

CITY OF FLORENCE
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

The Governing Authorities of the city of Florence met in their regularly scheduled meeting set for the 3rd Tuesday in February, February 17, 2026 at city hall located at 203 College Street in Florence, Mississippi.

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

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

Mayor Gunn gave the invocation.

Mayor Gunn presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of February 2026 as National Career and Technical Education Month.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to send Officer Ken Stapleton to Southern Regional Public Safety Institute Training Course April 14-16, 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 Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve the quote of BCI in the amount of \$6,875.00 to set up and manage M365 Bit Titan E-mail service for the city of Florence departments, BCI being a sole service provider due to networking with the current Fort-Net security system which serves the city. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Water/Sewer Operator Billy Russell, a Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to approve the quote of JMT Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,450.00 to purchase wash grave and sand for Ramey's Sewer Project, the lowest and best of two quotes received as follows:

JMT Construction, LLC	\$1,450.00
Ronny Williamson Construction, Inc.	\$1,550.00

The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Street Director David Myers, a Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Herrin to approve the quote of Magnolia Lawn & Land in the amount of \$1,275.00 per cut for mowing Hwy. 49 roadside and maintenance, beginning March 1, 2026 and continuing through October 31, 2026, the lowest and best of three quotes received as follows:

Magnolia Lawn & Land	\$1,275.00 per cut
Schoggen Scapes	\$1,950.00 per cut
MS Yard Barber, LLC	\$1,675.00 per cut

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 the quote of APEX Athletic for baseball, T-ball and softball uniforms, the lowest and best quote of two received as follows:

Apex	\$18.00 each softball
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OneWay	\$20.00 each T-ball & baseball
	\$23.00 each softball
	\$30.00 each T-ball & baseball

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 Herrin to approve monument signage for Eagle Post Road located at 131 Hwy. 469 North Florence, MS as submitted by Gator Signs. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Community Development Director Joel Sims, a Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to set a public hearing for March 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for consideration of a variance from section 404(A) of the Storm Water/Rain Water Regulations for proposed development Chapter 23 Appendix A Building Ordinances, Ordinance No. 272 in C-3 Zoning District, in the City of Florence, County of Rankin, State of Mississippi and to authorize and direct the City Engineer to review the consideration for a variance request and provide written facts and circumstances concerning the request at the public hearing. 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 Martin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2026. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Martin to consider the need for an executive session to discuss pending litigation, a personnel matter in the Police Department involving the position of officer and in the Park Department involving the position of maintenance employee. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to go into executive session for the above stated purpose at 6:50 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Park Director Mark Hester, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to hire Patrick McDaniel as a maintenance worker for the park at \$19.23 per hour starting February 23, 2026, pending a successful background check and drug and alcohol testing with a (90) day probation. The Motion was carried as follows:


Alderman John Banks voted:	(Absent)
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 Herrin, seconded by Alderman Martin to accept the resignation of Officer Jeffery Smith effective February 2, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

Alderman John Banks voted:	(Absent)
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 Martin, seconded by Alderman Herrin to return to regular session at 7:10 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Being no further business, Mayor Gunn adjourned the Meeting at 7:10 p.m.



MAYOR, TREY GUNN
3-9-2026

ATTEST:




CITY CLERK, LINDA WIGLEY

AGENDA

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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:

1. Proclamation National Career & Technical Education Month.....Mayor Gunn
2. Set Public Hearing Zoning Variance.....Joel Sims

CORRESPONDENCE:

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVAL OF MID-MONTH CLAIMS DOCKET:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2026:

A copy of this board meeting agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Wednesday February 11, 2026.

NOTICE

CITY OF FLORENCE
WORK SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2026

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

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

PURPOSE: GENERAL WORK SESSION

1. Consignment Shop.....Gina Palmer
2. Ordinances (website).....Joel Sims
3. Monument sign Eagle Post Convenience Store.....Joel Sims
4. Elevated Water Tank Rehab Project.....Billy Russell/Tim Parker
5. Median mowing quotes.....David Myers
6. Quotes for rock & sand Ramey's Sewer Project.....David Myers
7. New hire for park department.....Mark Hester
8. BCI proposal for e-mail hosting & security.....Brad Burns
9. Training for Officer Stepleton.....Brad Burns
10. Review Water Billing Ordinance #359.....Mayor Gunn

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