

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
July 15, 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, July 15, 2014. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Morris 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
July 15, 2014
5:00 P.M.

1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
2. Invocation - Councilmember Morris
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 July 1, 2014 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing Rogers Group, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the 2014 Street Resurfacing Program, in the estimated amount of \$1,256,990.78, to be paid from budgeted Account #932-41570 Fund 126, 2014 Street Resurfacing Program, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Alabama Guardrail, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to perform repairs to the guardrails on Mars Hill Road between Rushton Street and Knights Bridge Road and Mars Hill Road and Buckingham Circle, in the amount of \$3,325.00, to be paid from budgeted Account #932-41570 Fund 126, sponsored by Bill Batson.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mark D. Smith Bridge Inspection, LLC, to perform inventory and bridge inspections on the Hermitage Drive Bridge, in the amount of \$1,200.00, to be paid from budgeted Account #398-43110 Special Projects, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to submit a grant application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Law Enforcement Planning, under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (P.O. 90-351 as amended), for financial aid to combat rising crime, improve the criminal justice system, and assist victims of crime and assist in the problems of juvenile justice, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (g) Resolution to appropriate \$1,750.00 to the Special Program Achievement Network (S.P.A.N.) Program of Lauderdale County, a non-residential, co-educational, comprehensive program for meeting the needs of at-risk youth and their families, with \$875.00 to be paid from the Mayor's Special Project Fund and \$875.00 from the City Council's Special Project Fund.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with PowerSecure, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the construction of approximately five (5) miles of 46kV electric transmission and 12kV electric distribution lines, in the estimated amount of \$1,452,688.50, to be paid from budgeted Account #355.00, #356.00 sponsored by Richard Morrissey. **(This item was removed)**
- (i) Resolution to approve the proposal for renewal of excess workers' compensation coverage from Safety National, Option 3, prepared by York Risk Services, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for funding from the United States Department of Commerce under its Economic Adjustment Program, matching funds of \$25,000.00 will be reimbursed in full by Shoals Industrial Development Committee, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. **(This item was removed)**
- (k) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Special Work Authorization Agreement (SWA) from the Alabama Department of Transportation to inspect City owned bridges, sponsored by Bill Batson. **(This item was added to the regular agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution approving the operating budgets of the Gas Department and the Water and Wastewater Department, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Mike Doyle, and Vance Young.
- (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		
Historical Board	Vacancy		
Port Authority	Katy Beth Carr	04/02/2013	07/21/14

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 noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to remove Consent Agenda Item 11 (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with PowerSecure, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the construction of approximately five (5) miles of 46kV electric transmission and 12kV electric distribution lines, in the estimated amount of \$1,452,688.50, sponsored by Richard Morrissey, Consent Agenda Item 11 (j) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for funding from the United States Department of Commerce under its Economic Adjustment Program, matching funds of \$25,000.00 will be reimbursed in full by Shoals Industrial Development Committee, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Special Work Authorization Agreement (SWA) from the Alabama Department of Transportation to inspect City owned bridges, sponsored by Bill Batson.

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 all the City departments involved with the 4th of July Freedom of Spirit Celebration that was held in McFarland Park.

Mayor Haddock stated that the reopening of Hermitage Drive bridge will hopefully be before school begins.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Graham, Chairperson of the Utilities Committee, noted that the Committee met on July 1, 2014. Councilmember Graham noted that in attendance were Mayor Haddock, Mark Lovejoy, Chief Gas Accountant, Ms. Luci Wilson, Mayor Haddock, Councilmember Morris, President Jordan, Vance Young, Rebecca Patton-Harper, Chief Water Accountant, Mike Doyle, Gas & Water Manager and Dolphus King, Gas Operations Assistant. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed Gas Department and Water Department budgets. Councilmember Graham stated that the Utilities Committee voted unanimously to recommend the budgets to the City Council.

Councilmember Edwards, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, noted that the Committee met on July 14, 2014. Councilmember Edwards noted that in attendance were Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Betterton, Bill Batson, City Engineer, David Koonce, Solid Waste, Street & Recycle, and Ms. Luci Wilson. Councilmember Edwards stated that Mr. Koonce discussed the purchase of land near Terrace Street for the purpose of building administrative offices. Councilmember Edwards further stated that Mr. Batson discussed the 2014 paving program and current drainage project on Ingleside Drive. Councilmember Edwards stated that the bridge on Hermitage Drive is scheduled to reopen the first part of August.

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 Smith seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Special Work Authorization Agreement (SWA) from the Alabama Department of Transportation to inspect City owned bridges, sponsored by Bill Batson. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edward 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 Edward 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
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution approving the operating budgets of the Gas Department and the Water and Wastewater Department, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Mike Doyle, and Vance Young. 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 Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Morris noted that the Utility Committee met and thoroughly reviewed the budgets.

Councilmember Graham stated that he appreciated Mike Doyle and Vance Young for their work on the budgets.

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

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		
Historical Board	Vacancy		
Port Authority	Katy Beth Carr	04/02/2013	07/21/14

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

Ms. Anna Broadfoot, 102 East Oakhill Drive, appeared and made comments regarding the “World Changers” youth that came to Florence last week to help repair homes. Ms. Broadfoot stated that the youth said that Florence is the most hospitable and appreciative City.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and stated that the City has too many judges, attorneys and social organizations that are making money off of other people’s problems.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Smith thanked everyone in attendance and also to Mayor Haddock and the City Council. Councilmember Smith also thanked the W. C. Handy Festival Committee for all of their hard work.

Councilmember Morris had no comment.

Councilmember Edwards stated that he hopes the W. C. Handy Festival next week is a great success. Councilmember Edwards encouraged everyone to come out to the activities.

Councilmember Betterton urged everyone to vote today in the run-off election if you have not done so.

Councilmember Betterton made comments in favor of the “World Changers” organization. Councilmember Betterton stated that he is very proud that our City supports this program.

Councilmember Graham also expressed his appreciation to the “World Changers” organization. Councilmember Graham noted that the District 3 Community meeting will be this Thursday at 6:00p.m. at Broadway Recreation Center.

President Jordan also expressed his appreciation to the “World Changers” organization for their work in the City of Florence.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK