

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
August 6, 2013**

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, August 6, 2013. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Edwards gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert M. Leyde, City Clerk, performed the roll call and noted that six Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Dave Smith, William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 6, 2013

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Edwards
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Roll Call - President Jordan
 5. Approval of Agenda
 6. Message from Mayor
 7. Reports of Department Heads
 8. Reports of Standing Committees
 9. Public Hearings: None
 10. Business from floor pertaining to items on the consent and regular agenda (5-minute time 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 256-760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the July 16, 2013 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals MPE, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace the water line from the meter to the building including saw cutting the asphalt parking lot and back filling with stone; installing approximately two hundred (200) linear feet of one and one half (1 and 1 ½) inch PVC pipe at the Florence/Lauderdale Coliseum, in the amount of \$4,000.00, to be expensed to Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Architects Office LLC, to provide professional architectural services for Phase II for the Coffee/O'Neal Park Sports Complex, to be paid according to a fee schedule from the 2013-B G. O. Warrant Fund, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c))**

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional field surveying services necessary for Phase II for the Coffee/O'Neal Park Sports Complex, to be paid according to a fee schedule from the 2013-B G. O. Warrant Fund, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d))**
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shotcrete of America, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for storm sewer work at 194 Chaparral Drive, in the amount of \$11,550.00, to be paid from budgeted funds Account #398-43110, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with ACRT, Inc., to provide customized arborist training and bucket and pole rescue training for employees of the Florence Utilities Electricity Department, in the amount of \$5,795.00, to be paid from budgeted funds Account #923, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Supplier Agreement with the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc., sponsored by Vance Young.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the Letter of Agreement with the Tennessee Valley Authority extending the In-Home Energy Evaluation Plan Pilot Program through September 30, 2014, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the Second Amendment to the Workers' Compensation and Loss Control Service Agreement with York Risk Services Group, Inc., sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (k) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to authorize and approve the sale and conveyance of the Lexington Substation Transmission Line Structure Easement to the Tennessee Valley Authority, in the amount of \$2,575.00, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (b) Resolution to vacate all of Sunset Avenue lying North of Brady Street and between Lots 1-19, in Block 6, and Lots 10-21, in Block 7, Beverly Hills Addition, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Architects Office LLC, to provide professional architectural services for Phase II for the Coffee/O'Neal Park Sports Complex, to be paid according to a fee schedule from the 2013-B G. O. Warrant Fund, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (d))**
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional field surveying services necessary for Phase II for the Coffee/O'Neal Park Sports Complex, to be paid according to a fee schedule from the 2013-B G. O. Warrant Fund, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (e))**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Special Events Alcohol Beverage License Application by TRULY CIGARS OF ALABAMA, INC., d/b/a TRULY CIGARS, located at 366-C COX CREEK PARKWAY, FLORENCE, AL 35630, to serve alcohol under a tent in their parking lot during a New Vendor event, to be held August 22, 2013, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

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

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business Center	Vacant		
Housing & Construction Codes Appeal Board	E. B. Norton Jason B. Lenz	09/06/05 09/06/05	09/30/13 09/30/13
Regional Library Board	Vacant		
SEDA	Brad Holmes Tyndal Davis	09/20/05 09/04/01	09/30/13 09/30/13
Scope 310	Reginald Owens Karen Kennedy	04/03/01 12/07/10	07/21/13 07/21/13
Tourism (Joint)	Sandra Burroughs	06/01/10	07/21/13

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

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

Councilmember Graham
Councilmember Morris
Councilmember Edwards
Councilmember Betterton
Councilmember Smith
Councilmember Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session today to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Architects Office LLC, to provide professional architectural services for Phase II for the Coffee/O'Neal Park Sports Complex, to be paid according to a fee schedule from the 2013-B G. O. Warrant Fund to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) and moved Consent Agenda Item 11 (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional field surveying services necessary for Phase II for the Coffee/O'Neal Park Sports Complex, to be paid according to a fee schedule from the 2013-B G. O. Warrant Fund to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d). There being no further changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock's comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads:

Councilmember Betterton, Chairperson of Parks & Recreation Committee, report follows, to wit:

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing: None

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and voiced his concern regarding the proposed expansion of the Sports Complex. Mr. Simpson stated that the City needs to continue upgrading neighborhoods.

Consent Agenda:

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

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented Ordinance to authorize and approve the sale and conveyance of the Lexington Substation Transmission Line Structure Easement to the Tennessee Valley Authority, in the amount of \$2,575.00, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that the Florence Electricity Department owns the property.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to vacate all of Sunset Avenue lying North of Brady Street and between Lots 1-19, in Block 6, and Lots 10-21, in Block 7, Beverly Hills Addition, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Architects Office LLC, to provide professional architectural services for Phase II for the Coffee/O'Neal Park Sports Complex, to be paid according to a fee schedule from the 2013-B G. O. Warrant Fund ,sponsored by Todd Nix. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding the proposed resolution and Regular Agenda Item 12 (d). Councilmember Morris noted that several months ago, this Council prepared a Capital Projects budget. Councilmember Morris further noted that he is in support of the proposed resolution, but feels that the Council along with Mayor Haddock needs to re-convene and prioritize the projects.

President Jordan made comments in support of the proposed resolution. President Jordan stated that with the proposed resolution and Regular Agenda Item 12 (d), we will be able to determine the exact cost of the projects.

Councilmember Graham made comments in support of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Graham noted that the Sports Complex is an on-going project.

Councilmember Betterton made comments in support of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Betterton noted that some of the proposed projects will be funded by outside agencies.

Councilmember Edwards noted that all projects are passionate to someone, but we all need to get on the same page.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Dicussion:

Councilmember Graham noted that this type of event has been done before.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Board Openings:

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding the Florence/Lauderdale Public Library. Mr. Simpson noted that the library is a great asset to our City. Mr. Simpson also made comments regarding the proposed new hospital and gun violence

Mr. John Hargett, North Wood Avenue, appeared and responded to Mr. Simpson's comments regarding gun violence.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Graham congratulated Chief Willett regarding his appointment as interim Fire Chief.

Councilmember Morris congratulated Fire Chief Charlie Cochran on his recent retirement. Councilmember Morris asked everyone to be careful when donating money to organizations. Councilmember Morris noted that there are a number of scams going around.

Councilmember Edwards also congratulated Chief Willett on his recent appointment. Councilmember Edwards congratulated Jimmy Thompson on his recent retirement from the Electricity Department.

Councilmember Betterton also congratulated Chief Cochran and Chief Willett.

Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding Regional Care's plan to build a new hospital in Florence. Councilmember Betterton stated that we all want state of the art health care and that Regional Care plans to spend a quarter of a billion dollars for construction alone.

Councilmember Smith made comments regarding the W. C. Handy Festival. Councilmember Smith noted that the Handy event at Lewis Field was great.

President Jordan also congratulated Chief Willett and Deputy Chief Perkins.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

