

CITY OF FLORENCE
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

The Governing Authorities of the city of Florence met in their regularly scheduled meeting set for the 1st Tuesday in September, September 1, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall located at 203 College Street in Florence, Mississippi.

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

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

Alderman Banks gave the invocation.

Mayor Gunn closed the regular meeting in order to hold a **PUBLIC HEARING TO GIVE THE GENERAL PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027.**

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

Being no one 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 Grantham, seconded by Alderman Martin to grant the request of Discovery Christian School to hold their annual homecoming parade on Friday September 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. using the same route, Hwy. 469 from Victory Church to Wesley Circle Florence, Ms. 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 Dollar General Corporation located at 2998 Hwy. 49 South Florence, MS as presented by Image Signs and Neon, Inc. 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 Grantham to approve the final plat for Waverly Subdivision, phase 2, contingent upon receipt of final approvals from MDEQ and BOH, acceptance of Letter of Credit which the city will hold until the final wearing surface and any other incomplete work covered by the LOC is complete and accepted. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer Tim Parker, a Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, second by Alderman Grantham to authorize and direct Mayor Gunn to sign off on the 2026 Elevated Tanks Rehab Contract. 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 Banks to **ADOPT A RESOLUTION WHEREAS, THE CITY ATTORNEY HAS REVIEWED THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2026 ELEVATED TANKS REHABILITATION PROJECT AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY ENTER INTO THE CONTRACT WITH SOUTHEASTERN TANK & TOWER FOR COMPLETION OF THE 2026 ELEVATED TANKS REHA PROJECT.** The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer Tim Parker, a Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Herrin to issue a **NOTICE TO PROCEED TO SOUTHEASTERN TANK & TOWER FOR THE 2026 ELEVATED TANKS REHAB PROJECT WITH A START DATE OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2026.** 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 Martin to grant the request of Thompson Brothers Drilling, Inc. to allow the Contractor to run two 12-hour crews to work around the clock unless there are issues with overnight work that cannot be resolved. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to **ADOPT A RESOLUTION MAKING TAX LEVY ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY GENERAL FUND: 31.2 MILLS OF EACH DOLLAR (\$1.00) VALUATION. GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, FOR 2027 SHALL BE 31.2 MILLS OF WHICH 11.69% WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR DEBT SERVICES.** A copy of the Resolution is attached. 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

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to authorize and direct Mayor Gunn to sign off on **2026-2027 SCHOOL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (LEO) AGREEMENT.** The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of City Clerk Linda Wigley, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Banks to send Melissa McCue to mandatory court clerk training September 16-17, 2026 in Biloxi, MS, expenses funded by MS Judicial Collage. 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 Grantham to send Deputy City Clerk Dana Vaughn to a clerks training seminar in Hattiesburg, MS October 28-30, 2026 and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$225.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve the 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 September 15, 2026. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Herrin to consider the need for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the police department involving the position of dispatcher, patrolman and corporal, in the fire department involving the position of Fire Marshal and for land acquisition. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to go into executive session for the above stated purpose at 6:45 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 Herrin to hire Aidan Goins as a part-time dispatcher at \$14.50 per hour starting September 7, 2026 pending successful drug and alcohol testing with a (6) months' probation. 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

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to promote Gavin Douglas from patrolman to Corporal and to increase his hourly rate from \$21.56 to Corporal's pay at \$22.50 per hour. 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

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to promote Peyton Warren from patrolman position to Corporal and to increase his hourly rate from \$21.06 to Corporal's pay at \$22.50 per hour. The Motion was carried as follows:

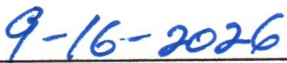
Alderman John Banks voted:	Aye
Alderman Brian Grantham voted;	Aye
Alderman Mason Herrin voted:	Aye
Alderman Kyle Martin voted:	Aye
Alderman Brent Sistrunk voted:	Aye

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Grantham to return to regular session at 7:20 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Being no further business, Mayor Gunnadjou4rned the Meeting at 7:21 p.m.

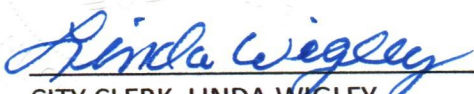


MAYOR, TREY GUNN



9-16-2026

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK, LINDA WIGLEY

NOTICE
CITY OF FLORENCE
WORK SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

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

PURPOSE: GENERAL WORK SESSION

1. Waverly Subdivision.....Tim Weaver
2. LEO Agreement.....Alderman Grantham
3. Accessory Bldgs./Guest House.....Mayor Gunn
4. Signage Dollar General.....Joel Sims
5. Discovery Christian School Parade route.....Brad Burns
6. Court Clerk Training.....Linda Wigley
7. Deputy Clerk Training.....Linda Wigley

A copy of this work session agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Thursday August 27, 2026.

A G E N D A
CITY OF FLORENCE
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE
UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2026 ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 FOR THE CITY OF
FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI.**

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. Adopt FYE 09/30/2027 Tax Levies..... Mayor Gunn
- 2. Authorize Mayor Gunn to sign LEO Agreement 26-27.....Brad Burns
- 3. Authorize Court Clerk Training 09/16/17, 2026..... City Clerk
- 4. Authorize Deputy Clerk Training 10/28-30, 2026..... City Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE:

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET:

APPROVAL OF MINUTS OF AUGUST 18, 2026.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE
RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIXING & ADOPTING THE
CITY WIDE BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 BEGINNING
OCTOBER 1, 2026**

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Florence, MS are required by Section 21-35-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, to approve and adopt the budget for the City of Florence, MS for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, MS:

Section1: That the budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the City of Florence be and the same is hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2: That the public interest and necessity requiring same, this resolution shall become effective immediately from and after passage.

The above and forgoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Alderman Banks seconded by Alderman Herrin and was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

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



Mayor, Trey Gunn

9-15-2026

Attest:



City Clerk, Linda Wigley

RESOLUTION

CITY OF FLORENCE

RESOLUTION MAKING TAX LEVY ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons of the City of Florence, Mississippi: that for the year 2027, there shall be, and is hereby levied on all real and personal property in the City of Florence the following taxes:

1. GENERAL FUND: 31.2 mills of each dollar (\$1.00) valuation.

GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY for the City of Florence, for 2027 shall be 31.2

Mills of which 11.69% will be allocated for debt services.

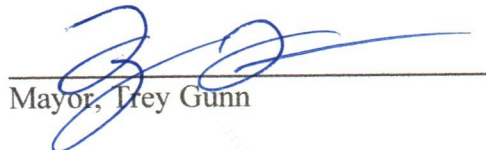
At the regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board, September 1, 2026 a Motion was

By Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk

to adopt the above Resolution. The Motion was carried as follows:

Alderman John Banks voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Brian Grantham voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Mason Herrin voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Kyle Martin voted:	<u>AYE</u>
Alderman Brent Sistrunk voted:	<u>AYE</u>

CITY OF FLORENCE



Mayor, Trey Gunn

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Linda Wigley