



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
April 21, 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, April 21, 2015. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Betterton 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**

**APRIL 21, 2015**

**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 April 7, 2015, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals MPE, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for water line repairs and various plumbing repairs at Braly Municipal Stadium in the amount of \$2,583.25 to be paid from Account #266-44765 and reimbursed by UNA and Florence City Schools, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Tennessee Valley Archeological Research to provide archeological testing and investigation adjacent to the Indian Mound Museum in the amount \$28, 685.04 to be paid from 1995 One-Cent Sales Tax fund, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Northwest Community Health Clinic to provide for computers, office equipment and a wayfinding sign to help provide health care to low/moderate income persons in the amount of \$5,535.00 to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Paul Sutter, DBA Energy Diagnostics & Inspection Services, to perform heat pump inspections for participation in the Tennessee Valley Authority's Energy New Homes & Heat Pump Program to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #908.10, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with USIC Locating Services, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to locate and mark underground facilities (Electric, Natural Gas, Water, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer) in the amounts of \$22.50 per notification, \$42.00 regular hourly rate, \$433.25 callout after hours, and \$320.00 site surveillance per day to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #594 - Maintenance of Underground Lines, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with TankRehab.com, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the O'Neal Tank Improvements in the amount of \$456,000.00 to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #672.00 - Maintenance of Reservoirs & Standpipes, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (i) Resolution to form a sister city partnership among the cities of Florence, Tuscumbia, Sheffield, Muscle Shoals, and Beth-El, Israel to promote the building of friendships and mutually beneficial relationships between our communities, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for funding through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the 2015 Pedestrian Improvement Project to help construct a sidewalk on the West side of Hermitage Drive from the overpass to Royal Avenue, sponsored by Bill Batson. **(This item was move to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b))**
- (k) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution opposing the passage of House Bill 258, which allows the capture of non-game fish by the use of certain nets in the Tennessee River and its tributaries, sponsored by Council President Jordan.
- (b) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for funding through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the 2015 Pedestrian Improvement Project to help construct a sidewalk on the West side of Hermitage Drive from the overpass to Royal Avenue, sponsored by Bill Batson. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (j))**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Event Center (Special Retail – More Than 30 Days License #160, for State purposes) with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by SINGLE LOCK RECORDS LLC., d/b/a 116 E MOBILE, located at 116 EAST MOBILE ST, FLORENCE, AL 35630, 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>
Beautification	Vacancy		
Civil Service	Howard Robinson	12/06/05	04/15
Library Board	Margaret Lobo	01/07/14	01/28/15
Riverbend Center	Betty Robertson	05/07/91	04/01/15
Zoning	Brad Dethero	06/21/11	05/17/15
	Ry Griffin	12/18/12	05/17/15
	Morris Cracraft	05/07/13	05/17/15

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that the City Council decided at its earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (j) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for funding through the Alabama Department of Transportation for the 2015 Pedestrian Improvement Project to help construct a sidewalk on the West side of Hermitage Drive from the overpass to Royal Avenue, sponsored by Bill Batson to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b).

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 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

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Haddock thanked everyone who participated in the City-Wide Clean Up day last Saturday. Mayor Haddock noted that 6,000 lbs. of trash was picked up. Mayor Haddock further noted that there is great progress being made regarding the installation of new lights in the Florence Parking Deck. Mayor Haddock also noted that the new pod at the Sportsplex opened last night.

Mayor Haddock noted the following events will be taking place in Florence:

Arts Alive, May 16 and 17

Yardsale on April 25, at The Club, Senior Center

Derby Day Fishing Derby - UNA, May 2

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the month of April as "Donate Life" month. The Proclamation was received by Ms. Jackie Whatley, Organ Center.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the month of April as "Fair Housing" month.

Mayor Haddock announced the reappointment of Mr. Tom Foster to the Florence Housing Authority Board. Mayor Haddock noted that Mr. Foster's term will run from June 13, 2015 until June 13, 2020.

**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:** None

**Consent Agenda:**

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

Councilmember Betterton 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 opposing the passage of House Bill 258, which allows the capture of non-game fish by the use of certain nets in the Tennessee River and its tributaries, sponsored by Council President Jordan. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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 noted that the passage of House Bill 258 will be detrimental to the sport of fishing here in the Tennessee Valley.

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 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 Smith seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Betterton made comments in support of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Betterton noted that the Council's concern is safety.

Councilmember Morris made comments in support of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Morris also noted that the concern is everyone's safety.

President Jordan also made comments in support of the proposed resolution. President Jordan expressed his appreciation for the matter being brought to their attention.

Councilmember Graham and Councilmember Smith also made comments in support of 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Event Center (Special Retail – More Than 30 Days License #160, for State purposes) with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by SINGLE LOCK RECORDS LLC., d/b/a 116 E MOBILE, located at 116 EAST MOBILE ST, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. 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.

**Discussion:**

President Jordan noted that the Council approved the new classification for the operation of an event center with alcohol last year.

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):** None

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Graham thanked everyone in attendance to tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Graham noted that the District 3 Community meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Broadway Recreation Center.

Councilmember Morris recognized three ladies in attendance tonight who are representing "Friends of Israel."

Councilmember Edwards recognized the Florence High School students from Mr. Townsend's class that are in attendance tonight.

Councilmember Betterton welcomed Dr. Kitt and his family to Florence. Councilmember Betterton noted Dr. Kitt is the new president of the University of North Alabama. Councilmember Betterton also welcomed members of the "Leadership Shoals."

Councilmember Smith had no comments.

President Jordan made comments regarding the "Sister City" resolution. President Jordan thanked "Friends of Israel" for bringing this to the Council's attention.

President Jordan noted that the May 19 City Council meeting has been moved to May 12 due to Mayor Haddock and several Councilmembers attending the Alabama League of Municipalities annual convention.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK