

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
October 19, 2010**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Florence, Alabama, was held in the City Hall Auditorium in Florence at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. President Barnhart called the meeting to order. Councilmember Hermon Graham gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert M. Leyde, City Clerk, performed the roll call and noted that all six Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Sam Pendleton, Jr., William D. Jordan Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris , James H. Barnhart and Andrew Betterton.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 19, 2010

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Barnhart
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Graham
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Roll Call - President Barnhart
 5. Approval of Agenda
 6. Message from Mayor
 7. Reports of Department Heads
 8. Reports of Standing Committees
 9. Public Hearings:
 10. Business from floor pertaining to items on the consent and regular agenda (5-minute limit).
 11. Consent Agenda:

All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Florence City Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request. Please call 760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2010. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b))**
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c))**
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments in the amount of \$16,000.00 to provide transportation services to low and moderate income and disabled residents who reside with the City of Florence, in accordance with the approved Action Plan, sponsored by Phil Stevenson.

- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Northwest Alabama Community Health Association, Inc., in the amount of \$12,000.00 to provide quality health and dental care to low income persons who do not have sufficient insurance, in accordance with the approved Action Plan, sponsored by Phil Stevenson.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Handy Hills Citizens for Progress, in the amount of \$12,000.00 to assist with computer training which will assist participants to learn to use computers, qualify for better jobs or improve skills of low and moderate income citizens, in accordance with the approved Action Plan, sponsored by Phil Stevenson.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mike O'Steen Contractors, Inc., to provide labor materials and incidentals necessary to construct a drywall partition, door, electrical work as necessary, paint, repair acoustical ceiling and relocate HVAC supply and smoke detector in the Planning Department, City Hall, in the amount of \$3,281.00 to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Commercial & Industrial Renovators, Inc., to provide labor, materials and incidentals necessary to repaint walls and trim with two coats of paint, touch up stain and reseal doors in the Planning Department, City Hall, in the amount of \$2,575.00 to be paid through budgeted funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Sutherland Sight & Sound, Inc., for the installation of a new sound system at Braly Municipal Stadium, in an amount not to exceed \$58,774.56 to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Tommy Stanfield, DBA Stanfield's Painting, to provide labor, materials and incidentals necessary to prepare and paint buildings and portions of buildings at the Rickwood Road location of the Utilities Gas and Water/Wastewater Departments, in the amount of \$6,800.00 to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with L. W. Fritts Construction Company, Inc., to provide labor, materials and incidentals necessary to repair a 20 foot section of eight (8) inch sanitary sewer line in the 2200 block of Chisholm Road for the Utilities Water/Wastewater Department, in the amount of \$38,000.00 to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (k) Resolution to approve a contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Alabama, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (l) Resolution to approve a contract with Burrell Normal - Burrell High - Burrell Slater School Alumni Association to provide for the delivery of meals for homebound elderly, sick persons and handicapped in West Florence; encourage at-risk students to stay in school and dropouts to return to school or complete GED and encourage citizens to cooperate with law enforcement in crime prevention and gang suppression, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds sponsored by Mayor Bobby Irons and the City Council.
- (m) Resolution to approve a contract with the Colbert-Lauderdale Attention Homes, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.

- (n) Resolution to approve a contract with the Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children of Florence/Lauderdale County (CASA), in the amount of \$3,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to approve a contract with the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc., in the amount of \$6,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to approve a contract with the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc. - Meals on Wheels, in the amount of \$7,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (q) Resolution to approve a contract with the Foster Grandparents Program, in the amount of \$4,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (r) Resolution to approve a contract with the ARC of the Shoals, Inc., in the amount of \$11,200.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (s) Resolution to approve a contract with Hospice of the Shoals, in the amount of \$3,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (t) Resolution to approve a contract with Mainstream Development Corporation, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (u) Resolution to approve a contract with Maud Lindsey Kindergarten, Inc., in the amount of \$12,825.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (v) Resolution to approve a contract with the Muscle Shoals Area Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Alabama, in the amount of \$4,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (w) Resolution to approve a contract with the Music Preservation Society, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (x) Resolution to approve a contract with the Cramer Children's Center, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (y) Resolution to approve a contract with the Northwest Alabama Community Health Association, in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (z) Resolution to approve a contract with Rape Response, Inc., in the amount of \$2,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.

- (aa) Resolution to approve a contract with Safeplace, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (bb) Resolution to approve a contract with the Salvation Army, in the amount of \$4,800.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (cc) Resolution to approve a contract with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce to assist with the construction of the Center for Business and Economic Development for the promotion of commerce, labor and all other resources in the City and the location and promotion of industrial and manufacturing plants and other businesses within the City, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (dd) Resolution to approve a contract with the Shoals Family Success Center, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (ee) Resolution to approve a contract with the Shoals Area Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities, Inc., in the amount of \$2,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (ff) Resolution to approve a contract with the Shoals National Championship Committee, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (gg) Resolution to approve a contract with Florence Main Street, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds in monthly installments, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (hh) Resolution to approve a contract with Children's Museum of the Shoals, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (ii) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for a \$4,500.00 grant from International Paper Company Foundation to be used by the Florence Recycling Department to purchase recycling and trash receptacles for Braly Municipal Stadium, no matching funds are required, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (jj) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Irons.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to meet with legal counsel for all public and private schools in the City, sponsored by Sam Pendleton.
- (b) Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2010. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (a))**
- (c) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (b))**

13. General Business:

(a) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expire</u>
Adjustments & Appeals	E. B. Norton	09/06/05	09/30/10
	Jason B. Lentz	09/06/05	09/30/10
Agri-Business Center	Leonard Skipworth (Joint)	06/03/08	11/15/10
Beautification Board	Vacancy		
	Eva Scull	05/20/08	11/01/10
	Ashley Winkle	08/05/08	11/01/10
	Delores Hubbert	07/17/01	11/01/10
Industrial Development	Gloria Tackett	10/21/08	11/01/10
	John Van Sandt	06/02/92	04/05/10
Parks & Recreation	Rusty Carbine	06/02/92	04/05/10
	James H. Morris	09/20/05	10/30/10
Scope 310	Vacancy	07/21/92	07/21/10
SEDA	J. Tyndal Davis	09/04/01	09/30/10
	Brad Holmes	09/20/05	09/30/10
Tree Commission	Carolyn Waterman	01/15/08	11/03/10
	E. Bryan Miller	08/21/07	11/03/10

14. Business from the public (5-minute time limit).

15. Council Members reports and/or comments (5-minute limit).

Councilmember Pendleton
 Councilmember Jordan
 Councilmember Graham
 Councilmember Morris
 Councilmember Betterton
 Councilmember Barnhart

16. Motion to Adjourn.

Prior to the approval of the agenda, Councilmember Pendleton asked that Consent Agenda Item 11(a) Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2010 be moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) and Consent Agenda Item 11 (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer be moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c).

President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Graham moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris' comments follow, to wit:

Councilmember Jordan made comments in favor of the agenda. Councilmember Jordan stated that each of these appropriations were in the general fund budget that was approved at the last City Council meeting. Councilmember Jordan also stated that this is a very small amount and he wishes that the City could appropriate more money to these organizations.

Councilmember Morris stated that he supports these organizations but does not agree to taking money out the taxpayer's pocket and giving it to these organizations.

Councilmember Jordan stated that he is a taxpayer and he personally gives to the organizations.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that the City Council has the authority to provide support to organizations.

There being no further discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Irons recognized the Webelo Scouts from Den 2, Pack 299 from Forest Hills School. Mayor Irons noted that these scouts are 4th graders and are working on their citizenship badge.

Mayor Irons present a Proclamation designating the week of October 24-30, 2010, as National Pro Bono Week. This Proclamation was received by Mr. Ryan Brake, Attorney, on behalf of the Lauderdale County Bar Association.

Mayor Irons asked Ms. Debbie Wilson, Lauderdale County Tourism Director, to come forward with information regarding two events. Ms. Wilson stated that there will be a Wildcard Fishing Tournament at the end of the month with approximately 400 anglers. Ms. Wilson also stated that there will be a Forks of Cypress Historical marker dedication on October 30th at the Forks of Cypress.

Mayor Irons stated that he wanted to encourage the citizens of Florence to observe Halloween on Saturday, October 30th since Halloween falls on Sunday this year.

Mayor Irons stated that he wanted to remind everyone that the 2010 "State of the City" program is scheduled for Tuesday evening, November 9th at the Florence/Lauderdale Coliseum.

Mayor Irons announced that the 1st annual Family Fall Festival 2010 will be held on Sunday, October 24th from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at McFarland Park. Mayor Irons also stated that there will be live music, clowns, cake walk and arts & crafts. Mayor Irons stated that this event is hosted by our Parks & Recreation Department and it is free and open to the public.

Mayor Irons noted that there have been two new business expansions recently. Mayor Irons stated that a groundbreaking was held at E. S. Robbins Corporation last week and North American Lighting announced an expansion today.

Reports of Department Heads:

David Koonce, Manager of Solid Waste, Street & Recycle Department, appeared and comments follow, to wit:

Reports of Standing Committees: None

Public Hearings: None

Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent or Regular Agenda:

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 1738 Ingleside Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding the proposed appropriations to non-profit organizations on tonight's agenda. Mr. Simpson stated that for anyone who questions the importance of these organizations, they should perform volunteer work and then they will understand their importance to our community.

Consent Agenda:

President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items.
Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

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Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Regular Agenda:

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to meet with legal counsel for all public and private schools in the City, sponsored by Sam Pendleton. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in support of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Pendleton stated that this resolution would open up the lines of communication with our local private schools. Councilmember Pendleton stated that we in the City of Florence have a vested interest in these schools.

Councilmember Graham made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution. Councilmember Graham stated that this resolution comes under the authority of the Mayor's administration and should not be under the authorization of the City Council.

Councilmember Betterton made comments in support of the resolution. Councilmember Betterton stated that we want all entities to prosper whether it is public or private. Councilmember Betterton also stated that this resolution is only a means of communication.

Councilmember Jordan made comments in support of the resolution. Councilmember Jordan stated that it is good for the lines of communication to be open.

Councilmember Graham stated that he is not opposed to meeting with school officials but it should be at the Mayor's discretion to set up a meeting with the school officials.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that there is nothing wrong with this resolution. Councilmember Pendleton stated that this is a line of communication. Councilmember Pendleton stated that we are afraid to recognize God.

President Barnhart asked Bill Musgrove, City Attorney, what he will his topic of discussion be with the schools. Mr. Musgrove stated that he will discuss whatever Mayor Irons and the City Council want him to discuss with the schools.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that Mr. Musgrove should not have an agenda.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that we are taking taxpayer's money and rebuilding mosques and enemy's churches which is wrong. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he wants to bless them for doing God's work.

Councilmember Morris stated that he is uncomfortable appropriating public money to private schools and also to non-governmental organizations such as the organizations on tonight's agenda. Councilmember Morris stated that only good can come from more communication with the schools.

Councilmember Graham called for the question.

There being no further discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: Hermon T. Graham

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented the Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2010. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (a))** Said Approval of the minutes follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart

Noes: None

Councilmember Pendleton moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton stated that he is using a public document to request records concerning the former Country Club property. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he is laying an intentional paper trail for a true forensic audit.

Councilmember Pendleton asked Robert Leyde, City Clerk, to place in the minutes requests for records forms regarding the former Country Club property. Said requests follow, to wit:

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There being no further discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented the Confirmation of the payment of bills by the City Treasurer. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (b) Said Confirmation follows, to wit:**

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart

Noes: None

Councilmember Pendleton moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton made comments regarding the 3% of cost-of-living raise that was approved by the City Council at the last's meeting. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he plans not to accept the 3% of cost of living raise, but intends to donate the money to Shoals Christian School. Councilmember Pendleton stated that it was not right to approve this raise.

There being no further discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Board Openings:

Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

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President Barnhart noted that there will be no new board appointments until new regulations are established regarding term limits.

Councilmember Jordan stated that board members whose terms have or will have expired will continue to serve until the new guidelines are approved.

Business from the Public (5-minute time limit):

Mr. David Cope, 1750 Eunice Avenue, appeared and made comments about a recent article that appeared in the TimesDaily newspaper regarding a dye trace study performed by Highland Technical Services, Inc. Mr. Cope stated that he is disappointed that he has not received a copy of the report because he had made two record requests for this information. Mr. Cope also stated that according to an e-mail that David Koonce, Director of Solid Waste/Street and Recycle, sent to the City Council, Highland Technical Services, Inc. found no dye in any of the springs near Cypress Creek. Mr. Cope stated that is a false statement. Mr. Cope also stated that according to tests conducted by an independent lab that was funded by donations made to the Cypress Creek legal fund there was dye flowing through the springs into Cypress Creek.

Mr. Charles Rose, 1206 North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield, appeared and stated that he agreed with all the comments made tonight by Mr. David Cope. Mr. Rose stated that Mr. Koonce should not have released any information regarding the report until he had shared the information with the public. Mr. Rose also stated that dye was injected into the test wells not the landfill cells. Mr. Rose stated that if dye is injected into the landfill cells, it would should that the dye would flow into Cypress Creek.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 1738 Ingleside Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding "government in action". Mr. Simpson stated that he appreciates everyone who comes and states their opinions.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Pendleton recognized Ms. Ann Craig at tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that he is a flip flopper. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he has flipped flopped on the City Council and has had to admit when he was wrong. Councilmember Pendleton stated that when he was elected he made a pledge to himself that he was not going to leave God in the parking lot and he was not going to shed his constitutional rights at the door. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that he was not going to disown the organized labor union and that he is pro union and is in a position to help keep the union.

Councilmember Pendleton made comments regarding the proposed sale of a portion of the former Country Club property to the University of North Alabama. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he understands now that Florence has clay feet and that Florence tends to worship buildings more than people. Councilmember Pendleton referenced Councilmember Graham's comments regarding moving the Street Department to a two million dollar building.

Councilmember Pendleton stated he did not know how a leader on this Council could say that a building is not good enough for our employees. Councilmember Pendleton also referenced Mayor Irons' comments from the City Council meeting that was held on September 21, 2010.

Councilmember Pendleton asked that Mayor Irons' comments from that meeting and other documents regarding the former Country Club property be placed in the minutes from tonight's meeting. Mayor Irons' comments and other documents follow, to wit:

Councilmember Jordan made comments regarding the report from Highland Technical Services, Inc. Councilmember Jordan stated that he is waiting on ADEM to review the report from Highland Technical Services, Inc. and the report from Mr. David Cope before he can reach any conclusions. Councilmember Jordan stated that the report from Highland Technical Services, Inc. will be available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Graham commended all those watching the meeting tonight and also the Boy Scouts that were in attendance tonight.

Councilmember Graham made comments regarding the resolution authorizing Bill Musgrove, City Attorney, to meet with the legal counsel for the local public and private schools. Councilmember Graham stated that he did not support the resolution authorizing Bill Musgrove, City Attorney, to meet with the legal counsel of the public and private schools because this was a matter that is under Mayor Irons' authority. Councilmember Graham stated that a number of years ago the City Council voted to give Mayor Irons administrative authority and if we are going to change that, then we need to vote to remove that authority. Councilmember Graham stated that the City Council has up seared Mayor Irons' authority by voting on this resolution. Councilmember Graham also stated our schools are our number one economic tool and we will get out of our schools what we put in them.

Councilmember Graham also noted that the District 3 community meeting will be held on November 4th at the Broadway Recreation Center.

Councilmember Morris noted that the first District 4 community meeting will be held on Thursday, October 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodmont Baptist Church Annex located on 2002 Darby Drive.

Councilmember Morris stated that he is not prepared to address the results of the recent dye tests that were performed at the landfill.

Councilmember Morris stated that he is still uncomfortable with the appropriations to the non-profit agencies. Councilmember Morris stated that he is refusing his 3% raise and will be giving it to charity.

Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding a recent meeting that the City Council had with the Florence City School Board Members, Superintendent of Education, chief financial officials from both groups and Mayor Irons. Councilmember Betterton stated that he

walked away from the meeting believing that a lot was accomplished.

Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding committee meetings and attendance at those meetings by City Councilmembers. Councilmember Betterton stated that the City Council has 6 committees and each committee is chaired by a Councilmember and three Councilmembers serve on the committees. Councilmember Betterton also stated that these meetings are open to the public and Councilmembers can attend any of these meetings. Councilmember Betterton stated that no transactions like what we had tonight can be made at those meetings. Councilmember Betterton also stated that recommendations can be made at those meetings to bring items to the City Council. Councilmember Betterton stated that he is not aware of any meetings being held behind closed doors and that no committee that he chairs or serves on will ever meet behind closed doors. Councilmember Betterton stated that we have many issues that need our attention, we need to move forward and handle them in an appropriate manner.

President Barnhart commended Councilmember Betterton for his statements. President Barnhart stated that he is going to take the high road in regards to his conduct during a City Council meeting.

Councilmember made Graham a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes:	Sam Pendleton, Jr. William D. Jordan Hermon T. Graham Barry Morris James H. Barnhart Andrew Betterton
Noes:	None

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Reverend Simpson presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

