



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
May 5, 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, May 5, 2015. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Betterton 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

MAY 5, 2015

5:00 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 April 21, 2015, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ben Chester and Josh Wilburn, DBA Titan Property Services, to provide labor, equipment, material and incidentals necessary to prep, prime and paint bathroom floors at the Florence Fire Training Center in the amount of \$1,246.82, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Johnson Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to prep, prime and paint the exterior at the Florence Fire Training Center in the amount of \$3,488.00, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with TCI of Alabama, LLC, to decommission and dispose of transformers for the Florence Utilities Electricity Department to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #595 - Maintenance of Line Transformers, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Swift Industrial Power, Inc., to provide annual maintenance and inspection services of storage batteries located at electrical substations, in the amount of \$450.00 per site for 130 volt lead acid, \$350.00 per site for 48 volt lead acid and \$660.00 per site for 132 volt Nicad, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #570 - Maintenance of Substation Equipment, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals MPE, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for ballast replacement, rewiring of fixtures and replacement of Exit lights with a combination Exit/Emergency light at the Blackberry Trail Pro Shop and Grille in the amount of \$1,816.92, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44730, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Computer Systems, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install fiber cable at the Florence Police Department in the amount of \$5,048.00, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with M. Whitman Beasley Jr., DBA Beasley Appraisal Co., to perform property appraisals on two tracts of land for the Mars Hill Road Bridge Replacement, ALDOT Project No. ACBRZ61360-ATRP(016), in the amount of \$4,000.00, to be paid from Fund 188, Account #954-48143, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Reimbursable Agreement with Lauderdale County for Relocation of a Water Line on Private or Public Right-of-Way regarding Project Number ACBRZ63660-ATRP(011), ATRIP Number ACBRZ59423-ATRP(001), for relocation of a water line in connection with the Mars Hill Road bridge replacement project, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into an Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for Right-of-Way Acquisition, Project Number STPOA-3915 (), Project Reference Number 100063588, for widening of Rickwood Road from the Railroad crossing to Chisholm Road, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into an Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for Preliminary Engineering, Project Number STPOA-3915 (), Project Reference Number 100063587, for widening of Rickwood Road from the Railroad crossing to Chisholm Road, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (m) Resolution authorizing the city to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00 from the City's Liability Insurance Fund to settle the lawsuit filed against the City by Jorge Castell, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (n) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to lease 177 parking spaces on Levels J,K,L, and M located in the City parking deck to the University of North Alabama for \$6.00 per month per space beginning on August 16, 2014, and ending on May 9, 2015, sponsored by Bob 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>
Beautification	Vacancy		
Civil Service	Howard Robinson	12/06/05	04/15
Library Board	Margaret Lobo	01/07/14	01/28/15
Riverbend Center	Betty Robertson	05/07/91	04/01/15
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
Zoning	Brad Dethero	06/21/11	05/17/15
	Ry Griffin	12/18/12	05/17/15
	Morris Cracraft	05/07/13	05/17/15

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the 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

President Jordan suspended the rules to allow Dr. Ken Kitts, newly hired President of the University of North Alabama, to make comments.

Dr. Kitt noted that he and his family are proud to be here in Florence. Dr. Kitt further noted that the outpouring of this community has been wonderful. Dr. Kitt stated that he knows the impact that a university has on a city. Dr. Kitt further stated that he is looking forward to partnering with the Mayor and Council.

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock noted that the kick-off for the Americana Music Triangle took place this morning. Mayor Haddock further noted that the Kid's Fest that was held last weekend was very well attended and tomorrow begins "Music in the Park."

Mayor Haddock reminded everyone that this Thursday is the "National Day of Prayer" and "Arts Alive" will be May 16 and 17.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating May 2 thru May 10 as "National Tourism" week. The Proclamation was received by Ms. Alison Stanfield, Acting Tourism Director and a number of Tourism volunteers.

Mayor Haddock recognized Ms. Aimee Rainey, Principal of Florence Middle School, for being chosen "Middle School Principal of the Year" for Alabama.

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 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to lease 177 parking spaces on Levels J, K, L, and M located in the City parking deck to the University of North Alabama for \$6.00 per month per space beginning on August 16, 2014, and ending on May 9, 2015, sponsored by Bob Leyde. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Betterton 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.

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham made comments in support of the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Graham noted that this agreement is a win/win situation.

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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President Jordan noted that the next City Council meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Business from the Public (5-minute time limit): None

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Morris also made comments regarding the public meeting that was held last night at Riverbend regarding State budget cuts.

Councilmember Morris comments' regarding his opposition to recycling follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards had no comments.

Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding the meeting at Riverbend. Councilmember Betterton stated that the proposed budget cuts would affect Scope 310, ARC of the Shoals and Riverbend Center for Mental Health.

Councilmember Smith had no comments.

Councilmember Graham also made comments regarding the meeting at Riverbend.

Councilmember Graham noted that the main topic of discussion at the District 3 Community meeting that was held last Thursday was the new hospital. Councilmember Graham further noted that the hospital will start finalizing the purchase of properties this month so construction can begin.

President Jordan thanked everyone for their attendance tonight. President Jordan also thanked Dr. Kitt for speaking to everyone tonight.

President Jordan made comments regarding the proposed State budget cuts to Riverbend Center for Mental Health, and other agencies. President Jordan noted that Scope 310, ARC of the Shoals and Riverbend all receive financial support from the City of Florence. President Jordan further noted that today is "National Firefighter's" Day.

President Jordan reminded everyone that the next Council meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 12, at 5:00p.m. The change is due to some Councilmembers being out of town attending the State of Alabama League of Municipalities Conference being held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Councilmember Graham presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK