

CITY OF FLORENCE  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD  
MARCH 17, 2026

The Governing Authorities of the city of Florence met in their regularly scheduled meeting set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in March, March 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall located at 203 College Street in Florence, Mississippi.

Initially present were Mayor Gunn, Aldermen Banks, Grantham, Herrin, Martin and Sistrunk.

Mayor Gunn called the Meeting to order and announced a quorum.

Alderman Herrin gave the invocation.

Mayor Gunn closed the regular meeting in order to hold a **PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 404 (A) OF THE STORM WATER/RAIN WATER REGULATION FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS CHAPTER 23 APPENDIX A BUILDING ORDINANCES, ORDINANCE NO 272 IN C-3 ZONING DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF RANKIN, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.**

Mayor Gunn asked if there was anyone present desiring to speak for or against the above referenced public hearing.

Mr. Tim Pickett with Community Bank presented his request pertaining to the above referenced public hearing.

City Engineer Tim Parker presented his professional opinion concerning the above referenced public hearing.

City Attorney Bobby Lingold presented his professional opinion concerning the above referenced public hearing.

Community Development Director Joel Sims presented his written facts and findings concerning the above referenced public hearing.

Being no one else present desiring to speak for or against the above referenced public hearing, Mayor Gunn closed the public hearing and returned to regular session.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Grantham to send Sgt. Chris Rast to a Vehicle Contraband/Drug Concealment training course at Horn Lake Police Department May 4-5, 2026 and for the city to pay any and all cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Herrin to surplus Unit #11, 2007 Ford Crown Vic VIN# 2FAFP71W77X111826 and authorize sending same to Mid-South Auction in Pearl, MS. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to surplus Unit # 20, 2008 Chevrolet Impala VIN# 2G1WS583089279699 and authorize sending same to Mid-South Auctions in Pearl, MS. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Martin to surplus Unit # 8, 2014 Dodge Charger VIN# 2C3CDXAG6EH194658 and authorize sending same to Mid-South Auctions in Pearl, MS. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to approve Rick's Pro Truck quote # 3787 in the amount of \$43,800.00 for the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Durango serial # 1C4SDJFT8RC198312 for the Police Department, the lowest and best of two quotes received as follows:

Rick's Pro Truck	\$43,800.00
Direct Auto CD JR	\$48,121.00

The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Banks to send Water/Sewer Operator Billy Russell to MS Rural Water Association, Inc. 2026 Operator Expo System training March 24-25, 2026 in Pearl, 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 Herrin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to send department heads Brad Burns, Mark Hester, David Myers and Billy Russell to a free MS. Municipal Liability & Workers' Compensation Educational Workshop in Brandon, MS April 23, 2026 and for the city to pay any and all cost as allowed by state law.

Upon recommendation of Water/Sewer Operator Billy Russell, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Grantham to approve payment to **Utility Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$49,780.000 emergency repairs to Stonebrook Sewer.** The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to send Community Development Director Joel Sims to Building Officials Association of Mississippi 2026 Summer Conference in Gulfport, MS June 8-12-, 2026 and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$275.00 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 Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve signage for Copiah Bank located at 150 Earl Clark Drive Florence, MS as presented by Headrick Signs & Graphics. 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 Martin to approve signage of Trustmark Bank located at 3081 Hwy. 49 South Florence, MS as presented by Mitchell Signs. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Banks **TO DENY THE REQUEST OF COMMUNITY BANK FOR A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 404 (A) OF THE STORM WATER/RAIN WATER REGULATION FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS CHAPTER 23 APPENDIX A BUILDING ORDINANCES, ORDINANCE NO 272 IN C-3 ZONING DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF RANKIN, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND TO ADOPT WRITTEN FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JOEL SIMS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD MARCH 17, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M., WHICH ACCOMPANY THIS MOTION AND WHICH THEREFORE ARE HEREIN INCORPORATED.** The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer Tim Parker, a Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Banks to authorize and direct Chief LPA Official Mayor Trey Gunn to request activation of the Williams Road Pedestrian Improvements Project through Mississippi Department of Transportation's TA Program. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Alderman Mason Herrin left the Meeting.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer Tim Parker, a Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to **CONFIRM THE REQUEST OF MCWI ADMINISTRATION TEAM REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #6-MCWI TO MOVE FORWARD WITH REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST #6 WHICH INVOLVED PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS ON PHASE III.** The Motion was carried as follows:

Alderman John Banks voted:	Aye
Alderman Brian Grantham voted:	Aye
Alderman Mason Herrin voted:	(Did not participate)
Alderman Kyle Martin voted:	Aye
Alderman Brent Sistrunk voted:	Aye

Alderman Herrin returned to the Meeting.

Upon recommendation of City Clerk Linda Wigley, a Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Martin to send Court Clerk Melissa McCue to Mississippi Municipal Court Clerk's annual summer conference in Biloxi, MS June 30-July 2, 2026 and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$50.00 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 **approve renewing mosquito control professional services (Vector Disease Control International) as outlined under current terms and conditions for a period of one year, beginning April 15, 2026.** The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Banks to approve the mid-months claims docket. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

Alderman John Banks voted:	Aye
Alderman Brian Grantham voted:	(Abstain)
Alderman Mason Herrin voted:	Aye
Alderman Kyle Martin voted:	Aye
Alderman Brent Sistrunk voted:	Aye

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to consider the need for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the Police Department involving the position of officer. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Banks to go into executive session for the above stated purpose at 6:50 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to accept the resignation of Officer Marquize Nixon effective March 10, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

Alderman John Banks voted:	Aye
Alderman Brian Grantham voted:	Aye
Alderman Mason Herrin voted:	Aye
Alderman Kyle Martin voted:	Aye
Alderman Brent Sistrunk voted:	Aye

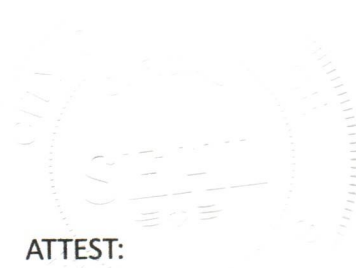

A Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Herrin to return to regular session at 6:55 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Being no further business, Mayor Gunn adjourned the Meeting at 6:56 p.m.

  
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MAYOR, TREY GUNN

  
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4-8-2026

ATTEST:

  
  
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CITY CLERK, LINDA WIGLEY

# NOTICE

## CITY OF FLORENCE WORK SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2026

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

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

PURPOSE: GENERAL WORK SESSION

1. Request for street sign Dogwood Dr ..... Hillary Sikorski
2. Spartan Homes..... Joel Sims
3. Summer BOMA Conference..... Joel Sims
4. Copiah Bank Signage..... Joel Sims
5. Trustmark Bank Signage..... Joel Sims
6. K-9 Vehicle..... Mayor Gunn
7. Food Trucks..... Mayor Gunn
8. Public Works Training. .... Billy Russell
9. Utility Constructors, Inc. Invoice Emergency Repair..... Billy Russell
10. Surplus Vehicles/Authorize Auction..... Brad Burns
11. Officer training Horn Lake Police Dept..... Brad Burns
12. Melissa McCue Court Clerk Training..... Linda Wigley

A copy of this work session agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Monday March 16, 2026.

# AGENDA

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 404(A) OF THE STORM WATER/RAIN WATER REGULATION FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS CHAPTER 23 APPENDIX A. BUILDING ORDINANCES, ORDINANCE NO. 272 IN C-3 ZONING DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF RANKIN, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.**

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:

1. Authorize Court Clerk Summer Training.....City Clerk
2. Authorize Mosquito Control Agreement.....City Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE:

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVAL OF MID-MONTH CLAIMS DOCKET:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2026:

A copy of this board meeting agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Friday March 13, 2026.