



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 11, 2016**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Florence, Alabama, was held in the City Hall Auditorium in Florence at 12:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 11, 2016. 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 five Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: William D. Jordan, Blake Edwards, Hermon Graham, Barry Morris and Andrew Betterton. Dave Smith was absent.

**AMENDED AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 11, 2016**

**12:00 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 20, 2016, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Engineers of the South, LLC, to provide professional services necessary on an as needed basis for ongoing and new projects when required by the Florence Utilities Gas and Water/Wastewater Departments, not to exceed a three year period, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shotcrete of America, LLC, to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace 1,400 linear feet of failing water lines with 3 inch PVC and 1,000 linear feet with 2 inch PVC on Arnold Lane, in the amount of \$36,650.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #3310.10 - Transmission and Distribution Plant, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Pro Rain Irrigation Services, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install drainage at the Coffee - O'Neal Park and Sports Complex Softball Fields 6 and 7, in the amount of \$36,997.12, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, Account # 939-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with PCH Landscape Services, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to perform landscaping services at Wilson Park, in the amount of \$9,800.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 188, Account #939-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for repairs to the lighting system around the Harbor at McFarland Park, in the amount of \$4,334.21, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with JC Hamm and Sons, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for replacing a wall mounted cooling unit in the computer room at River Heritage Park, in the amount of \$3,203.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (I) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with BambooHR LLC, to provide professional services for maintenance of Human Resources employee data and performance management data on a month to month basis, with a one time service fee of \$4,999.00 plus a \$3.00 per month/per employee fee for the professional product and a \$2.00 per month/per employee fee for performance management, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #268-41750, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (j) Resolution to approve the ACA Dashboard Agreement between the City of Florence and Alliance Insurance Group to generate 1095-C annual IRS reports and report 1094-C data to the IRS on behalf of the City, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (k) Resolution to approve the amended contract between the City of Florence and Family Self-Sufficiency, to provide low income residents with program needs such as childcare services, tuition/GED test books, books and supplies, homeowner assistance and medical expenses, in the amount of \$4,500.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (l) Resolution to approve the amended contract between the City of Florence and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, to provide 100 low income residents on final notice with up to \$100.00 on their utility bill, in the amount of \$5,700.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (m) Resolution to approve the Amended Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Florence and the Alabama Forestry Commission regarding improvements to the highway entrance of the Alabama Forestry Commission offices located at 1212 Waterloo Road, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. **(This item was removed)**
- (n) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution canvassing the election results for the City of Florence Mayoral, City Council and Board of Education runoff elections held on October 4, 2016, and issuing certificates of election, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

13. General Business:

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

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business	Leonard Skipworth	06/03/08	11/15/16
Beautification	Two Vacancies David Doroh Dee Hubbert Margaret McCloy	10/07/14 07/17/01 03/04/14	11/01/16 11/01/16 11/01/16
Hospital Board	Thelma Robinson	07/01/86	06/25/16
SCOPE 310	Vacancy Josh Webster Reginald Owens	08/21/12 04/01/14	07/21/15 07/21/16
Tree Commission	Vacancy John Norton	11/05/13	11/03/16

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 it was decided at the earlier work session to remove Consent Agenda Item 11(m) Resolution to approve the Amended Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Florence and the Alabama Forestry Commission regarding improvements to the highway entrance of the Alabama Forestry Commission offices located at 1212 Waterloo Road, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. 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: William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:** None

**Report of Department Heads:** None

**Report of Standing Committee:** None

**Public Hearing:** None

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

Ms. Debra Barnes stood at her seat and thanked the Council for the work session yesterday regarding the proposed tennis complex.

**Consent Agenda:**

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items. Councilmember Edwards 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: William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution canvassing the election results for the City of Florence Mayoral, City Council and Board of Education runoff elections held on October 4, 2016, and issuing certificates of election, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Morris moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: William D. Jordan  
Hermon T. Graham  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

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Beautification	Two Vacancies		
	David Doroh	10/07/14	11/01/16
	Dee Hubbert	07/17/01	11/01/16
	Margaret McCloy	03/04/14	11/01/16
Hospital Board	Thelma Robinson	07/01/86	06/25/16
SCOPE 310	Vacancy		
	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16
Tree Commission	Vacancy		
	John Norton	11/05/13	11/03/16

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

Mr. John Hargett, 1406 North Wood Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding the proposed tennis complex and the proposed increase in lodging tax to finance the tennis complex. Mr. Hargett stated the City has too many money pits already. Mr. Hargett noted the following are examples of the City's money pits: Conference Center, golf course and the Frank Lloyd Wright Museum.

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and made comments regarding the proposed tennis complex. Mr. Smoak stated that the City should be in charge of building the proposed tennis complex, not Florence Lauderdale Tourism. Mr. Smoak further stated that in a recent survey in the Times Daily, the newspaper asked the public if the City should build a tennis complex in Veterans Park. Mr. Smoak stated that the survey showed 67% said "no" and 32% said "yes." Mr. Smoak noted that if the proposed tennis complex is built it will be the second largest in the State of Alabama.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Graham had no comment.

Councilmember Morris congratulated Michelle Eubanks on her being elected as Councilmember for District 4.

Councilmember Edwards congratulated all those who won in the recent City of Florence runoff election that was held on October 4.

Councilmember Betterton noted that it is a duty and a privilege to vote.

President Jordan had no comments.

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

