

CITY OF FLORENCE
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD
MARCH 3, 2026

The Governing Authorities of the city of Florence met in their regularly scheduled meeting set for the 1st Tuesday in March, March 3, 2026 t 6:30 p.m. at city hall located at 203 College Street 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.

Alderman Banks gave the invocation.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to send Dispatcher Corry Mobley to a (40) hour dispatch course in Clinton, MS April 6-12, 2026 and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$395.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Water/Sewer Operator Billy Russell, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Herrin to approve an additional cost, in the amount of \$1,510.00 for invoice # MS00416159 approved February 3, 2026 payable to Consolidated Pipe & Supply, Co. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Water/Sewer Operator Billy Russell, a Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve the quote of Puckett Rental in the amount of \$6,834.24 for the purchase of a Hydraulic Plate Compactor (360) for the Public Works Department, the lowest and best quote of two received as follows:

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| Pucket Rental | \$ 6,834.24 |
| Rhinox Xtreme Performance | \$ 10,856.00 |

The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Park Director, Mark Hester a Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to approve payment to K & K Insurance in the amount of \$6,350.92 for 2026 sports liability policy. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Park Director, Mark Hester a Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve the quote of Robby's Small Engines in the amount of \$14,899.99 for the purchase of a Demo Scag Turf Tiger 61VW 40 HP Mower, serial number Z3001862, under state contract purchase. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Herrin to send the Mayor and Board, City Clerk and City Attorney to MML Summer Conference June 27-July 2, 2026 and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$350.00 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 Crawfish Shack located at 2873 Hwy. 49 South Florence, MS as submitted by Rainbow Signs. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Alderman Herrin left the Meeting.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer, Tim Parker a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve PAY REQUEST NO. 9-FINAL FROM HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO ISSUE FINAL PAYMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,730.00, TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY, RELEASE OF LIENS, AND TO RELEASE WITH THE FINAL PAYMENT THE CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT POSTED IN LIEU OF RETAINAGE. 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 ANY AND ALL CLOSE-OUT DOCUMENTS AS RELATED TO THE ARPA MCWI PROGRAM. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Alderman Herrin returned to the Meeting.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer, Tim Parker a Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Herrin to RELEASE THE LETTER OF CREDIT AS RELATED TO WAVERLY SUBDIVISION-PHASE 1. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Herrin to authorize City Attorney Bobby Lingold to send a demand letter to C-Spire regarding damage to the city sewer line caused by C-Spire, or their contractor, located at 165 West Main Street. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of City Attorney Bobby Lingold, a Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Banks to ADOPT A BOARD ORDER RE-AUTHORIZING MAYORAL DISCRETION TO APPROVE WAIVER OF RENTAL FEES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER USE BY NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI. The Motion was carried as follows:

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| 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 City Engineer, Tim Parker a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Herrin to authorize and direct submittal of Tanks Rehab Project to Congressman Guest as a FY27 Appropriations Request with Mayor Gunn and City Engineer providing support letters. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

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

A Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Herrin to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

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| Alderman John Banks voted: | (Abstain) |
| 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 Martin to consider the need for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the police department involving the position of officer and dispatcher and in the public works department involving the position of street director. 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 7:05 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Herrin to accept the resignation of Officer Hayden Lukens effective February 23, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

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| 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 Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Lucy Macias effective February 24, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

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| 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 Banks, seconded by Alderman Herrin to hire Jason Love as a full-time police officer at \$21.06 per hour starting March 4, 2026 and to send him to SRPSI Academy in Hattiesburg, MS at Camp Shelby April 5, 2026 at a cost of \$4,000.00 for certification, pending a successful background check and drug and alcohol testing, with a (6) months' probation period. The Motion was carried as follows:

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| 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 Mayor Gunn, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to increase Street Director David Myers salary to \$65,000.00 annually, effective immediately. The Motion was carried as follows:


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| 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 Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Herrin to return to regular session at 7:10 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Gunn, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to authorize and direct City Engineer Tim Parker to check into the feasibility of constructing a gun range site to be located behind the Water/Sewer Treatment Plant. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

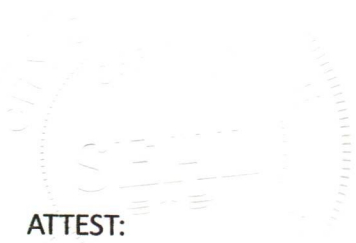
Upon recommendation of Mayor Gunn, a Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to authorize the purchase of a metal detector from Com-South for use in the board/court room at a cost of \$4,918.00. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Being no further business, Mayor Gunn adjourned the Meeting at 7:15 p.m.




MAYOR, TREY GUNN

3-18-2026



ATTEST:



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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorize attending MML Summer Conference.....City Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE:

ORDINANCES:

PROCLAMATION: Rankin County Distinguish Young Woman.....Mayor Gunn

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKET:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026:

A copy of this board meeting agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Monday March 2, 2026.

NOTICE

CITY OF FLORENCE WORK SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2026

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

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

PURPOSE: GENERAL WORK SESSION

1. Speed bumps Roxbury Subdivision.....Corlus Nance
2. Rankin County Distinguish Young Woman.....Mayor Gunn
3. Letter of Credit Tim Weaver.....Mayor Gunn
4. Shooting Range.....Mayor Gunn
5. Signage Crawfish Shack.....Joel Sims
6. Dispatch certification course Cory Mobley.....Brad Burns
7. Consolidated Pipe Invoice Increase.....Billy Russell
8. Quotes to purchase a hydraulic hammer for public works.....Billy Russell
9. Quotes to purchase a compactor for public works.....Billy Russell
10. K&K Sports Insurance quote.....Mark Hester
11. MML Summer Conference registration.....Linda Wigley
12. Mosquito Control Renewal.....Linda Wigley

A copy of this work session agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Monday March 2, 2026.