



**Florence City Council  
Business Meeting  
Tuesday, September 27, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 27, 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 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; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Fire/EMS Chief, Rodney Wren; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua J. Hunt; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; City Engineer, Bill Viox; City Clerk, Melissa Kramer; Videographer, Perry Weber; and Police Lieutenant, Nathan Rettig.

The following were also present in the audience: LiveWell Florence Representatives, Matt Loyd (St. Elizabeth Healthcare) and Jennifer Welch (Boone County Alliance), Richmond Amankwah; Northern Kentucky Health Department Programs Manager, Marsha Bach; District Board of Health, Tom Cahill, Jr.; Boone County Alliance Youth Advocate, Chilota Iloegbunam; Boone County Alliance Youth Advocate, Anna Quinn and Parent, Kim Quinn; Executive Director of Student/Community Services of the Boone County Schools, Ms. Kathleen Reutman; Resident of Florence, Brian Kinross; Resident of Florence, Jonathan Sterling; 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 September 8, 2022, special meeting. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022, business meeting. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Wingo. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

**PRESENTATION – LIVEWELL FLORENCE:**

Mayor Whalen called upon and welcomed representatives from LiveWell of Northern Kentucky. Jennifer Welch and Matt Loyd (St. Elizabeth Healthcare), representatives with LiveWell Florence, introduced the attendees in the audience including Tom Cahill, Marsha Bach, Richmond Amankwah, Chilota Iloegbunam, Anna Quinn, and Kim Quinn.

Mr. Loyd directed everyone's attention to the presentation. He identified LiveWell Florence committee members including Aetna, Anthem, American Cancer Society, BCA-Boone County Alliance, Boone County Extension Office, Boone County Farmer's Market, Boone County Libraries, Boone County Schools, City of Florence and their residents, Florence Christian Church, Florence Y'all, Interact for Health, Kentucky Cancer Program, NKY Health, Northern Kentucky Community Action Commotion, One NKY Alliance, St. Elizabeth Healthcare Well Care, and the YMCA. LiveWell Florence's goal is to help citizens make the healthiest choice and sustain a healthy lifestyle. Mr. Loyd stated LiveWell Florence has sub committees which include the Smoke-Free Environments, Tom Cahill is the Chair; Physical Activity, Mary Schneider is the Chair; and Healthy Eating Chair Representative is currently vacant.

LiveWell Florence's mission is to educate and create awareness for smoke-free environments. Over the summer, LiveWell Florence sponsored programs which promoted smoke-free environments, including one at Thomas More Stadium. The event included a mega lung display for individuals to see the potential risks associated with smoking and unhealthy living. Mr. Loyd explained the importance of smoke-free environments, remaining physically active, and healthy eating. Additionally, he explained programs available to residents sponsored by LiveWell Florence including free and fresh produce distributions at Florence Christian Church. The food distributions are held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Mr. Loyd stated in 2019, 21,358 pounds of food were distributed and in 2021, 81,671 pounds of food was distributed. Additionally, LiveWell Florence recognizes businesses within Florence for providing nutritional food options and protecting the lung health of their employees and patrons. The restaurants which participant are provided with a window cling which they can display.

Ms. Welch, Grant Coordinator and Program Director with the Boone County Alliance, stated their mission is to reduce youth substance and support mental wellness in Boone County. Their partnerships include Mental Health America, Northern Kentucky Health Department, LiveWell Florence, Boone County Schools, NorthKey, Northern Kentucky University, American Cancer Society, Anthem Wellness, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the Florence Rotary. The Boone County Alliance provides resource programs including a Social Host Awareness "Not in My House Campaign", vape training, sources of strengths with Boone County Schools, Mental Health Awareness and participates in the Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

Ms. Welch introduced the Boone County Alliance Youth Representatives from St. Henry High School, Chilota Iloegbunam and Anna Quinn. Chilota Iloegbunam and Anna Quinn introduced themselves and stated they are working to protect youth in the community as part of the Boone County Alliance. They have participated in Day of Action Events, Red Ribbon Week Events, Mental Health Awareness, Social Media Campaigns, prevention trainings, and peer lead health education "All about the Vape". Anna stated nearly half of the youth in the United States are not

protected by smoke free laws. Chilota stated Kentucky high school students are 23% less likely to smoke cigarettes and 16% less likely to use smokeless tobacco simply because they live in a community with smoke-free laws in place.

Ms. Welch informed everyone on September 6, 2022, the Kentucky Attorney General announced a \$438.5 million agreement with JUUL Labs returning at least \$14 million to the Commonwealth. The agreement was reached as a result of JUUL illegally marketing vaping products to underage youth and misleading consumers regarding the nicotine content of their e-cigarettes. As part of their awareness campaign, the Boone County Alliance provides information with the common misconceptions of vaping. Ms. Welch invited everyone to join the Boone County Alliance and become involved. Check their website at [www.boonecountyalliance.com](http://www.boonecountyalliance.com) and on Facebook as BooneCountyAlliance for more information. She encouraged everyone to email her at [jwelch@mhankyswoh.org](mailto:jwelch@mhankyswoh.org) for additional information. The Boone County Alliance Meetings currently are held via Zoom the third Monday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Loyd invited everyone to attend the LiveWell Florence meetings. The Steering Committee meets virtually on the first Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m. The Live Smoke-Free Florence meets quarterly or as needed. LiveWell Florence Health Eating meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. and LiveWell Florence Physical Activity meets quarterly as needed. He encouraged everyone to contact either Tom Cahill at [thomas.cahill@st.elizabeth.com](mailto:thomas.cahill@st.elizabeth.com), Jodi Cesene at [Jodi.cesene@nkyhealth.org](mailto:Jodi.cesene@nkyhealth.org), Mary Price at [mvrprice@yahoo.com](mailto:mvrprice@yahoo.com), Mary Schneider at [mary.schneider@uky.edu](mailto:mary.schneider@uky.edu) or [florencelivewell@gmail.com](mailto:florencelivewell@gmail.com) for additional information.

Mayor Whalen thanked the LiveWell Florence representatives for attending the meeting and expressed her appreciation for all their efforts and advocacy in the community.

### **SECOND READING ORDINANCE O-20-22:**

Mayor Whalen read Ordinance O-20-22. An Ordinance of the City of Florence, Kentucky, Providing for a credit of its Occupational License Fee for new Kentucky Resident Employees as part of an Economic Development Project under The Kentucky Business Investment Program by Mackenzie and Paige Logistics, LLC.

This Ordinance approves participation by the City of Florence in an economic development project in conjunction with the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority. The purpose of the Project is for Mackenzie and Paige Logistics, LLC to relocate their operations within the City and to create 120 new full time Kentucky resident jobs. Participation by the City will consist of a credit equal to 0.7857% of the City's 2% occupational license fees on wages of new Kentucky resident employees created as part of this project, for a period of 10 years.

The full text of this Ordinance O-20-22 is available for examination in the office on 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-20-22. Councilmember Carroll motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Wingo. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

- Mayor Whalen announced Fall Clean Up is scheduled for Monday, October 10 thru Sunday, October 16. Drop off is at the Public Services Maintenance Facility located at 7850 Tanners Lane. The clean-up is available for Florence residents only and you must show proof of residency. The city will not accept tire, non-rechargeable batteries, or hazardous waste items. There will be a household hazardous waste collection that takes place in November. Contact the City of Florence Public Services Department at 859.647.5416 for more information.
- Mayor Whalen reminded everyone the city will be hosting a Halloween Night Out on Tuesday, October 25 at Thomas More Stadium from 6:00-8:00 p.m. “Nightmare at the Ballpark”, will be a spooktacular family friendly event. Mayor Whalen requests the event have no political campaigning to allow children to enjoy the evening. If you would like to become a vendor, please contact the Administration Department.
- Mayor Whalen announced the Trick or Treat Hours in the City of Florence will be on Halloween, October 31, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Mayor Whalen thanked everyone that participated in Arbor Day on Saturday, September 24 at Niblack Memorial Park. She was appreciative of all the participants assisting in planting the trees and the tree expert on hand. Mayor Whalen expressed her appreciation to the Public Services Department for assisting as well.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(b) acquisition/sale of real property - where publicity would be likely to affect the value of property to be acquired for public use or to be sold by the city. Councilmember Aubuchon so moved with a second from Councilmember Winn. **All councilmembers present voted aye, the time being 6:30 p.m.** Mayor Whalen advised they would return to the room to adjourn and did not anticipate any further business taking place following Executive Session.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to come back into session after the Executive Session. Councilmember Wingo so moved, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **All councilmembers present voted aye, the time being 7:13 p.m.**

**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 Carroll. **Councilmembers present voted aye, the time being 7:14 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

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

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Melissa Kramer  
Melissa Kramer, City Clerk

