



**Florence City Council  
Business Meeting  
Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:00 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 registered present: Dr. Julie Aubuchon (Vice-Mayor), Mel Carroll, J. Kelly Huff, Patricia Wingo, and Gary Winn. Councilmember David Osborne was absent.

Staff members present were: Assistant City Attorney, Thomas Nienaber; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua J. Hunt; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; City Engineer, Bill Viox; City Clerk, Melissa Kramer; Videographer, Spencer Foreman; Videographer, Perry Weber; and Police Lieutenant, Nathan Rettig.

The following were also present in the audience: LINK NKY News Reporter, Kaitlin Gebby; Resident of Florence, Aaron Gillum; and Resident of Florence, Thomas Judd.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022, business meeting. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Huff. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

**SECOND READING ORDINANCE O-14-22:**

Mayor Whalen read Ordinance O-14-22. An Ordinance Adopting and Approving a Zoning Map Amendment for a Special Sign District in a Commercial Two/Planned Development/Houston-Donaldson Study Corridor Overlay (C-2/PD/HDO) District for an approximate 2.4 acre site located at 4885 Houston Road, Florence, Kentucky, to allow an off-site free standing sign.

The effect of this Ordinance is to allow a zoning map amendment for a Special Sign District in a Commercial Two/Planned Development/Houston-Donaldson Study Corridor Overlay (C-

2/PD/HDO) District, which would allow an off-site free standing sign. This Ordinance does not change the zoning of the site, but approves a zoning map amendment for a Special Sign District based on its current zoning.

The full text of Ordinance O-14-22, 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.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-14-22. Councilmember Aubuchon motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

### **SECOND READING ORDINANCE O-15-22:**

Mayor Whalen read Ordinance O-15-22. An Ordinance Adopting and Approving a Change in a Concept Development Plan in a Commercial Two / Planned Development / Houston-Donaldson Study Corridor Overlay (C-2/PD/HDO) District for an approximate 3.2 acre site located at 7484-7488 Turfway Road, Florence, Kentucky, to allow redevelopment of a portion of the site with an 8,770 square foot commercial building. (Shihasi KY, LLP)

The effect of this Ordinance is to allow redevelopment of a portion of a 3.2 acre site with an 8,770 square foot commercial building in a Commercial Two/Planned Development/Houston-Donaldson Study Corridor Overlay (C-2/PD/HDO) District.

The full text of Ordinance O-15-22, 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.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-15-22. Councilmember Aubuchon motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Huff. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

### **MUNICIPAL ORDER MO-6-22:**

Mayor Whalen read Municipal Order MO-6-22. A Municipal Order approving a real estate purchase agreement between the City of Florence, Kentucky, and Heritage Bank, Inc., for the property located at 8049 Dream Street, Florence, Kentucky.

Mayor Whalen advised the property is on Dream Street adjacent to Heritage Bank. The location previously was home to the former Florence Inn/Knights Inn. She advised the city through discussion and review has determined the location would be best for the new firehouse on the east side of town. Approval of the Municipal Order permits the Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents associated with the purchase of the property.

Councilmember Aubuchon commended Mayor Whalen for forward-thinking of the addition of a new firehouse and location which is in close proximity to the interstate.

Councilmember Carroll opined the firehouse will be a great asset for the community, now and in the future, and is looking forward to the addition.

Mayor Whalen advised during the review process, the Fire/EMS Department and Public Services Department reviewed run volumes, calls, and determined the property was the best location.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Municipal Order MO-6-22. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve Municipal Order MO-6-22 with a second from Councilmember Wingo. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mayor Whalen advised there would be an Open House and Ribbon Cutting held on July 13 for Legacy Living of Florence at 4:00 p.m. Legacy Living is located at 8250 Gunpowder Road. Legacy Living Florence is a campus for Senior Living which transfers from assisted to memory care.  
Councilmember Carroll advised there will be a live band and refreshments following the ribbon cutting.
- Mayor Whalen announced the Boone County Senior Picnic is scheduled for September 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Tickets will be available to purchase for residents 55+ on August 1, 2022. Purchase tickets at the Finance Department, Senior Center, and the courthouse.

### **RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

Members of City Council:

Councilmember Winn commended the city for the fireworks display on July 3 and thought the finale was impressive.

Department Heads:

Public Services Director, Eric Hall:

Mr. Hall did not desire recognition.

Chief of Police, Tom Grau:

Chief Grau did not desire recognition.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Huff so moved, with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **Councilmembers present voted aye**, the time being 6:09 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Melissa Kramer  
Melissa Kramer, City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

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

