mrs. Sue Gross, Ms. Janice Massey, residents of the city, and parents and friends of the City of Florence Student Ambassadors.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 special meeting. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**RECOGNITION**

Mayor Whalen introduced Community Events Coordinator, Vanessa Lenear. Mrs. Lenear explained that the Student Ambassador program is a leadership program offered to students in

grades 6 through 12. Student Ambassadors are encouraged to help with all City events and learn skills related to public service, government operations, and customer service.

Mrs. Lenear explained that two scholarships are presented to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students each year. This year, the scholarships were presented to Jennifer Schalk and Zane Schneider.

In addition to Jennifer and Zane, the following students also completed the 2018-2019 Ambassador program: Rebecca Mulroney, Sydney Gilson, Jake Workman, Miles Gilson, Joel Klein, and Jordan Dalcour. Mrs. Lenear thanked them for their service and then introduced the 2019-2020 Student Ambassadors. Jennifer Schalk, Rebecca Mulroney, Zane Schneider, Alexander Reynolds, Sydney Gilson, Jake Workman, Miles Gilson, Joel Klein, Jordan Dalcour, and Jonathan Glier-Simkus will serve the upcoming year.

Mayor Whalen thanked the students for their participation, and she thanked their parents for the effort they make which allows the students to participate.

Mayor Whalen presented the following for council's consideration:

**MUNICIPAL ORDER MO-12-19: A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LANCE HOWARD TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM.**

Mayor Whalen then called for a motion to approve Municipal Order MO-12-19. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER MO-13-19: A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID SPILLE TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM.**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Municipal Order O-13-19. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**SECOND READING ORDINANCE O-15-19: AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FRANCHISE FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CABLE SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF FRANCHISE AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF SAID SYSTEM.**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-15-19. Councilmember Osborne motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. Councilmember Huff stated that he would abstain from the vote because he is an employee of

Charter Spectrum Communications. **Council approved 4–0, with an abstention by Councilman Huff.**

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Whalen read a proclamation recognizing the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Whalen stated that the Florence Family Aquatic Center is offering discount admission July 28 – August 11. In addition, memberships can be purchased at a 25% discount beginning August 1 through August 30. For registration and more details, visit the finance counter located in the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen also invited residents to enjoy Christmas in July that will be held at the Aquatic Center on July 25, 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. Participants will receive half off admission with a canned good or monetary donation.

The Safe Sitter program will be held Friday, August 2 at the Florence Nature Park. Visit [Florence-ky.gov](http://Florence-ky.gov) registration and details.

Mayor Whalen invited everyone to National Neighborhood Night Out. The event will be held at the Florence Government Center on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Police and fire will have equipment on display and food will be provided. It’s a great opportunity to connect with city officials and council members.

**RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice:

Mr. Wice did not desire recognition.

Department Heads:

Eric Hall, Public Services, Director reported the following:

- Orleans South Street improvements will begin August 1.
- Spiral Drive mill and overlay–ADA sidewalk ramp and installation started this week
- Merravay Drive – mill and overlay will begin August 5
- Belair Drive and Circle Drive – mill and overlay began last week
- Gunpowder Point – mill and overlay will begin August 5
- Miriam Drive – complete replacement already began
- Center Park Watermain replacement - will begin August 12

Jughandle – should be complete by early August  
Kentaboo Park - 50% complete  
Lincoln Woods Playground resurfacing – will begin August 15  
Nature Park Event Center – 71% complete

Audience:

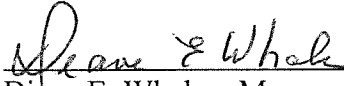
Mr. Darryl Gross, a resident of the city, requested recognition. He expressed concern about a problem on Goodridge Drive. Following Mr. Gross's statement of the complaint, Mayor Whalen requested Chief of Police, Tom Grau, take a report from Mr. Gross, and the other residents that were in attendance from Goodridge Drive.

Mayor Whalen thanked Mr. Gross for bringing the problem to the city's attention.

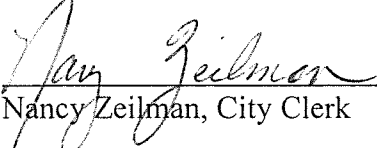
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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 6:37 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk