



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Government Center, with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding as Chair.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

Mayor Whalen called the regular meeting to order and declared the Regular Session to be open for the presentation of all City business.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called and the following six (6) members of Council registered present: Gary Winn, Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Duane Froelicher, David A. Osborn, J. Kelly Huff and Mel Carroll.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Alex Mattingly, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Fire/EMS Chief Kelly Joe Aylor, Police Chief John McDermond, Public Services Director Eric Hall, City Engineer Bill Viox, Business/Community Development Director Joshua Hunt, Finance Director Linda Chapman, Wade Williams (Tri-Ed,) Videographer Mike Setters, City Clerk Erin Courts and Lt. Greg Rehkamp.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 28, 2017 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2017 Business Meeting of Council. Council Member Winn so moved, with second from Council Member Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

OATH OF OFFICE:

Firefighter/Paramedic: Jonathan McNamara, David Curtis, John Clayton, Mark Bittner, Brentley Wuest
Firefighter/EMT: Kyle Brant

Mayor Whalen recognized Chief Aylor who introduced Jonathan McNamara, David Curtis, John Clayton, Mark Bittner, Brentley Wuest and Kyle Brant who are the newest member of the Florence fire Department. Mayor Whalen gave the Oath of Office to Jonathan McNamara, David Curtis, John Clayton, Mark Bittner, Brentley Wuest and Kyle Brant.

FIRST READING –

ORDINANCE O-3-17

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for First Reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 0-16-13 TO RECOGNIZE THE ADDITION OF WORLDWIDE AIR LOGISTICS GROUP, INC. AND ATLAS AIR, INC. AS AFFILIATED ENTITIES OF SOUTHERN AIR, INC., WITH RESPECT TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UNDER THE KENTUCKY BUSINESS INVESTMENT (KBI) PROGRAM (KRS 154.32-010-KRS 154.32-100).

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-3-17 on first reading. Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Winn, that Ordinance No. O-3-17 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

DISCUSSION:

Clover Development Planning and Zoning Update

Clover was a development that was going to go behind Preakness off of Mall Road targeted for a Senior Living Center. The Planning Commission had voted to deny that request. They brought it before the Planning and Zoning Committee who felt they needed to do a little more work and they decided they could not comply and withdrew their request. No action needs to be taken. It was denied originally due to a time deadline. The City requested improvements to certain areas of the development and Clover could not financially meet the requests.

Vice Mayor Aubuchon discussed three other developments that are in the works through the Planning and Zoning Commission that do not need a Public Hearing. These include a Quick 8 Oil Change store, a Senior Living facility and a sign for Guardian Savings Bank. These will be in the packets for the next Council Meeting.

MUNICIPAL ORDERS –

Municipal Order No. MO-10-17

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-10-17:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK HOLLOWELL TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE MAIN STREET DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM.

Vice Mayor Aubuchon moved, with second from Council Member Osborne, that Municipal Order No. MO-10-17 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Municipal Order No. MO-11-17

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-11-17:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SAMUEL DENHAM TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE URBAN FOREST COMMISSION FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM.

Council Member Osborne moved, with second from Council Member Winn, that Municipal Order No. MO-11-17 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Municipal Order No. MO-12-17

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-12-17:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY (“SELLER”) AND THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY INDEPENDENT HEALTH DISTRICT (“BUYER”) TO FINALIZE THE PURCHASE BY BUYER FROM SELLER OF AN APPROXIMATELY 4 ACRE TRACT LOCATED ON VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE IN THE CITY TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFFICE BUILDING BY BUYER.

Council Member Osborne moved, with second from Council Member Winn, that Municipal Order No. MO-11-17 be approved as reviewed. Mayor Whalen requested a roll call from the City Clerk that Municipal Order No. MO-12-17 be approved as reviewed. **Vice Mayor Aubuchon abstained from voting.**

MAYOR’S REPORT:

- We have begun the 3 day process of our Youth in Government program. The Mayor thanked all of the departments for a successful first day.
- Citizens Police Academy started on 3/8/17. This is an opportunity for residents to come and experience what the Police Department does on a daily basis.
- Charity Night at the Tables will be held at Turfway Park on March 18, 2017. The Mayor appreciates all of the charities that are involved in the event.
- NKY History Day at the Main Library will be held on March 25, 2017 from 8:00 am to 1:00 at the Boone County Main Library on Burlington Pike
- JACK Cincinnati Casino Spiral Stakes is on March 25, 2017 at Turfway Park beginning at 9:00 am and the race begins at 1:00.
- Student Ambassador Applications are available in the center lobby of the Florence Government Center until the end of this month. Applications are also available on our website.
- Kentucky Blue Ribbon ceremony at Tom Gill Chevrolet for April which is Child Abuse Awareness Month will be held on March 31, 2017 from 11:00-1:00. He

has been a big supporter of Child Abuse Awareness for many years. There will be a buffet beginning at 11:00 and the ceremony will be at 12:00. Blue ribbons will begin to pop up all around the City.

- Florence Family Aquatic Center memberships are on sale on our website or here at the Florence Government Center until the end of April and the pool will be opening on Memorial Day weekend.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

- Alex Mattingly stated that the Youth in Government was a good experience so far and he was very impressed.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen recognized the Cub Scouts from Pack 845 in the audience. There were 5 students from Collins and St. Paul that are currently Bear rank and soon to be moving up. The Mayor thanked them for being at the meeting.

Mayor Whalen asked if any Department Head desired recognition:

- **Chief Aylor** wanted to mention that St. Elizabeth Hospital nominates the Crew of the Month for this Quarter and Firefighter/EMT Ellison and Firefighter/Paramedic Burkamp were nominated.
- **Chief McDermond** mentioned that the Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Florence Freedom on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 11:00am. More information will come on our website and our Face Book page.
- **Eric Hall** wanted to mention the projects going on in Public Services:
 - Renegade way - Bids came back within budget – Len Riegler Blacktop won the bid. Preconstruction meeting will be set for next week.
 - Ockerman Campus Water Main – found a good way to loop the system and will start April 10.
 - Rosetta Stream Bank project is almost complete.
 - Lincoln Woods Tennis Courts are set to be resurfaced in the early spring. Len Riegler Blacktop will be completing that project as well.
 - French Quarters Phase 4 in Orleans North will be starting. This will bring 54 new lots to the City. 2000 linear feet of street.
 - Work Zone Awareness Week will be in April and we will be lighting up the water tower orange.
 - Boone County Transportation Plan just started up. This will identify projects in Boone County that need funding including:
 - US 42 bridge widening
 - KY18 bridge widening
 - Interstate NB ramp to US42 - light
 - Connecting Hopeful Church Rd to Pleasant Valley.
 - New Buffington sidewalk

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Mayor Whalen asked if any council member desired recognition;

- Vice Mayor Aubuchon wanted to mention the details of the Boone County Early Learning Center for the viewing audience. It is located on Ewing Boulevard next to Magnolia Springs.


EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:

An executive/closed session was not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Huff so moved, with second from Council Member Osborne and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED:



Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erin M. Courts, City Clerk

