

CITY OF FLORENCE  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD  
AUGUST 19, 2025

The Governing Authorities of the city of Florence met in their regularly scheduled meeting set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in August, August 19, 2025 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 John Banks gave the invocation.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Herrin to approve payment of invoice number M25017-G-1F in the amount of \$13,618.95 payable to Maintenance Systems, Inc. for the installation of Florence Exploratory Digging & 4" Insertion Vaulve, repairs under the extraordinary terms and conditions of MSI, Inc. current contract. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to approve payment of invoice number M25017-H-1F in the amount of \$8,281.27 payable to Maintenance Systems, Inc. for installation of T&M Backflow Preventer Modifications, repairs under the extraordinary terms and condition of MSI, Inc. existing contract. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve payment of invoice number M25017 I 1F in the amount of \$7,467.16 payable to Maintenance Systems, Inc. for Excavation & Assistance with 6" & 12" Insertion Valves, repairs under the extraordinary terms and conditions of MSI, Inc. current contract. 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 Grantham to set a public hearing for a variance request for Mid-South Meter & Regulator, Terry Goude owner, September 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to send Community Development Director, Joel Sims to Building Officials Association of Ms. 2025 Winter Conference December 3-5, 2025 and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$250.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. 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 authorize and direct Mayor Gunn to sign a letter to MDOT requesting MDOT to issue authority to City of Florence to fully release contractor, AJ Construction, Inc. of maintenance. 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 Martin to authorize and direct Mayor Gunn to sign current and all future reimbursement forms to be sent to Mississippi Department of Transportation. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Herrin to authorize and direct Mayor Gunn to sign **A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF FLORENCE, MS AND CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO DEVELOPE A NEW COMPRENHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY**, at a cost of \$40,000.00 with CMPDD grant funds covering \$28,00.00 leaving the city's cost to not exceed \$12,000.00. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Herrin to send Mayor Gunn and Alderman Grantham to the upcoming MML Board of Directors meeting to be held in Tupelo, MS September 19, 2025 and for the city to pay any 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 Herrin to approve the mid-month claims docket. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve the Minutes of August 5, 2025. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

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 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 Grantham, seconded by Alderman Herrin to hire Dewan Stapleton as a full-time police officer at \$21.06 per hour starting August 20, 2025, pending a successful background check and drug and alcohol testing. 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 6:50 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.



A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Banks, in recognition of the retirement of Officer John Denton, in accordance with Section 45-9-191 of Mississippi Code of 1972, to move to establish a value of \$1.00 for sidearm model Glock 17 serial # BHBU266 formerly issued by the city of Florence unto John Denton; and that an offer by John Denton to purchase the sidearm for \$1.00 be implemented. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Being no further business, Mayor Gunn adjourned the Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

  
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Mayor Trey Gunn

9-3-2025

ATTEST:

  
  
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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 2026, 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 2026 shall be 31.2

Mills of which 14.28% will be allocated for debt services.

At the regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board, September 2, 2025 a Motion was

By Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Banks

to adopt the above Resolution. 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

CITY OF FLORENCE

  
Mayor, Trey Gunn

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk, Linda Wigley

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NOTICE

CITY OF FLORENCE  
WORK SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY AUGUST 19, 2025

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

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

PURPOSE: GENERAL WORK SESSION

1. Economic Development.....Bret McCay/Tanner Wilson
2. Eagle Scout Project.....Valerie & Tyler Gammill
3. Mid-South Meter Variance request.....Joel Sims
4. Winter Conference.....Jole Sims
5. MSI invoices.....Billy Russell
6. Coleman Taylor Estimate Ford Explorer.....Brad Burns
7. Service weapon issue to John Denton.....Brad Burns
8. CMPDD Proposal to update Comprehensive Plan.....Mayor Gunn

A copy of this work session agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Wednesday August 13, 2025.

## A G E N D A

### CITY OF FLORENCE REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD AUGUST 19, 2025

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/PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Proclamation for Mrs. Jeannie Pittman

APPROVAL OF MID-MONTH CLAIMS DOCKET:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2025:

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