



**Florence City Council  
Business Meeting  
Tuesday, April 26, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, Kentucky, with Vice-Mayor, Dr. Julie Aubuchon presiding as chair.

**CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:**

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon 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 registered present: Dr. Julie Aubuchon (Vice-Mayor), Mel Carroll, J. Kelly Huff, David Osborne, Patricia Wingo, and Gary Winn.

Staff members present were: Assistant City Attorney, Dale T. Wilson; CFO/HR, Linda Chapman; Fire/EMS Chief, Rodney Wren; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua J. Hunt; City Clerk, Melissa Kramer; Videographer, Spencer Foreman; and Police Sergeant, Jon Newton.

The following were also present in the audience: Resident of Florence, Brian Kinross; Resident of Florence, Lesley Chambers; Resident of Florence, Aaron Gillum; LINK NKY News Reporter, Trisha Scheyer; and observer, Thomas Judd.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022, special meeting. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Wingo. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

**PROCLAMATION:**

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon read a Proclamation acknowledging May 4, 2022 as International Firefighters' Day reading the following Proclamation into record:

*WHEREAS, firefighters and emergency services personnel play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in the City of Florence; and*

***WHEREAS**, International Firefighters' Day is observed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May and is an opportunity for the citizens of Florence to recognize and honor the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure their communities and environment are as safe as possible, and a day in which current and past firefighters can be thanked for their contributions; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Florence shows our support and appreciation to the firefighters who continue to protect us throughout the year as we recognize the firefighters for their extraordinary commitment, exceptional bravery and for their selfless service; and*

***WHEREAS**, hailing from all walks of life, they are our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbors and friends. They protect us without wanting of recognition or reward. In our time of need they are there with courage, compassion and loyalty. They are the essence of the true meaning of community.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, I, Diane E. Whalen, Mayor of the City of Florence, Kentucky, and on behalf of the members of Florence City Council, do hereby proclaim and encourage all citizens of Florence to observe May 4, 2022 in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel.***

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Florence, Kentucky, to be affixed hereto, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.*

Councilmember Carroll expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Florence Fire/EMS Department and Florence Police Department.

### **SECOND READING ORDINANCE O-3-22:**

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon read Ordinance O-3-22. An Ordinance to close and abandon a portion of excess right-of-way for a public way, being part of an alley on the northwest side of Main Street, northeast of Shelby Street in the City of Florence, Kentucky pursuant to KRS 82.405(1) and (2), the City Council for the City of Florence, Kentucky having determined that all property owners in or abutting that portion of the public right-of-way agree to that closing and abandonment.

This Ordinance closes and abandons a portion of excess right-of-way as a public way, being part of an alley on the northwest side of Main Street, northeast of Shelby Street in the City of Florence, Kentucky. That tract of real estate being closed and abandoned herein reverts to the adjacent property owners.

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-3-22. Councilmember Wingo motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Carroll. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

### **SECOND READING ORDINANCE O-4-22:**

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon read Ordinance O-4-22. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O-22-14 to adopt the NFPA 1 Fire Code, 2018 Edition (the "Code").

This Ordinance adopts the NFPA 1 Fire Code, 2018 Edition, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., and approved as an American National Standard on September 6, 2017, (the "Code"), with certain amendments, and incorporates its provisions by reference.

The full text of Ordinance O-4-22, including its Exhibits, is available for examination in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Florence, Kentucky, in the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, Kentucky, during regular office hours.

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-4-22. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Osborne. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

### **SECOND READING ORDINANCE O-5-22:**

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon read Ordinance O-5-22. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O-23-14 to adopt the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2018 Edition (the “Code”).

This Ordinance adopts the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code 2018 Edition, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., and approved as an American National Standard.

The full text of Ordinance O-5-22, including its exhibits, is available for examination in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Florence, Kentucky, in the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Blvd., Florence, Kentucky, during regular office hours.

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-5-22. Councilmember Wingo motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

### **FIRST READING ORDINANCE O-6-22:**

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon read Ordinance O-6-22. An Ordinance annexing certain territory consisting of a parcel of approximately 2.391 acres located at the Southwest Intersection of Kentucky Highway 1829 (Industrial Road) and U.S. Highway 25 (Dixie Highway), adjacent to the city limits. (Holland Dixie Development, LLC)

This Ordinance annexes a tract of approximately 2.391 acres located at the Southwest Intersection of Kentucky Highway 1829 (Industrial Road) and U.S. Highway 25 (Dixie Highway).

The full text of Ordinance O-6-22, including its exhibits, is available for examination in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Florence, Kentucky, in the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Blvd., Florence, Kentucky, during regular office hours.

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance O-6-22. Councilmember Carroll motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Huff. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - RESOLUTION R-2-22:**

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon read Resolution R-2-22. A Resolution Authorizing the City of Florence, Kentucky to use the standard allowance for the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon called upon CFO/HR, Linda Chapman, with regard to the Resolution. Ms. Chapman stated the Resolution was necessary to receive authorization by councilmembers to complete the ARPA Funding Reporting. Ms. Chapman elected to use the standard allowance as the method of reporting.

Councilmember Winn inquired with regard to usage of funds and distributions. Ms. Chapman stated the funds may only be used for specific allocations.

Councilmember Carroll inquired with regard to the fiscal year reporting. Ms. Chapman stated the Resolution was a one time adoption as the reporting entailed both years.

No further questions or discussion were needed. Vice-Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to approve Resolution R-2-22. Councilmember Wingo motioned to approve Resolution R-2-22 with a second from Councilmember Winn. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Vice-Mayor Aubuchon advised the Student Ambassador Applications deadline was extended until Friday, April 29. Return applications to the Administration Department.
- Vice-Mayor Aubuchon advised Spring cleanup week is underway through Sunday, May 1. As a Florence resident, bring unwanted trash and debris, excluding hazardous waste, to the Public Services Facility located at 7850 Tanners Lane for disposal. Must show proof of residency. Call the Public Services Department at 859.647.5416 for additional information.
- Vice-Mayor Aubuchon announced the Florence Police Department is participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day this Saturday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be two drop off locations: the north parking lot of the Florence Government Center and Florence Kroger Marketplace, 7685 Mall Road. No liquids, needles, ointments or syringes. Call the Florence Police Department at 859.647.5420 for additional information.
- Vice-Mayor Aubuchon reminded everyone to purchase their Florence Aquatic Center Membership. The Florence Aquatic Center will open May 28.
- Vice-Mayor Aubuchon announced the Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 30. The parade will begin at Boone County High School at 10:00 a.m. and will end at the Florence Government Center. Following the parade, the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Boone County Veterans Memorial located at the Florence Government Center. Information and an application to participate in the parade can be found on the city website.

**RECOGNITION:**

Vice-Mayor Aubuchon asked if any of the following desired recognition:

Members of City Council:

None desired recognition.

Department Heads:

Fire/EMS Chief, Rodney Wren:

Chief Wren did not desire recognition.

Public Services Director, Eric Hall:

Mr. Hall did not desire recognition.

Chief of Police, Tom Grau:

Chief Grau advised the Easter Drive Through Candy Event was successful. The event hosted sixteen vendors and the department had received many positive comments regarding the event. Chief Grau was appreciative of the help and assistance received from all of the city departments.

Members of the audience:

No recognition requested from the audience.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Vice-Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Huff so moved, with a second from Councilmember Carroll. **Councilmembers present voted aye**, the time being 6:13 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Melissa Kramer  
Melissa Kramer, City Clerk

