



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
February 17, 2015**

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, February 17, 2015. 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

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2015

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 February 3, 2015, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C & H Cooling & Heating, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to make repairs to the heating and cooling unit at the Stadium Manager office at Braly Municipal Stadium, in the amount of \$2,160.26, to be paid by the City School System and University of North Alabama, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to submit an application for an Alabama Recycling Fund Grant from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), in the amount of \$245,000.00, proposed matching funds in the amount of \$174,000.00, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Lauderdale County Children's Policy Council, in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Special Appropriations, sponsored by the Finance Committee.
- (f) Resolution to appropriate the sum of \$95,000.00 to settle workers' compensation claims, to be paid from the Workers' Compensation Fund, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (g) Resolution to reappoint Linda Van Sandt to the Beautification Board.
- (h) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to amend the General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, budget adopted on May 14, 2013, sponsored by the Finance Committee.
- (b) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Historical Board	Billy Richardson	12/17/2005	12/17/14
Library Board	Margaret Lobo	01/07/14	01/28/15

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Edwards 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 read a Proclamation designating the week of February 22 - 28 as National Arbor Week and Tuesday, February 24 as Arbor Day in the City of Florence. The Proclamation was received by Mr. John Norton, member of the Tree Commission.

Mayor Haddock noted that the City will host an Urban Forestry and Horticulture Conference on Friday, February 20, at Cross Point Church.

Mayor Haddock stated that the next City Council meeting, March 3, will be "Youth in Government" day. Mayor Haddock further stated that the work session will be held at 9:00 a.m. and the Council meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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. Billy Ray Simpson, 722 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding Consent Agenda Item 11 (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Lauderdale County Children's Policy Council, in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Special Appropriations, sponsored by the Finance Committee. Mr. Simpson stated that the problem he has with organizations receiving moneys that are duplicating services. Mr. Simpson further stated that there is a lot of money being allocated to organizations that may not be helping our children. Mr. Simpson stated that these organizations need to be investigated before giving them money.

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 amend the General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, budget adopted on May 14, 2013, sponsored by the Finance Committee. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris stated that the Finance Committee deferred two projects because there is not enough money to complete the seven that is remaining. Councilmember Morris further stated he does not believe the remaining five projects will be completed due to the lack of funds. Councilmember Morris stated that he would like the Council to have an open discussion to prioritize the remaining five projects.

Councilmember Graham stated that it is his understanding that the remaining five projects can be scaled back, if necessary, to stay within budget. Councilmember Graham further stated that he supports the remaining projects but at a smaller scale.

Councilmember Edwards noted that there are \$700,000.00 in contingencies that are uncommitted that could be used if needed.

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and stated that he did not hear President Jordan ask for Council comments regarding the appropriation to the Lauderdale County Children's Policy Council.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Smith stated that he wished all capital projects could be started on the same day and be completed on the same day.

Councilmember Graham commended people who work outside in this extremely cold weather.

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding the appropriation to the Lauderdale County Children's Policy Council. Councilmember Morris stated that he is also concerned about giving money to non government organizations. Councilmember Morris further stated that each organization that the Council appropriates funds must provide some detailed financial statements to account for the money that is being spent. Councilmember Morris stated that he will provide Mr. Simpson information regarding the Children's Policy Council. Councilmember Morris further stated that he has met with this organization and he is pleased with the work that they are doing.

Councilmember Morris made comments in opposition of recycling. Councilmember Morris stated that the City would save a substantial amount of money if we did away with recycling.

Councilmember Edwards made comments in favor of recycling. Councilmember Edwards stated that there are a lot of services that are provided to our citizens.

Councilmember Edwards congratulated the Tree Commission for 28 years of work in our City. Councilmember Edwards encouraged everyone to remember the homeless especially during this cold weather.

President Jordan reminded everyone that the March 3 Council meeting will be "Youth In Government" day. President Jordan stated that the work session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

President Jordan stated that items on the Consent Agenda have been distributed to the Council

prior to the meeting and are considered routine. President Jordan further stated that the Consent Agenda items are approved by one motion from the Council with no separate discussion. President Jordan noted that the Councilmember Morris and Councilmember Smith had met previously with Lauderdale County Judge Jackson and he explained the function of the Children's Policy Council. President Jordan further noted that if financial records are not provided to the City then funds will not be provided to these organizations.

Councilmember Graham presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK