



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
March 3, 2015
"Youth In Government"**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Florence, Alabama, was held in the City Hall Auditorium in Florence at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. 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

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 3, 2015

10:00 A.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 February 17, 2015, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with ACRT, Inc., to provide customized arborist training and bucket and pole rescue training for selected employees of the Electricity Department, in the amount of \$6,068.00, plus \$65.00 for each copy of the manual *Working in Trees*, to be paid from budgeted Account #923–Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Croy Engineering, LLC, to provide civil engineering and surveying services for storm drainage work near the intersection of Section Line Road (County Road 7) and Chisholm Road (AL-17), in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, to be paid from One Cent Capital funds , sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate \$99,500.00 from the City’s Workers’ Compensation Fund to settle a workers’ compensation claim, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Reimbursable Agreement for Relocation of Utility Facilities on Private or Public Right-Of-Way with the Alabama Department of Transportation, Project Number ACBRZ61360-ATRP(016), ATRIP Number 39-05-12, for relocation of water and sewer facilities in connection with the Mars Hill Road bridge replacement project, sponsored by Mike Doyle. **(This item was removed)**
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Reimbursable Agreement for Relocation of Utility Facilities on Private or Public Right-Of-Way with the Alabama Department of Transportation, Project Number ACBRZ61360-ATRP(016), ATRIP Number 39-05-12, for relocation of natural gas facilities in connection with the Mars Hill Road bridge replacement project, sponsored by Mike Doyle. **(This item was removed)**
- (h) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to prohibit parking on both sides of Fairgrounds Road between Chisholm Road and Lakeview Court, sponsored by Bill Batson.

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>
Historical Board	Billy Richardson	12/17/2005	12/17/14
Library Board	Margaret Lobo		01/07/1401/28/15

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion to remove Consent Agenda Item 11 (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Reimbursable Agreement for Relocation of Utility Facilities on Private or Public Right-Of-Way with the Alabama Department of Transportation, Project Number ACBRZ61360-ATRP(016), ATRIP Number 39-05-12, for relocation of water and sewer facilities in connection with the Mars Hill Road bridge replacement project and Consent Agenda Item 11 (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Reimbursable Agreement for Relocation of Utility Facilities on Private or Public Right-Of-Way with the Alabama Department of Transportation, Project Number ACBRZ61360-ATRP(016), ATRIP Number 39-05-12, for relocation of natural gas facilities in connection with the Mars Hill Road bridge replacement project from the agenda.

Councilmember Betterton moved for a motion to remove the items from 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

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 Betterton 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 noted that today is “Youth In Government” Day where students from local high schools get the opportunity to learn about their government first hand and shadow a City official throughout his or her daily activities. Mayor Haddock thanked the Florence Exchange Club for sponsoring this event each year.

Mayor Haddock noted that “First Fridays” events begin this Friday and that the time changes this Sunday. Mayor Haddock further noted that the clean up day for the Downtown Parking Deck will be held Saturday, March 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Report of Department Heads:

George Grabryan, EMA/911 Director, stated that there is a weather briefing scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today regarding the potential for hazard weather conditions for our area.

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 prohibit parking on both sides of Fairgrounds Road between Chisholm Road and Lakeview Court, sponsored by Bill Batson. 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.

Discussion:

President Jordan reminded those in attendance of Mr. Batson's comments at the earlier work session.

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

General Business:

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding discrimination and racism. Mr. Simpson stated that together with our Nation, Florence needs to stand together with one voice to eradicate discrimination and racism.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Smith thanked everyone for coming to today's meeting.

Councilmember Graham thanked students for their participation in "Youth In Government" day.

Councilmember Morris stated that he envied the youth of today and that there are exciting days ahead.

Councilmember Edwards also thanked everyone in attendance today. Councilmember Edwards reminisced about his day years ago attending "Youth In Government" day.

Councilmember Edwards reminded everyone of "First Friday" and the time change this weekend.

Councilmember Betterton encouraged the students in attendance to go out and vote when you get the opportunity.

President Jordan welcomed and thanked the students for their participation.

Councilmember Betterton made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK