



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
August 18, 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, August 18, 2015. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Mayor Haddock 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 18, 2015

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Mayor Haddock
 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 August 4, 2015, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C & J Contracting & Plumbing, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Mars Hill Road Bridge & Gas Utility Relocations, in the amount of \$336,351.13, to be paid from ATRIP project funds received by the General Fund as per a reimbursement agreement, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with CJF Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Indiana Avenue Utility Relocations, in the amount of \$193,922.50, to be paid from the 2011 Water/Wastewater Warrant Funds, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mary Anne Spears to teach baton lessons at Broadway Recreation Center, with payment being based on an 80%/20% split with the city retaining 20% of fees collected, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with The Lamar Company for a ten foot six inch by forty foot vinyl illuminated billboard to advertise the Frank Lloyd Wright/Rosenbaum Home on Interstate 65 just north of Browns Ferry Road, in the amount of \$950.00, to be paid from appropriated funds from the Florence Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C&H Cooling & Heating, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for air conditioning repair work at Braly Municipal Stadium, in the amount of \$3,591.77, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44765 - Stadium Fund, to be split 50/50 between UNA and Florence City Schools, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Commercial Industrial Renovators, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to prep and paint the Senior Citizen's Building and Billiard Room at Cox Creek Park, in the amount of \$5,420.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #117-266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (I) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C&J Contracting & Plumbing, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Hazelwood Drive to Harvest Drive Stormwater Drainage Corrections, in the amount of \$197,705.45, to be paid from budgeted funds, Fund 188, Account #1071-48100, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Joe Keenum Excavation & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Downtown Florence Streetscape - East Tennessee Street, Phase II, in the amount of \$2,909,612.54, to be paid from General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d))**
- (k) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City to Don Edward English and wife, Evelyn M. English, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (l) Resolution to approve the renewal of excess workers' compensation coverage from Safety National for one (1) year, beginning September 1, 2015, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (m) Resolution to reappoint Leonard Skipworth to the Florence-Lauderdale County Agri-Business Center and Farmers Market Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to vacate a portion of the utilities easements at Lots 3-6, Lakeside Acres Subdivision, in favor of Ronnie and Denise Golden, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (b) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the renewal fee proposal with York Risk Group, Inc., to provide workers' compensation administrative services for the term of August 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the asset allocation recommendations for the City Employee's Retirement Plan submitted by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, through its Graystone Consulting business, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Joe Keenum Excavation & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Downtown Florence Streetscape - East Tennessee Street, Phase II, in the amount of \$2,909,612.54, to be paid from General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (j))**

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 Camacho American Barrel Aged Road Tour event, to be held August 27-29, 2015, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor-Beer-Wine, by RIVER HERITAGE HOTEL CORPORATION, d/b/a MARRIOTT SHOALS HOTEL & SPA, to take place on Thursday, September 10th, 2015, located at 15 HIGHTOWER PLACE, FLORENCE, AL, 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (c) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor-Beer-Wine, by ALDOT CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, d/b/a ALDOT CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS ENGINEERS' CONFERENCE, to take place on Tuesday, September 1st, & Wednesday, September 2nd, 2015, located at 702 EAST VETERANS DRIVE, FLORENCE, AL, 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (d) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Beautification	Vacancy		
Housing/Const	Adam Burchell	06/19/12	09/30/15
	Jack Reid	09/06/05	09/30/15
	William Wynne	09/06/05	09/30/15
	Thomas Pigg	09/06/05	09/30/15
Parks & Rec	James (Buck) Morris	09/20/05	10/30/15
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Vacancy		
SEDA	Bud Ward	12/04/12	09/30/15
	Brad Haddock	10/16/12	09/30/15

- 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 noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the renewal fee proposal with York Risk Group, Inc., to provide workers' compensation administrative services for the term of August 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan and to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the asset allocation recommendations for the City Employee's Retirement Plan submitted by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, through its Graystone Consulting business, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.

President Jordan further noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Joe Keenum Excavation & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Downtown Florence Streetscape - East Tennessee Street, Phase II, in the amount of \$2,909,612.54, to be paid from General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Melissa Bailey to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d).

There being no further changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the amended 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's comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Smith, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, comments follow, to wit:

Public Hearing: None

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

Mr. Van Morgan, 423 North Wood Avenue, appeared and made comments supporting Phase II of the Streetscape project-Tennessee Street. Mr. Morgan stated that this project has been a top priority of the Downtown Florence Unlimited for a number of years.

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 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 an Ordinance to vacate a portion of the utilities easements at Lots 3-6, Lakeside Acres Subdivision, in favor of Ronnie and Denise Golden, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 authorizing the City to approve the renewal fee proposal with York Risk Group, Inc., to provide workers' compensation administrative services for the term of August 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.

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 Betterton 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 authorizing the City to approve the asset allocation recommendations for the City Employee's Retirement Plan submitted by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, through its Graystone Consulting business, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan. 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 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
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
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Andrew Betterton

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 Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Smith made comments in support of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Morris made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Morris' comments follow, to wit:

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

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

Noes: Barry Morris

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

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William D. Jordan
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Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Martha Orrick appeared and asked Mayor Haddock and the Council to keep in mind that a new Senior Citizens Center will be needed in the near future. Ms. Orrick thanked the Mayor and Council for their temporary home at the former Florence Golf & Country Club.

Ms. Orrick stated that she would like to nominate Ms. Wendy Enfinger for the Beautification Board. Ms. Orrick further stated that Ms. Enfinger would be a great asset to the Board.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made general comments. Mr. Simpson stated that if we see students that are in need, we should come together and help them. Mr. Simpson further stated that our City still has homelessness and unemployment. Mr. Simpson stated that we should be known as a compassionate City.

Mr. Dan Summy, vice-president of Paws, 124 County Road 28, Florence, appeared and comments follow, to wit:

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Betterton stated that he has met numerous times with Mayor Haddock and the Animal Control Director regarding a new shelter.

Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding Capitol Projects. Councilmember Betterton stated that with a number of projects, the ground work and design have already been laid out. Councilmember Betterton further stated that it was easier to move forward with projects that the ground work, design and locations have already been decided. Councilmember Betterton stated that with the new animal shelter there are more details such as location to be decided before we can move forward.

Councilmember Smith noted that the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 26. Councilmember Smith stated that the topics for discussion will be enforcement of the pet license ordinance and the construction of a new animal shelter.

Councilmember Graham congratulated everyone that was recognized tonight. Councilmember Graham noted that the money spent for the Streetscape project is an investment in our community. Councilmember Graham offered his condolences to the family of Mr. Perky Myrick. Councilmember Graham noted that Mr. Myrick was a former employee of the Electricity Department for a number of years.

Councilmember Morris also congratulated everyone that was recognized tonight. Councilmember Morris also offered his condolences to the family of Mr. Perky Myrick.

Councilmember Edwards thanked the members of the Council for approving the drainage project on Harvest Drive. Councilmember Edwards stated that he wants to build a new animal shelter that this City can be proud of.

President Jordan thanked everyone for coming tonight. President Jordan stated that Mayor Haddock and the Council try really hard to work together. President Jordan further stated that there is no need to delay a project, if we are ready to go on it.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK