

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
December 17, 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, December 17, 2013. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Graham 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
December 17, 2013
5:00 P.M.

1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
2. Invocation - Councilmember Graham
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 December 3, 2013 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace lamps and ballasts in and around the Downtown Parking Deck, in the amount of \$5,017.00, to be paid from Account #266-48101, sponsored by Bob Leyde. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a))**
- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with the University of North Alabama for 177 parking spaces on Levels J, K, L and M in the Downtown Parking Deck, for the period of August 21, 2013 through May 20, 2014, in the amount of \$9,558.00, sponsored by Bob Leyde.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Southeast Recycling Technologies, Inc., for the pickup, disposal, and recycling of certain lamps that are considered universal waste, to be paid from Account #923-Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional civil engineering services as required to make changes to the existing plans and specifications for the Hermitage-Ingleside Drainage Improvement Project, in the amount of \$3,500.00, to be paid from Special Projects fund Account #398-43110, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional civil engineering services for the proposed Streetscape Improvements Project, Phase 3, in the amount of \$25,000.00 plus 10-15% of construction, to be paid from General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional surveying services for the proposed Florence River Heritage Phase 3 Project, in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Athens Fence Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install substation grade fencing at the Lexington 161 kV substation located at 9601 Hwy 64, Lexington, Alabama, in the amount of \$18,531.00 and in accordance with the terms and conditions of Invitation-To-Bid No. E-6728, to be paid from Account #350 -Land & Land Rights, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with TekLinks, Inc., to provide computer hardware, software and services necessary for an Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Project in accordance with Request for Proposals No. IS-64 and Addendum No. 1, in the amount of \$235,962.72, to be paid from budgeted funds allocated to GL Code #391, sponsored by Steve Price.
- (k) Resolution to approve a contract with Florence Main Street, to implement the Silver Screen Project, in the amount of \$1,500.00, with \$750.00 to be paid from the Mayor's Special Projects Fund and \$750.00 to be paid from the City Council's Special Projects Fund, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (l) Resolution to approve a contract with the Salvation Army, in the amount of \$100,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (m) Resolution to approve a contract with the Cramer Children's Center, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid from budgeted appropriation funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to approve a contract with Maud Lindsey Kindergarten, Inc., in the amount of \$12,825.00, to be paid from budgeted appropriation funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to approve a contract with the Music Preservation Society, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000.00, to be paid from budgeted appropriation funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (p) 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 appropriation funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (q) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace lamps and ballasts in and around the Downtown Parking Deck, in the amount of \$5,017.00, to be paid from Account #266-48101, sponsored by Bob Leyde. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (c))**
- (b) Resolution to publicly evidence its appreciation and support of Dr. David Bronner as the CEO of Retirement Systems of Alabama (“RSA”), the pension fund for employees of the Stat of Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and City Council. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Convenience Store & Automobile Self-Service Station with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by PP SWAMI, LLC, d/b/a DEEP FOOD MART, located at 1806 NORTH WOOD AVENUE, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full-Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by IMAGINE THAT LLC, d/b/a IMAGINE THAT, located at 1154 NORTH WOOD AVENUE, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

- (c) 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		
Beautification Board	Dee Hubbert	07/17/01	11/01/13
	Eva Scull	05/20/08	11/01/13
	4- Vacancies		
Historical Board	Judith Jackson	01/18/11	12/17/13
	Donna Thompson	02/21/06	12/17/13
	Joseph Flippen	01/18/11	12/17/13
Housing & Construction Codes Appeal Board	E. B. Norton	09/06/05	09/30/13
	Jason B. Lenz	09/06/05	09/30/13
Parks and Recreation	Randy Chapin	12/19/06	10/30/13
	Rick Collins	02/02/93	10/30/13
Regional Library Board	Vacant		
Scope 310	Reginald Owens	04/03/01	07/21/13
	Karen Kennedy	12/07/10	07/21/13

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session today to moved Consent Agenda Item 11 (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace lamps and ballasts in and around the Downtown Parking Deck, in the amount of \$5,017.00, to be paid from Account #266-48101, sponsored by Bob Leyde to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) and to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) Resolution to publicly evidence it appreciation and support of Dr. David Bronner as the CEO of Retirement Systems of Alabama (“RSA”), the pension fund for employees of the Stat of Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and City Council to tonight’s agenda.

There being no more changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Graham moved for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Betterton 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: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing: None

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

Mr. Robert Kimbrell appeared and made comments in support of Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) Resolution to publicly evidence its appreciation and support of Dr. David Bronner as the CEO of Retirement Systems of Alabama ("RSA"), the pension fund for employees of the State of Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and City Council.

Consent Agenda:

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

Councilmember Smith 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 a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace lamps and ballasts in and around the Downtown Parking Deck, in the amount of \$5,017.00, to be paid from Account #266-48101, sponsored by Bob Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith 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 Edwards seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan thanked City Clerk, Robert Leyde, for his work regarding the Florence Parking Deck.

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

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to publicly evidence its appreciation and support of Dr. David Bronner as the CEO of Retirement Systems of Alabama (“RSA”), the pension fund for employees of the State of Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and City Council. 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 Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan thanked Mr. Jimmy Hughston and City Attorney, William Musgrove for preparing the proposed resolution.

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 Smith 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 Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Smith 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 – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full-Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by IMAGINE THAT LLC, d/b/a IMAGE THAT, located at 1154 NORTH WOOD AVENUE, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith 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 Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Smith 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

(c) Board Openings within the next 90 days Ordinance less:

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Councilmember Graham made the motion to appoint Ms. Gina Jones to the Beautification Board. President Jordan 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

Councilmember Betterton made a motion to reappoint Joseph Flippen to the Historical Board. Councilmember Smith 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

Councilmember Graham made a motion to appoint Ron Helgamo to the Historical Board. Councilmember Betterton 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

Councilmember Graham made a motion to appoint Fran Nunnelly to the Historical Board.

Councilmember 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

Councilmember Graham made a motion to reappoint E. B. Norton to the Housing & Construction Board. Councilmember Smith 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

Councilmember Graham made a motion to reappoint Jason Lentz to the Codes Appeal Board. Councilmember Smith 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

Councilmember Graham made a motion to appoint Margaret Lobo to the Regional Library Board. Councilmember Smith 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

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

Mr. John Hargett, North Wood Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) Resolution to publicly evidence its appreciation and support of Dr. David Bronner as the CEO of Retirement Systems of Alabama (“RSA”), the pension fund for employees of the State of Alabama. Mr. Hargett stated that for the most part he does support the resolution. Mr. Hargett further stated that Dr. Bronner’s main job is to secure the school teachers and other State employee’s retirement fund. Mr. Hargett stated that Dr. Bronner does not need to “play” around with the retirement money.

Mr. Rogers Kimbrell, appeared and made remarks in response to Mr. Hargett’s comments. Mr. Kimbrell stated that Dr. Bronner is looking out for the welfare of the people. Mr. Kimbrell further stated that the Retirement Systems of Alabama has flourished under Dr. Bronner’s leadership.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding the Gift of Christmas. Mr. Simpson read from the Gospel of John regarding the birth of Jesus Christ. Mr. Simpson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ms. Yolanda Johnson, 1050 East Limestone Street, Apartment F, appeared and announced that the 7th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Tournament will be held at 1818 Irvine Street. Ms. Johnson invited the Mayor Haddock and the City Council to participate in the tournament. Mr. Johnson stated that we need to keep the dream alive in Florence.

Council Reports and/Ordinance Comments:

Councilmember Smith wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Morris also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Edwards wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Betterton asked that everyone practice being safe during the holiday season.

Councilmember Graham stated that we have accomplished a lot but that we have more to accomplish to improve the quality of life for our citizens. Councilmember Graham further stated that he has enjoyed working with this Council and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

President Jordan stated that we are moving forward with our Capital projects. President Jordan further stated that we have a lot more work ahead.

President Jordan presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

