



**Florence City Council
Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in special session on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 11:00 a.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; Director of Administration/City Administrator, Joshua J. Hunt; Chief of Police, Jeff Mallery; Fire/EMS Chief, Rodney Wren; and City Clerk, Melissa Kramer.

The following were also present in the audience: Assistant Fire/EMS Chief, Chris Miller; Fire Marshal Randy Childress; Resident of Florence, Angie Cable; Resident of Florence, Brian Kinross, Observer, Maeve Hamlet; and Resident of Florence, Thomas Judd.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE O-8-2024:

Mayor Aubuchon read Ordinance O-8-2024. 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 (KRS 154.32-010–KRS 154.32-100) 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 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 Ordinance O-8-2024 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 Aubuchon called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-8-2024. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Wingo. Mayor Aubuchon requested a Roll Call Vote. Councilmember Carroll, yes; Councilmember Chambers, yes; Councilmember Winn, yes; Councilmember Kemper, yes; Councilmember Wingo, yes; Councilmember Osborne, yes. **Roll call recognized six yes votes approving the second reading of Ordinance O-8-2024 by unanimous vote.**

FY 2024-2025 BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Linda Chapman, CFO/HR, discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 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 3.2%. The remaining operating budget will be held the same as FY 2023-2024 in total except for some additional requests.

Presentations for departmental budget requests and city projects were provided by Jeff Mallery, Chief of Police; Rodney Wren, Fire/EMS Chief; Eric Hall, Public Services Director; and Joshua J. Hunt, Director of Administration/City Administrator.

Linda Chapman, CFO/HR, presented the proposed Administrative Department budget. 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 Carroll so moved, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote**, the time being 3:43 p.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Melissa Kramer
Melissa Kramer, City Clerk

