

CITY OF FLORENCE
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD
APRIL 21, 2026

The Governing Authorities of the city of Florence met in their regularly scheduled meeting set for the 3rd Tuesday in April, April 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall located at 203 College Street in Florence, Mississippi.

Initially present were Mayor Pro-Tem Grantham, Aldermen Banks, Herrin, Martin and Sistrunk. Mayor Gunn was absent.

Alderman Banks gave the invocation.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Herrin to send Chief Burns to MS Association Chief of Police Summer conference in Biloxi, MS June 16-19, 2026 and for the city pay the registration fee of \$275.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to send Public Works Operator Billy Russell and Maintenance worker Ethan Peden to MS Rural Water Association, Inc. 2026 Backflow Prevention Certification class in Pearl, MS August 17-20, 2026 and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$550.00 each and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to send Public Works Operator Billy Russell to 2026 MSRWA Annual Management & Technical Conference in Biloxi, MS May 26-29, 2026 and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$300.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Community Development Director Joel Sims, a Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Banks to approve signage for Peak Therapy located at 2990 Hwy. 49 South Florence, MS as presented by A-Plus Signs. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Community Development Director Joel Sims, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Banks to approve signage for Outlaw Customs, LLC located at 2893 Hwy. 49 South Florence, MS as presented by Chris Jones. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Community Development Director Joel Sims, a Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Herrin to send Mayor Assistant/Police Officer Richard Thomas to the 2026 Summer MACE Educational Conference August 11-14, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$200.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to send Community Development Director Joel Sims to the 2026 Summer MACE Conference August 11-14, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$200.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of City Attorney Bobby Lingold, a Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Banks to authorize and direct Mayor Gunn to sign the CE&I

Contract with Engineering Service for the New Water Well Project. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve the mid-month claims docket. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Banks to approve the Minutes of April 7, 2026. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks. Seconded by Alderman Herrin to consider the need for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the Fire Department involving the position of fire fighter. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Herrin to go into executive session for the above stated purpose at 6:37 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Fire Chief Richard Wilson, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to hire KeAndre R. Woods as a part-time fire fighter at \$17.00 per hour starting April 22, 2026. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Herrin to return to regular session at 6:39 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Grantham adjourned the Meeting at 6:40 p.m.



MAYOR TREY GUNN

5-6-2026

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK LINDA WIGLEY

AGENDA

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

REPORTS:

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT
2. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
3. STREET DEPARTMENT
4. PARK DEPARTMENT
5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
6. MAYOR ASSISTANT/POLICE OFFICER
7. CITY CLERK
8. CITY ENGINEER
9. CITY ATTORNEY

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVAL OF MID-MONTH CLAIMS DOCKET:

APPROVE OF MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2026:

A copy of this board meeting agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Monday April 20, 2026.

NOTICE
CITY OF FLORENCE
WORK SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2026

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

WHERE: CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
203 COLLEGE STREET
FLORENCE, MS 39073

PURPOSE: GENERAL WORK SESSION

1. Florence Library.....Taralah Rios
2. MACE Conference.....Joel Sims
3. Signage Peak Therapy.....Joel Sims
4. Signage Outlaw Customs.....Joel Sims
5. Annual Chief Conference..... Brad Burns
6. MRWA Conference..... Billy Russell
7. MRWA Backflow Certification Class.....Billy Russell

A copy this work session agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Monday April 20, 2026.