



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

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 16, 2016. 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.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2016

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 February 2, 2016, meeting.

- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
 - (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Tren-Tay, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for Phase I of the galvanized water line replacement program, in the amount of \$1,289,975.00, to be paid from the remaining 2011 Warrant Funds, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
 - (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with James E. Alexander Land Surveying, LLC, to provide surveying to locate existing property boundaries on Hermitage Drive from Royal Avenue north to the new bridge (Railroad Avenue), in the amount of \$3,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #398-43110 - Special Projects, sponsored by Bill Batson.
 - (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C&H Cooling & Heating, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace tandem compressors C & D and various parts on the Third Floor condensing unit, City Hall, in the amount of \$22,048.99, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
 - (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C&M Testing, LLC, to provide geotechnical engineering and design consultation services for River Heritage Phase 3 Trail project, in the amount of \$1,500.00, to be paid from General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013-B, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
 - (g) Resolution authorizing the City to submit a request for funding from the Shoals Economic Development Fund for road improvements in and around the granary and public dock at the Port of Florence to accommodate the expansion of the Alabama Farmers Cooperative, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
 - (h) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for an Alabama Recycling Fund Grant from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, in the amount of \$191,610.00, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c))**
 - (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Salvation Army, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and City Council.
 - (j) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
12. Regular Agenda:
- (a) Ordinance rezoning property located at 801 Cypress Mill Road from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) as requested by Brink Brothers, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. (Note: A public hearing was held on this at the last council meeting but no vote was taken.)
 - (b) Resolution authorizing the City to accept and maintain the public improvements for Blackberry Village Subdivision, Lots 1 - 39, sponsored by Bill Batson.
 - (c) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for an Alabama Recycling Fund Grant from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, in the amount of \$191,610.00, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (h))**
 - (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement regarding asset allocation recommendations for the City Employees' Retirement Plan submitted by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, through its Graystone Consulting, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**
13. General Business:
- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor-Beer-Wine by NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION INC., d/b/a HUNTING HERITAGE BANQUET, to take place on Saturday, February 27th, 2016, and located at 702 EAST VETERANS DRIVE (FLORENCE-LAUDERDALE COLISEUM), 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	Vacancy		
Civil Service Board	Lindsey Musselman Davis	04/19/11	04/16
Historical	Kenneth Johnson	03/24/09	12/17/15
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
Industrial Development	Rusty Carbine	06/02/92	04/05/16
	John Van Sandt	06/02/92	04/05/16
Parks & Rec	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster Vacancy	08/21/12	07/21/15
Zoning Adjustments	Robbie Hillis	05/07/13	05/17/16

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 noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (h) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for an Alabama Recycling Fund Grant from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, in the amount of \$191,610.00 to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) and to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement regarding asset allocation recommendations for the City Employees' Retirement Plan submitted by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, through its Graystone Consulting.

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 presented a Proclamation designating the week of February 21 - 27, 2016 as "National Arbor" week and Tuesday, February 23 as "Arbor Day." The Proclamation was received by Mr. John Norton, Tree Commission.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation in recognition and tribute to former Mayor William E.(Bill) Batson who passed away December 16, 2015. The Proclamation was received by Suzanne Morris and her husband, Councilmember Barry Morris. Mayor Haddock noted that Mayor Batson served the City of Florence as President of the Board of Commissioners and Ex Officio Mayor from 1969-1978 and again from 1981-1984.

Mayor Haddock reminded everyone that the Council meeting on Tuesday, March 1, will be Youth-In-Government Day and that the work session will be at 9:00 a.m. and the Council meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Councilmember Graham made comments regarding former Mayor Bill Batson. Councilmember Graham noted that Mayor Batson was a true southern gentleman. Councilmember Graham further noted he was a good man, politician and leader in our community.

President Jordan noted that Mayor Batson was one of the most moral and ethical people that he had ever had the pleasure of working with.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing: None

Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent or Regular Agenda:

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and made comments regarding Consent Agenda Item 11(I) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Salvation Army,

sponsored by Mayor Haddock and City Council. Mr. Smoak stated that more information should be read by the City Clerk regarding contracts. Mr. Smoak further stated that the citizens of Florence should be made aware of tax payers' money. Mr. Smoak further stated that he would like more information regarding this appropriation.

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 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance rezoning property located at 801 Cypress Mill Road from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) as requested by Brink Brothers, 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 Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that the issues that were brought forward regarding the proposed rezoning have been answered by Melissa Bailey, Planning Department.

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 authorizing the City to accept and maintain the public improvements for Blackberry Village Subdivision, Lots 1 - 39, sponsored by Bill Batson. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that accepting and maintaining public improvements are routine.

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 authorizing the City to apply for an Alabama Recycling Fund Grant from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, in the amount of \$191,610.00, sponsored by David Koonce. 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.

There being no discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: Barry Morris

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement regarding asset allocation recommendations for the City Employees' Retirement Plan submitted by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, through its Graystone Consulting, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that the proposed resolution has the full support of the Personnel Committee.

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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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 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. Mike Jones, 170 Karen Drive, appeared and made comments regarding the money that was appropriated to build a new Senior Center. Mr. Jones stated that we are in year three of a five-year agreement to use the current site. Mr. Jones further stated that the two million dollars allotted for this project will buy less each year this project is postponed. Mr. Jones stated that plans need to move forward with either building a new center or purchasing the current center from the Chinese.

Ms. Eva Knight, 2810 Waldridge Street, appeared and make comments in favor of Mr. Jones' previous comments. Ms. Knight noted that if a new center is to be built then plans need to start now. Ms. Knight further noted that with the proposed Animal Shelter is taking much longer to build, she is afraid the same will happen with a new Senior Center.

Mr. Jim Haun, 591 County Road 118, appeared and made comments regarding the Senior Center. Mr. Haun stated that the Seniors need a bus and van with wheelchair lifts. Mr. Haun also noted that the building that is currently housing the Senior Center needs more heat.

Ms. Winforde Luhrs, North Wood Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding directional signs for the Senior Center that is located on Savannah Highway. Ms. Luhrs stated that she enjoys all the activities and the food that are provided each week. Ms. Luhrs further stated that it is impossible to direct other people to the Senior Center without having proper signage.

Ms. Anna Broadfoot, 102 East Oakhill Drive, appeared and stated that she agrees with all the previous comments regarding the Senior Center. Ms. Broadfoot further stated that the City needs to start planning now because that is only two years left on the current lease.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Graham thanked everyone for their attendance tonight. Councilmember Graham stated that the Council shares the concerns of the Seniors.

Councilmember Morris thanked the Seniors for their attendance tonight.

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding Mr. Smoak's earlier comments.

Councilmember Morris noted that the Council agenda with attached contracts are made available to the public on the City's web-site. Councilmember Morris further noted that the Council is not hiding information regarding appropriations from the public.

Councilmember Edwards also thanked everyone for their attendance tonight.

Councilmember Edwards stated that the Senior Center is very important to this Council.

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Smith noted that on Friday, February 19, the Tree Commission will be planting crepe myrtle trees at Beverly Avenue and West College Street which is the main entrance to West Florence. Councilmember Smith also noted that the Council is working on plans for a new Senior Center.

Councilmember Smith stated that the Salvation Army is expanding from thirty-eight beds to sixty-two beds to house the homeless. Councilmember Smith also stated that the Homeless Care Council is making plans for a daycare center for the homeless. Councilmember Smith stated that the homeless will be able to use the center to shower and to apply for jobs.

President Jordan noted that Mrs. Raney, Principal at Florence Middle School, was recently named a national winner of the AASA Woman's in School Leadership awards. President Jordan also noted that Dr. Womack, Superintendent of Florence City Schools, was named Superintendent of the Year.

President Jordan thanked the Council for approving an additional seventy-five thousand dollars to the Salvation Army.

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK