



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
February 3, 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, February 3, 2015. 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**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
  2. Invocation
  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 January 20, 2014 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Municipal Code Corporation, to complete Update 1 to the City's Code and provide 25 copies of the Code of Florence, in the amount of \$10,614.02, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, 362-41590 - Municipal Code Expense, sponsored by Bob Leyde.
  - (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ronnie Gist, DBA Gist Excavating, to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to demolish structures, properly dispose of debris, level and dress up sites located at 529 Staunton Avenue, 406 South Weakley Street and 319 Smith Street, in the amount of \$12,800.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
  - (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Johnson Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to remodel and make necessary improvements at the Florence Fire Training Center, in the amount of \$23,530.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, Account #1040-42200, sponsored by Jeff Perkins.
  - (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with SBS Electric Supply Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for a energy savings project to upgrade 317 lights to LED at the Florence Downtown Parking Deck, in the amount of \$132,774.12, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, Account #939-48101, sponsored by Bob Leyde. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item, 12 (e))**
  - (g) Resolution to reappoint Ralph Jones to the Beautification Board.
  - (h) Resolution to reappoint John Baker to the Beautification Board.
  - (i) Resolution to reappoint Bradley Dean to the Historical Board.
  - (j) Resolution to reappoint Tom White to the Historical Board.
  - (k) Resolution to appoint Julie Trapp to the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Board of Directors.
  - (l) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
12. Regular Agenda:
- (a) Ordinance to adopt the recodification of The Code of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
  - (b) Ordinance to lease Suite 310 in the Florence-Lauderdale Government Building located at 102 S. Court Street, Florence, AL, to Congressman Mo Brooks, for a term of two years commencing on January 3, 2015, and ending on January 2, 2017, sponsored by Dan Barger.
  - (c) Resolution to revise and amend the 1995 One Cent Sales Tax Capital Fund No. 188 Fiscal Year 2014-2015, sponsored by Dan Barger.
  - (d) Resolution to revise and amend the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund No. 117 Fiscal Year 2014-2015, sponsored by Dan Barger.
  - (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with SBS Electric Supply Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for a energy savings project to upgrade 317 lights to LED at the Florence Downtown Parking Deck, in the amount of \$132,774.12, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, Account #939-48101, sponsored by Bob Leyde. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (f))**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor-Beer-Wine by THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION INC, d/b/a HUNTING HERITAGE BANQUET, located at 702 EAST VETERANS DR, 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 Board	Vacancy		
Historical Board	Billy Richardson	12/17/2005	12/17/14
Library Board	Margaret Lobo	01/07/14	01/28/15

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with SBS Electric Supply Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for a energy savings project to upgrade 317 lights to LED at the Florence Downtown Parking Deck, in the amount of \$132,774.12, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, Account #939-48101, sponsored by Bob Leyde, to Regular Agenda Item 12 (e).

There being no further changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Graham 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:

President Jordan and the City Council thanked the Boy Scout Troop #284 for their attendance at tonight's meeting

**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 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to adopt the recodification of The Code of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Graham 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 an Ordinance to lease Suite 310 in the Florence-Lauderdale Government Building located at 102 S. Court Street, Florence, AL, to Congressman Mo Brooks, for a term of two years commencing on January 3, 2015, and ending on January 2, 2017, sponsored by Dan Barger. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Ordinance. 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 to revise and amend the 1995 One Cent Sales Tax Capital Fund No. 188 Fiscal Year 2014-2015, sponsored by Dan Barger. 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 Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Edwards made comments in support of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Edwards stated that these funds will address drainage problems on Harvest Drive. Councilmember Edwards further stated that this is an ongoing problem in that area and now we can rectify this.

President Jordan stated that we try to prioritize drainage issues.

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 to revise and amend the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund No. 117 Fiscal Year 2014-2015, sponsored by Dan Barger. 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 Graham 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 enter into a contract with SBS Electric Supply Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for a energy savings project to upgrade 317 lights to LED at the Florence Downtown Parking Deck, in the amount of \$132,774.12, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, Account #939-48101, sponsored by Bob Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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

**Discussion:**

President Jordan made comment in support of the proposed resolution. President Jordan stated that this project will pay for itself in seven years due to the savings in energy cost. President Jordan also stated that it will brighten up the Parking Deck.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor-Beer-Wine by THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION INC, d/b/a HUNTING HERITAGE BANQUET, located at 702 EAST VETERANS DR, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith 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 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

Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

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

Mr. Brian Simon, 402 South Main Street, appeared and made comments regarding quality medical care. Mr. Simon stated that he was recently diagnosed with cancer. Mr. Simon also stated that the government is here to assist citizens.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Edwards congratulated the Boy Scouts for attending tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Betterton wished Mr. Simon well during his fight against cancer. Councilmember Betterton commended Mayor Haddock and Chief Tyler for what they are doing for our community.

Councilmember Graham made comments regarding a recent TimesDaily Newspaper article concerning the building of the new hospital in East Florence. Councilmember Graham stated that several citizens that were quoted in the article said that they knew nothing about the status of the new hospital buying the houses in East Florence. Councilmember Graham further stated that he had personally spoken to these individuals and told them of the information that he had received. Councilmember Graham stated that the acquisition of land is almost complete and that clearing the property will begin soon. Councilmember Graham also stated that he is pleased with the progress of the new hospital.

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding Certificate of Need Boards that were established by Congress in 1975. Councilmember Morris stated that this Board was to reduce health care cost and to cut back on duplicated services. Councilmember Morris further stated that after ten years the law was rescinded and that the State of Alabama has chosen not to abolish the Board. Councilmember Morris stated that Regional Care has done a great job recruiting highly qualified physicians and health care personnel. Councilmember Morris further stated that now we are waiting on the final appeal by Huntsville Hospital to the Certificate of Need Board regarding the building of a new hospital.

President Jordan noted that the Dwelling Place located on West College Street provides after school care for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up. President Jordan further noted that the Heritage Preservation Inc. recently presented awards to several businesses located on Court Street. President Jordan expressed his appreciation to these organizations for their service to the community.

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