

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
May 20, 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, May 20, 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.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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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:
 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 May 13, 2014 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Greg Letson to teach golf lessons at Blackberry Trail Golf Course, City to retain 20% of the fees charged, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (d) Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Disparate Jurisdiction Agreement and authorizing the City to apply for the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, sponsored by Ron Tyler.

- (e) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City to Burton H. McGee, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (f) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to vacate streets and rights of way in Cypress Heights, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Automobile Self-Service Station & Convenience Foods with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by SHRI KALYANI INC., d/b/a TONY FOOD MART, located at 4203 HUNTSVILLE RD, 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>
Agri-Business Center	Vacancy		
Beautification Board	Vacancy		
Parks & Recreation	Rick Collins	02/02/93	10/30/13
Zoning	Charles Kelley	06/21/11	05/17/14
	Bob Sneed	06/21/11	05/17/14
	Michael O'Steen	12/18/12	05/17/14

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

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

Councilmember Betterton
Councilmember Smith
Councilmember Morris
Councilmember Graham
Councilmember Edwards
Councilmember Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Graham 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:

President Jordan noted that Mayor Haddock was out of town. President Jordan further noted that he represented Mayor Haddock at the jobs fair this morning that was held at the Florence/Lauderdale Coliseum for the employees of Hilshire Farms. President Jordan stated that over 70 companies were represented and that there were over 800 positions available.

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 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 vacate streets and rights of way in Cypress Heights, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton 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 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
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
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Noes: None

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham noted that the application for alcohol has been reviewed by several City departments.

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):

Ms. Susan Goode, 1025 Olive Street, appeared and made comments encouraging the City Council to build a 50 court tennis complex at Veterans Park. Ms. Goode stated that she is a member of USTA. Ms. Goode further stated that the courts would need to meet NCAA, AHSAA and USTA standards. Ms. Goode stated that such a complex could add over five million dollars to our economy each year. Ms. Goode further stated that this project would meet the land-use requirement by TVA.

Mr. Brian Simons, 402 South Main Street, appeared and made comments regarding dog licenses. Mr. Simons stated that he believes that this license is discriminating and costly for people who have more than one dog.

Mr. Eddy Garner, appeared and made comments in favor of a tennis complex at Veterans Park. Mr. Garner stated that tennis tournaments could fill up all the hotels in our area. Mr. Garner further stated that we could also sponsor regional and sectional tournaments that would attract people from other states.

President Jordan stated that we are still in negotiations with RSA for these projects.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Smith made comments regarding the job fair that was held today at the Florence/Lauderdale Coliseum. Councilmember Smith noted that there were approximately 800 jobs available for Hillshire Farms employees.

Councilmember Morris stated that he agreed with the previous comments regarding a tennis complex at Veterans Park and also the pet licensing.

Councilmember Graham thanked everyone for their comments regarding the tennis courts. Councilmember Graham recognized Ms. Melanie Dickens, former Chairperson of "Keep the Shoals Beautiful" Board.

Councilmember Edwards thanked everyone for their attendance at tonight's meeting.

President Jordan also thanked everyone for their attendance.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK