



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 15, 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, March 15, 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.

**AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**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:
    - (a) Proposed rezoning of property located at 1954 Jackson Road from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District) as requested by James Patrick Daugherty.
    - (b) Proposed approval of Multifamily House Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, for the Dogwood Housing, Inc. Southeast Portfolio Project for improvements to Heatherwood Apartments and Weeden Heights Apartments.
  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 March 1, 2016, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Geo-Source, Inc., to provide tree survey and assessment for trees lining Wood Avenue from Tuscaloosa Street northward to Gilbert Court for the Street Resurfacing Project, in the amount of \$6,675.00, to be paid from Engineering Department Special Projects, Account #398, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Trane U.S. Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to make repairs on the QS Tracer System in City Hall/Municipal Building, in the amount of \$8,117.83, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Diversified Inspections/Independent Testing Laboratories, Inc., to provide inspections and non destructive testing requirements for the Florence Fire Department to include three (3) aerial ladder/platform trucks and five hundred seventy one feet (571') of ground ladders, in the amount of \$2,944.50, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1047-42200, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with MES/Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., to provide functional flow testing inspections on forty three (43) Scott Air-Paks/Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Florence Fire Department, in the amount of \$2,064.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1047-42200, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with J.K. Johnson Mechanical Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to rework switching and make additional electrical updates at the Police Department Firing Range, in the amount of \$2,051.00, to be paid from the Building Maintenance budgeted fund, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to make application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program, for a 2016 Port Security Grant Program Award, in the amount of \$190,000. The City match will be 25% in funds or in kind services, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (i) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City to Carrie B. Stewart and son, Michael Howard, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to settle the claim filed against the City by Tim Russ in an amount not to exceed \$11,662.21, to be paid from the City's Liability Insurance Fund, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate \$5,000.00 to the University of North Alabama in support of the Front Porch Storytelling Festival, with \$2,500.00 to be paid from the Mayor's Special Project Fund 398-41111, and \$2,500.00 to be paid from the City Council's Special Projects Fund 398-41112, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Kennedy-Douglass Volunteers, Inc., to conduct the Arts Alive Festival in Wilson Park during the month of May 2016, in the amount of \$1,500.00, \$750.00 to be paid from the Mayor's Special Projects Account #398-41111 and \$750.00 to be paid from the Council's Special Projects Account #398-41112, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.

- (m) Resolution to reappoint Drucilla S. Gambrell to the Lauderdale County Regional Library System Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance rezoning property located at 1954 Jackson Road from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District), sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (b) Resolution approving the issuance Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, for the Dogwood Housing, Inc. Southeast Portfolio Project for improvements to Heatherwood Apartments and Weeden Heights Apartments, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

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 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	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Vacancy		
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 Edwards
- Council member Betterton
- Council member Smith
- Council member Graham.
- Council member Morris
- 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:** None

**Report of Department Heads:** None

**Report of Standing Committee:** None

**Public Hearing:**

President Jordan stated that this is the date and time advertised for a Public Hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of property located at 1954 Jackson Road from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District) as requested by James Patrick Daugherty.

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, appeared and stated that the proposed rezoning was unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission.

There were no comments from the public.

President Jordan stated that this is the date and time advertised for a Public Hearing regarding the proposed approval of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, for the Dogwood Housing, Inc. Southeast Portfolio Project for improvements to Heatherwood Apartments and Weeden Heights Apartments, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

Bill Musgrove, City Attorney, noted that the bond amount for Heatherwood Apartments located at 502 Mars Hill Road will be 2.1 million dollars and the amount for Weeden Heights Apartments located at 3610 Huntsville Road will be 1.35 million dollars.

There were no comments from the public. President Jordan closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

**Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent or 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 rezoning property located at 1954 Jackson Road from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District), sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham 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 Edwards 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 approving the issuance Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, for the Dogwood Housing, Inc. Southeast Portfolio Project for improvements to Heatherwood Apartments and Weeden Heights Apartments, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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 Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Edwards noted that the proposed bond issue does not obligate the City financially in anyway.

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

Mr. Jim Hunt, 591 County Road 118, appeared and made comments regarding the Senior Center. Mr. Hunt invited Mayor Haddock and members of the City Council to come to The Club for a question and answer period regarding the proposed building of a new Senior Center.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding the Salvation Army. Mr. Simpson stated that he knew of a hardship case that was turned down for assistance by the Salvation Army. Mr. Simpson expressed his disappointment with the Salvation Army.

Mr. Simpson made comments regarding the Florence/Lauderdale Animal Shelter. Mr. Simpson stated that we should make groups accountable for fund-raisers.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Edwards made comments regarding the Streetscape work that is currently taking place on Tennessee Street. Councilmember Edwards also made comments regarding the progress of the new Indian Mound Museum and the plans for a new Animal Shelter.

Councilmember Edwards made comments regarding the rezoning of property located at 1954 Jackson Road. Councilmember Edwards stated that Dr. Daugherty has plans that will begin soon involving horses.

Councilmember Betterton noted that his sixth grandchild was born yesterday.

Councilmember Smith thanked the Mayor, Council and City employees for their hard work.

Councilmember Graham noted that he is willing to look into the case that Mr. Simpson referred to regarding the Salvation Army.

Councilmember Graham noted that Mayor Eddie Frost passed away fifteen years ago today. Councilmember Graham reminded everyone of the District 3 Community meeting that will be held on the last Thursday in April at 6:00 p.m. at the Broadway Recreation Center.

Councilmember Morris had no comments.

In the absence of Mayor Haddock, President Jordan read a statement from the Mayor on the status of the Capital Projects. His statement follows, to wit:

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK