

City of Falmouth
Special Council Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2017

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Falmouth City Council met in special session at 6:30 pm on May 23, 2017 with Mayor Elonda L. Hinson presiding. The following Council Members were present: Amy Hurst, Ron Stinson, Amy Hitch, Sebastian Ernst, April DeFalco and Alex Carson.

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer by Council Member Amy Hurst.

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Information was provided by Council Member Carson regarding the 4th of July Parade. He informed council that the Tourism Council was interested in sponsoring the parade. He also said that the Chamber of Commerce has mentioned having a band.

- Motion to approve Tourism Council to move forward with the parade at noon on Saturday, July 1, 2017 by Council Member Carson, with a second by Council Member Hurst.
Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Yes.
Resolved: All Aye.
Motion carried.

City Attorney Michael Duncan explained Closed Session to council regarding KRS 61.810 (1) (f).

The meeting proceeded with many employees past and present discussing issues and concerns regarding the Mayor.

Three points that were spoken of repeatedly were – The Lack of Chain of Command – Communication – Leadership.

Following the discussion council proceeded to closed session and requested the Mayor to leave and return at the end.

- Motion to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f) that may lead to the discipline, or dismissal of the Mayor by Council Member DeFalco, with a second by Council Member Ernst.
Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Yes.
Resolved: All Aye.
Motion carried.
- Motion to come out of closed session by Council Member Carson, with a second by Council Member Hitch.
Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Yes.
Resolved: All Aye.
Motion carried.

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Council Member Ernst convened the meeting back by stating that council had learned a lot from this session and last session that there has been a lot of over stepping of commands. Ernst stated you should lead by example and this has gotten out of hand. Council Member Ernst then said to the Mayor that personally he has no confidence in her leadership and asked for her resignation.

The Mayor stated she would not hand in her resignation.

Council Member Ernst then proceeded with the following motion.

- Motion to have an investigation process set up to interview past and present employees that could lead to the removal of the Mayor with an amendment to add a public vote of No Confidence to the next agenda by Council Member Ernst, with a second by Council Member Carson.

Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Yes.

Resolved: All Aye.

Motion carried.

Former Council Member Stan Love signed up to speak. Mr. Love proceeded to say he did not know employees were having problems and wished they would have come to council back then. Mr. Love apologized to the employees. He stated when everybody talks he does not think they are lying. Asked for them to accept his apology.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Carson, with a second by Council Member DeFalco. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Elonda L. Hinson, Mayor

Chrissy O'Hara
Attest: Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk