



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
October 7, 2014**

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 7, 2014. 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

October 7, 2014

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Betterton
 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 September 16, 2014 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with David W. Burnett, DBA DNA Company Pressure Washing, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to pressure wash the Parking Deck, in the amount of \$25,328.84, to be paid from budgeted funds, Municipal Capital Improvement Fund Account #117-939-48101, sponsored by Bob Leyde.
 - (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to perform surveying services needed for the Florence River Heritage Phase 3 Project, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted General Obligation, Series 2013 funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
 - (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Bagby Elevator Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to perform a five year full load elevator safety tests on each of the two elevators located in the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$2,250.00, to be paid from budgeted funds in Building Maintenance Account #266-41810 Repair & Maintenance, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
 - (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement with the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments to provide transportation services for handicapped groups, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
 - (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement with the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments, Area Agency on Aging, for services under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965, to provide meals, transportation, information, assistance, outreach, recreation and public education for senior citizens, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
 - (h) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City to Qi Mao and wife, Lan Zou, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
 - (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Collection Agency Contractual Agreement with Smith, Rouchon and Associates, Inc., to provide account collections services to Florence Utilities, sponsored by Vance Young.
 - (j) Resolution authorizing the City to settle the lawsuit filed against the City by Roger Renwick for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.
 - (k) Resolution to approve an eScore Program Agreement with the Tennessee Valley Authority, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
 - (l) Resolution to appoint David Doroh to the Beautification Board, sponsored by the City Council.
 - (m) Resolution to appoint Macke Mauldin to the Shoals Economic Development Authority, sponsored by the City Council.
 - (n) Resolution to reappoint Barry Morris to the Shoals Economic Development Authority, sponsored by the City Council.
 - (o) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
12. Regular Agenda:
- (a) Ordinance approving the sale of approximately 20 acres of surplus property, Tax Parcel 15-07-36-0-001-003.002, located on Darby Drive, to Riverhill Foundation, Inc., and approving a Purchase Contract between the City and Riverhill Foundation, Inc., sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Bill Musgrove. **(This item was removed)**

- (b) Resolution to approve a Real Estate Sales Contract between the City and BMI Land, LLC, to purchase the property located at 705 South Seminary Street, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (c) Resolution approving the Real Estate Sales Contract between the City and Genanco, LLC, to purchase property located at 721 South Court Street, sponsored by Chief Tyler.
- (d) Resolution approving the Real Estate Sales Contract between the City and James D. Grimes and Wand Grimes, to purchase approximately 0.17 acres fo property located at the corner of South Patton Street and Woodard Avenue, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (e) Resolution approving the Real Estate Sales Contract between the City and Rodney W. Methvin, to purchase property located on Terrace Street, adjacent to the Florence Recycling Plant, sponsored by David Koonce.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the following sums for the Electricity Department Operations, reflecting projected revenues of \$121,156,500.00 and projected expenditures of \$119,575,000.00, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, sponsored by Vance Young.
- (b) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the following sums for the General Fund Budget, reflecting projected revenues of \$53,982,662.00 and projected expenditures of \$53,969,326.00, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.
- (c) Resolution approving the seventeen (17) various Special Fund Budgets, in the amount of \$31,200,017.00, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the following sums for the Solid Waste Fund Budget, reflecting projected revenues of \$5,857,985.00 and projected expenditures of \$5,601,696.00, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.

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

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Beautification Board	Linda Van Sandt	08/05/2008	11/01/14
	Patricia Bulls-Butler	01/03/2012	11/01/14
Historical Board	Vince Brewton	03/22/2011	
Housing/Construction Appeals Board	Fitzgerald Hill	09/06/05	09/30/14
Parks & Rec	Bill Burke	01/06/09	10/30/14
	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14

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

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

- Council member Edwards
- Council member Betterton
- Council member Smith
- Council member Morris
- Council member Graham
- Council member Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that there are several corrections to tonight's agenda. President Jordan stated that Consent Agenda Item 11 (a), the date should be September 16, 2014, Regular Agenda Item 12 (c), the address should be 721 South Court Street and General Business Item 13 (a), General Fund Revenues should be \$53,982,662.00. President Jordan also noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to remove Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Ordinance approving the sale of approximately 20 acres of surplus property, Tax Parcel 15-07-36-0-001-003.002, located on Darby Drive, to Riverhill Foundation, Inc., and approving a Purchase Contract between the City and Riverhill Foundation, Inc., sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Bill Musgrove.

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
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
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:

Councilmember Graham, Chairperson of the Utilities Committee, noted that the Utility Committee met on September 30, 2014. Those in attendance were Mayor Haddock, Councilmember Morris, Councilmember Graham, Richard Morrissey, Vance Young, Steve Price, Beth Jordan and President Jordan. Councilmember Graham stated that the Richard Morrissey and Vance Young presented the proposed Electricity Department's 2014-2015 budget. Councilmember Graham further noted that the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the proposed budget to the Council for approval.

President Jordan, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, noted that the Finance Committee also met on September 30, 2014. Those in attendance were President Jordan, Dan Barger, Mayor Haddock and Councilmember Morris. President Jordan further noted that the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the proposed General Fund Budget to the Council for approval.

Public Hearing: None

Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent Ordinance Regular Agenda: None

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 follow, 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 to approve a Real Estate Sales Contract between the City and BMI Land, LLC, to purchase the property located at 705 South Seminary Street, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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 Betterton 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 approving the Real Estate Sales Contract between the City and Genanco, LLC, to purchase property located at 721 South Court Street, sponsored by Chief Tyler. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Edwards 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 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 approving the Real Estate Sales Contract between the City and James D. Grimes and Wanda Grimes, to purchase approximately 0.17 acres of property located at the corner of South Patton Street and Woodard Avenue, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Graham stated that this property adjoins property that is currently owned by the City of Florence.

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 approving the Real Estate Sales Contract between the City and Rodney W. Methvin, to purchase property located on Terrace Street, adjacent to the Florence Recycling Plant, sponsored by David Koonce. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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
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Noes: None

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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 Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Morris stated that the operations of the Florence Electricity Department compare very favorably with the industry's standards.

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

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
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Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
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Barry Morris
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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
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Noes: None

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris made comments in opposition to the recycling budget. Councilmember Morris stated that he is voting against this resolution.

President Jordan made general comments regarding the City's 2015 budgets. President Jordan noted that the City absorbed part of the health insurance premium increase at the beginning of this year. President Jordan further noted that appropriations to non government institutions were funded.

Councilmember Graham stated that recycling is a service that the City provides which improves our quality of life.

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

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

Noes: Barry Morris

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Business from the Public (5-minute time limit): None

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Edwards made comments regarding recycling. Councilmember Edwards stated that he would like to see more people recycle.

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Smith noted that on October 21, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., the City will unveil a street sign honoring former City Councilmember Welton Reynolds. Councilmember Smith stated that West Irvine Circle will now be Welton Reynolds Circle. Councilmember Smith further noted that Mr. Reynolds served District 1 from 1984 until 1992. Councilmember Smith encouraged everyone to come out for the unveiling.

Councilmember Morris made comments in opposition to recycling. Councilmember Morris stated that it is horrible that it costs the City more than a million dollars a year to recycle and the City sells the recycled material for four hundred and thirty-eight thousand dollars.

President Jordan thanked DFU for their support to improve the Florence Parking Deck.

Councilmember Graham thanked the Florence Electricity Department for their support of the Chris Williamson family. Councilmember Graham noted that the District 3 Community meeting will be held at Broadway Recreation Center on Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m..

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

