



**Florence City Council
Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
12:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in special session on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the Rosetta Training Facility, 175 Rosetta Drive, Florence, Kentucky, with Mayor Julie M. Aubuchon presiding as chair.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

Mayor Julie M. Aubuchon called the special meeting to order and declared the meeting open for the presentation of items on the special meeting agenda.

The following six (6) members of council were present: Mel Carroll, Lesley Chambers, Jenna Kemper (Vice-Mayor), David A. Osborne, Patricia Wingo and Gary Winn.

Staff members present were: CFO/HR, Linda Chapman; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua J. Hunt; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Fire/EMS Chief, Rodney Wren; and City Clerk, Melissa Kramer.

The following were also present in the audience: Northern Kentucky Tribune Reporter, Trisha Scheyer; Resident of Florence, Diane E. Whalen; and Resident of Florence, Thomas Judd.

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Linda Chapman, CFO/HR, discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget. Ms. Chapman advised the proposed budget continues the stringent philosophy that was adopted in previous fiscal years. This year's budget is to maintain a status quo in operating expenditures with that of the current fiscal year, less any additional requests that were approved during the budget process last year. Each department's budget has been adjusted to reflect the potential change in personnel costs by incorporating a C.O.L.A. of 6.0%. The remaining operating budget will be held the same as FY 2022-2023 in total with the exception of some additional requests.

Presentations for departmental budget requests were provided by Tom Grau, Chief of Police; Rodney Wren, Fire/EMS Chief; and Eric Hall, Public Services Director. Discussion with regard to presented budget requests were held.

Linda Chapman, CFO/HR, presented the proposed Administrative Department budget. Business & Community Development Director, Joshua Hunt, presented an overview of proposed economic development, grants and collaborative opportunities.

Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to go into Closed 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 Winn so moved with a second from Councilmember Wingo. **All councilmembers present voted aye, the time being 2:10 p.m.**

Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to come back into session after the Closed Session. Councilmember Wingo so moved, with a second from Councilmember Carroll. **All councilmembers present voted aye, the time being 2:30 p.m.**

Following Closed Session, Ms. Chapman continued her budget presentation. Discussions continued with regard to the upcoming budget.

Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(f) appointment, discipline or dismissal of personnel.

Councilmember Carroll so moved with a second from Councilmember Wingo. **All councilmembers present voted aye, the time being 4:43 p.m.**

Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to come back into session after the Closed Session. Councilmember Carroll so moved, with a second from Councilmember Kemper. **All councilmembers present voted aye, the time being 4:56 p.m.**

Additional discussion was held with regard to the budgetary items and no further questions or discussion was necessitated.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Aubuchon called for a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilmember Winn so moved, with a second from Councilmember Carroll. **Council approved by unanimous vote, the time being 5:03 p.m.**

APPROVED:

/s/ Julie M. Aubuchon
Julie M. Aubuchon, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Melissa Kramer
Melissa Kramer, City Clerk

