

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

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

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

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

Mayor Gunn gave the invocation.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to authorize and direct Mayor Gunn to sign off on the Mississippi Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$18,410.00. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Herrin to authorize and direct Mayor Gunn to sign off on the COPS Technology and Equipment Program Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00. 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 Sistrunk to approve signage for O'Riley Auto Parts located at 2795 Highway 49 South Florence, MS as presented by Rainbow Sign, Inc. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer Tim Parker, a Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to approve County Meat Packers parking lot expansion to the south. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer Tim Parker, a Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk that the city accept the new Frontage Road on the Berry Property, contingent upon the developer deeding the right of way to the city. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to authorize and direct Engineering Service to prepare a quote package for West Main Street striping. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of City Clerk Linda Wigley, a Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to authorize and direct Mayor Gunn to sign **Butler/Snow FYE 2025 Continuing Disclosure Engagement Agreement**. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Gunn, a Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk, in order to promote economic development in the city, to place

an ad in Hometown Magazine in the amount of \$650.00. 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 Bank, seconded by Alderman Herrin to approve the Minutes of July 7, 2026. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to consider the need for an executive session to discuss a pending litigation and a personnel matter in the public works department involving the position of public works employee. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Herrin to go into executive session for the above stated purpose at 6:45 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Banks to authorize and direct the city clerk to place Public Works Operator Billy Russell’s written memos in the personnel file of Public Works employee Logan Ledford. The Motion was carried as follows:

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

Upon recommendation of Public Works Operator Billy Russell, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Banks to place Public Works employee Logan Ledford on paid administrative leave effective July 20, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

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

Upon recommendation of Public Works Operator Billy Russell, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to terminate Public Works employee Logan Ledford for cause, effective July 21, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

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

Upon recommendation of Public Works Operator Billy Russell, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to move Street employee,

Tyler Hayes to the Public Works Department as Lead Technician at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective July 22, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

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

A Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Martin authorize and direct Public Works Operator Billy Russell to accept application for a public works technician. The Motion was carried as follows:

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

Upon recommendation of Street Director David Myers, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to move James Patrick to street department operator and to increase his hourly rate to \$18.00 per hour, effective immediately. The Motion was carried as follows:

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

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to return to regular session at 7:45 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

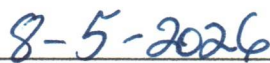
A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Herrin to consider the need for an executive session to discuss negotiations of possible land acquisition. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to go into executive session for the above stated purpose at 7:46 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

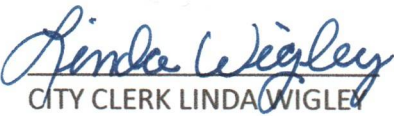
A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to return to regular session at 7:50 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Being no further business, Mayor Gunn adjourned the Meeting at 7:50 p.m.


MAYOR TREY GUNN


8-5-2026

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK LINDA WIGLEY

NOTICE

CITY OF FLORENCE
WORK SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY JULY 21, 2026

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

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

PURPOSE: GENERAL WORK SESSION

- 1. Presentation.....Rankin First
- 2. EPL/MDA Grant.....Mayor Gunn
- 3. Curtis Brewer Site Plan.....Mayor Gunn
- 4. O’Riley Auto Parts signage.....Joel Sims
- 5. Concession Agreement.....Mark Hester
- 6. C-Spire damage report.....Billy Russell
- 7. Ms. Dept. Public Safety Traffic Grant Agreement.....Brad Burns
- 8. Federal Technology Grant Application.....Brad Burns
- 9. Continuing Disclosure/Butler Snow.....Linda Wigley

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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. CITY CLERK
7. CITY ENGINEER
8. CITY ATTORNEY

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Butler/Snow FYE 2025 Continuing Disclosure.....Linda Wigley

CORRESPONDENCE:

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVAL OF MID-MONTH CLAIMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2026:

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