

CITY OF FLORENCE  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD  
APRIL 7, 2026

The Governing Authorities of the city of Florence met in their regularly scheduled meeting set for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in April, April 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall located at 203 College Street in Florence, MS.

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.

Alderman Herrin gave the invocation.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to send Officer Daniel McCue to the annual MS Association School Resource Officers conference in Biloxi, MS July 12-16, 2026 (Rankin County School District to pay the registration fee) and the city to pay any and all other related 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 Sistrunk to send Officer Brenna Alexander to Axon Taser Instructor Training April 27-28, 2026 at Co-Lin campus in Simpson County and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$895.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Park Director, Mark Hester a Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Martin, to increase softball and baseball umpire pay to \$40.00 per umpire per game for players in age group five thru eight-year-olds. 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 set a public hearing for **MAY 5, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M. FOR CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL EXCEPTION-CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF MANUFACTURED AND MODULAR HOME SALES WHICH INCLUDE A PERMANENT BUILDING IN C-3 ZONING DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF RANKIN, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.** 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 Rain Forest Car Wash located at 2974 Highway 49 South Florence, MS as presented by Munn Enterprises, Inc. 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 Huntington Bank located at 111 East Main Street Florence, MS as presented by Philadelphia Sign. 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 the quote of JKW Painting, LLC to provide material and labor to wash, prep and paint the exterior of the municipal complex at a cost of \$4,800.00, the lowest and best of two quotes received as follows:

JKW Painting, LLC	\$4,800.00
Bowers Painting, Inc.	\$6,840.00

The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer Tim Parker, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Herrin to give NOTICE TO PROCEED TO THOMPSON BROTHERS DRILLING, INC FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE 2023 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS-NEW WELL PROJECT. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to send Mayor Gunn to the Mississippi Association of Planning & Development Districts annual conference April 21-24, 2026 in Biloxi, MS and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$400.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

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

A Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve the Minutes of March 17, 2026. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to discuss a personnel matter in the Police Department involving the position of dispatcher and anticipated litigations. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Banks to go into executive session for the above stated purpose at 6:40 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to authorize and direct City Attorney Bobby Lingold to contact Windstream concerning a claim Windstream filed for damage to their line located at 116 South Church Street. 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 Chief Burns, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Herrin to accept the resignation of dispatcher Joanna Karras effective April 3, 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 Chief Burns, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Banks to hire Brandy Cates as a part-time dispatcher at \$14.50 per hour starting April 10, 2026, pending a successful background check and drug and alcohol testing with a (6) month probation period. 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 Chief Burns, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to hire Brittney Overstreet as a full-time dispatcher at \$16.00 per hour starting April 21, 2026, pending a successful background check and drug and alcohol testing with a (6) month probation period. 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

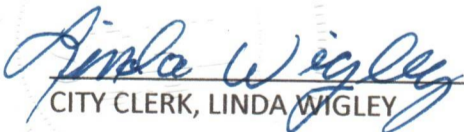
A Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to return to regular session at 6:50 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Being no further business, Mayor Gunn adjourned the Meeting at 6:51 p.m.

  
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MAYOR, TREY GUNN

  
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ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK, 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. MAYOR ASSISTANT/POLICE OFFICER
7. CITY CLERK
8. CITY ENGINEER
9. CITY ATTORNEY

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2026

This agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Monday March 6, 2026.

NOTICE

CITY OF FLORENCE  
WORK SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2026

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

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

PURPOSE: GENERAL WORK SESSION

1. Spartan Homes.....Joel Sims
2. Rainforest Car Wash signage.....Joel Sims
3. Tabacco Store.....Joel Sims
4. Huntington Bank signage.....Joel Sims
5. Proposal to paint municipal complex.....Joel Sims
6. Officer training.....Brad Burns
7. Water rates.....Mayor Gunn
8. CMPDD Conference.....Mayor Gunn
9. Dump Truck.....Mayor Gunn
10. Street Vendors..... Mayor Gunn

This work session notice was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Monday April 6, 2026.