



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 15, 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, September 15, 2015. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Graham 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

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

5:00 P.M.

-
1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Graham
 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: Yes
 - (a) Proposed rezoning of property located at the NE corner of Cloverdale Road and Georgianna Street from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to B-1 (Neighborhood Business District) as requested by Gary Monroe.
 - (b) Proposed Zoning Amendment to add North Florence Business District to the areas exempt from off-street parking requirements.
 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 September 1, 2015, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Champion Roofing, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for a new roof system for the City Council Auditorium Building, in the amount of \$24,370.00, to be expensed to Fund 117, 1053-41810-Repairs to Buildings, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to approve an Agreement between the City of Florence and Lauderdale County for the provision of meals to inmates incarcerated at the Florence-Lauderdale Detention Center, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Skipper Consulting, Inc., to provide a parking study for portions of the downtown area and the University of North Alabama campus, in the amount of \$42,500.00, to be paid from Capitol Projects with UNA reimbursing 50% of the contract amount to the City, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Shoals, Inc., to provide assistance for low income families, in the amount of \$7,610.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Family Self Sufficiency to provide low income families with program needs, in the amount of \$5,500.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments to assist low income handicapped and elderly persons with transit assistance, in the amount of \$3,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (I) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Florence Housing Authority to provide transportation services to low to moderate income persons, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama to assist HUD defined homeless persons with transportation needs, in the amount of \$3,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with One Place of the Shoals to assist victims of domestic violence, in the amount of \$11,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Freedom House to provide assistance to substance abuse clients, in the amount of \$4,500.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (m) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Northwest Community Health Clinic to provide medical and dental care to low to moderate income persons, in the amount of \$11,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Block Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.

- (n) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the attached Rate Change Assessment, an amendment to contract number TV-70310A, between the City of Florence and the Tennessee Valley Authority, effective October 1, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (o) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the attached Support and Services Agreement between the City of Florence and Invensys Systems, Inc., to be paid according to a three (3) year fee schedule from a combination of FY 16 capital and expense funds as applicable to each treatment facility, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (p) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to rezone property located at the NE corner of Cloverdale Road and Georgianna Street from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to B-1 (Neighborhood Business District) as requested by Gary Monroe, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (b) Ordinance to amend the Code of Florence, Alabama, to add North Florence Business District to the areas exempt from off-street parking requirements, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the attached Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.

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		
	Scott Townsend	12/07/10	11/01/15
	Susan Burdine	12/01/09	11/01/15
	Virginia Reed Gooch	12/18/12	11/01/15
	Susan Williams	12/18/12	11/01/15
Historical Board	Vacancy		
Housing/Const	Adam Burchell	06/19/12	09/30/15
	Jack Reid	09/06/05	09/30/15
	William Wynne	09/06/05	09/30/15
	Thomas Pigg	09/06/05	09/30/15
Parks & Rec	James (Buck) Morris	09/20/05	10/30/15
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Vacancy		
SEDA	Bud Ward	12/04/12	09/30/15
	Brad Haddock	10/16/12	09/30/15
Tree Commission	Lavetta Adams	01/02/07	11/03/15
	Nancy Muse	05/01/07	11/03/15
	Kevin Jangaard	09/16/08	11/03/15

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

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

- Council member Graham
- Council member Morris
- Council member Edwards
- Council member Betterton
- Council member Smith
- 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

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock noted that this week he had received two letters commending City employees for their hard work.

Mayor Haddock stated that “movie in the park” sponsored by DFU will be Saturday night starting at 6:45 p.m. and that this month’s movie is Cinderella.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the month of September as “National Childhood Cancer Awareness” month. The Proclamation was received by Taylor Hendrix.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Morris’ report follows, to wit:

Public Hearing:

President Jordan noted that this is the date and time advertised for a public hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of property located at the NE corner of Cloverdale Road and Georgianna Street from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to B-1 (Neighborhood Business District) as requested by Gary Monroe.

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, appeared and noted that the proposed rezoning was unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission. There were no comments from the public or the City Council.

President Jordan noted that this is the date and time advertised for a public hearing regarding the proposed zoning amendment to add North Florence Business District to the areas exempt from off-street parking.

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, appeared and noted that the proposed zoning amendment was also unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission. There being no comments from the public or the City Council, President Jordan closed the public hearing.

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 an Ordinance to rezone property located at the NE corner of Cloverdale Road and Georgianna Street from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to B-1 (Neighborhood Business District) as requested by Gary Monroe, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. 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 Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Betterton made comments in support of the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Betterton thanked the Florence Planning Commission for their work on this ordinance.

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 an Ordinance to amend the Code of Florence, Alabama, to add North Florence Business District to the areas exempt from off-street parking requirements, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham 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 Edwards 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 a Resolution authorizing the City to approve the attached Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton 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.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that the proposed resolution was discussed at the earlier work session and has also been reviewed by Bill Musgrove, City Attorney.

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>
Beautification	Vacancy		
	Scott Townsend	12/07/10	11/01/15
	Susan Burdine	12/01/09	11/01/15
	Virginia Reed Gooch	12/18/12	11/01/15
	Susan Williams	12/18/12	11/01/15
Historical Board	Vacancy		
Housing/Const	Adam Burchell	06/19/12	09/30/15
	Jack Reid	09/06/05	09/30/15
	William Wynne	09/06/05	09/30/15
	Thomas Pigg	09/06/05	09/30/15
Parks & Rec	James (Buck) Morris	09/20/05	10/30/15
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Vacancy		
SEDA	Bud Ward	12/04/12	09/30/15
	Brad Haddock	10/16/12	09/30/15
Tree Commission	Lavetta Adams	01/02/07	11/03/15
	Nancy Muse	05/01/07	11/03/15
	Kevin Jangaard	09/16/08	11/03/15

President Jordan noted that Bud Ward, Brad Haddock, Lavetta Adams, Nancy Muse and Kevin Jangaard have been nominated for reappointment to their respective boards.

Councilmember Smith made the motion to nominate Mr. Billy Ray Simpson for the Parks & Recreation Board. Councilmember Betterton 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

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

Mr. James Bankston, 1870 Randolph Street, appeared and made comments regarding the old landfill that was located in West Florence. Mr. Bankston stated that there seems to be a correlation between chemical waste and minority neighborhoods. Mr. Bankston further stated that he believes that building the new animal shelter on Cox Creek Parkway adjacent to a minority neighbor will be damaging to the neighborhood. Mr. Bankston stated that the neighbors located near this location are not in support of this location. Mr. Bankston asked the Council to look for another location.

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and made comments regarding the City's sale of the former Florence Golf & Country Club property to the Chinese. Mr. Smoak stated that according to a newspaper article dated September 15 that quoted Mayor Haddock as saying that the City had tried to buy back the Country Club property so that the new animal shelter could be built on that property. Mr. Smoak further stated that sometimes the cheapest way is not the right way.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments in opposition to the proposed building of the new Animal Shelter on Fairgrounds Road and Cox Creek Parkway. Mr. Simpson stated that the City needs to look at some other areas of Florence to build the Animal Shelter. Mr. Simpson further stated that the City cannot continue to make decisions that could appear to be racial.

Ms. Susan Goode, 1025 Olive Street, appeared and encouraged the Council to move ahead with the building of a new tennis complex at Veterans Park. Ms. Goode stated that the City needs to build enough tennis courts so that the City can host tournaments. Ms. Good further stated that the ability to host tennis tournaments can have a significant impact on our economy.

Mr. Cleveland Watkins, 2229 Maple Avenue, appeared and made comments in opposition to the City building an animal shelter in North Florence on Cox Creek Parkway. Mr. Watkins

stated that he is concerned with declining property values. Mr. Watkins asked the Council to look for a non community location to build the animal shelter.

Anna Broadfoot, 102 Oakhill Drive, appeared and stated that we need to work together and settle this situation regarding the new animal shelter. Ms. Broadfoot stated that she feels the Council is looking for the best location for the animal shelter. Ms. Broadfoot expressed her appreciation to Mayor Haddock and the Council for researching this matter.

Ms. Terri Whalen, 4637 County Road 24, appeared and made comments regarding the design of the new animal shelter. Ms. Whalen stated the design needs to accommodate the City for a number of years to come. Ms. Whalen further stated that Mindy Kilbert, Alabama State Director of the Humane Society, would be willing to meet with Mayor Haddock and Council to discuss the design of the new shelter.

Ms. Rita Goins, County Road 24, appeared and made comments regarding the new shelter. Ms. Goins stated that the old shelter is in great need of repair. Ms. Goins encouraged everyone to visit the old shelter.

Mr. Tommy Pirkle, 243 Woodcrest Drive, appeared and made comments regarding the building of a new animal shelter in North Florence. Mr. Pirkle stated that the City is talking about building a new shelter not a dump. Mr. Pirkle stated that the new shelter will be a state-of-the-art facility that the citizens can be proud of.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Graham welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. Councilmember Graham noted that the City wants to build a state-of-the-art animal shelter and that we all need to work together. Councilmember Graham thanked all of those who came out tonight and expressed their opinions regarding the new animal shelter.

Councilmember Morris noted that a new state-of-the-art animal shelter will be a symbol of who we are and what we value. Councilmember Morris commended Ms. Taylor Hendrix for her battle with cancer.

Councilmember Edwards stated that passion is a good thing. Councilmember Edwards further stated that he is trying to learn all he can about animal shelters and that the City is still searching for a place to build it. Councilmember Edwards also commended Ms. Taylor Hendrix on her battle with cancer.

Councilmember Betterton commended Ms. Taylor Hendrix and her mom, Tammy Hendrix for their work with Childhood Cancer. Councilmember Betterton noted that 14,583 children will be diagnosed with cancer this month.

Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding the new animal shelter. Councilmember Betterton stated that he wants it to be a special place that is visible to the public.

Councilmember Betterton thanked everyone who expressed there opinions tonight.

Councilmember Smith made comments regarding the location of a new animal shelter.

Councilmember Smith stated that he would not want an animal shelter across the street from his house, nor across the street from people in his district.

President Jordan noted that regardless of the location this Council is committed to building a new animal shelter.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK