



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 18, 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, October 18, 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, Blake Edwards, Barry Morris and Andrew Betterton.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 2016

5:00 P.M.

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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:
 - (a) Proposed rezoning of property located at 309-A Handy Homes, to be rezoned from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) as requested by FHA Communities, LTD.
 - (b) Proposed rezoning of property located at 1451 Carver Heights Way, to be rezoned from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) as requested by FHA Communities, LTD.
 - (c) Proposed rezoning of 5.67 acres located on Helton Drive, north of Cox Creek Parkway, to be rezoned from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-2 (General Business District) as requested by Brad Perry.

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 October 11, 2016, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with United Power Services, Inc., to provide professional services for the purpose of laboratory testing of transformer insulating fluids and on site sampling for the Electricity Department, in the amount of the unit prices shown on Quote #4310OCP5350, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with ChemPro Services, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for substation and bare ground weed control for the Electricity Department, in the amount of \$8,608.60, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #570 - Maintenance of Station Equipment, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Donnie McGee, d/b/a Donnie's HVAC, to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the installation of a new HVAC unit and duct system for the Landfill Office/Dayroom, in the amount of \$6,950.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract between the City of Florence and the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, to provide housing assistance and supportive services for chronically homeless individuals and families, in the amount of \$378,736.00, to be paid from 2015 Continuum of Care Program funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (g) Resolution to approve the Amended Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Florence and the Alabama Forestry Commission regarding improvements to the highway entrance of the Alabama Forestry Commission offices located at 1212 Waterloo Road, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (h) Resolution to appropriate \$75,000.00 to the Lauderdale County District Attorney's Office to be used towards the purchase of the One Place of the Shoals building, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (i) Resolution to appoint Evan Thornton as a member of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (j) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to rezone 309-A Handy Homes from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) as requested by FHA Communities, LTD, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (b) Ordinance to rezone 1451 Carver Heights Way from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) as requested by FHA Communities, LTD, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (c) Ordinance to rezone 5.67 acres located on Helton Drive, north of Cox Creek Parkway, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-2 (General Business District) as requested by Brad Perry, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (d) Ordinance to amend Sec.13-152. Zones Designated, of the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, sponsored by Robert Leyde.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to approve the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.
- (b) Resolution to approve the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.
- (c) Resolution to approve the Solid Waste Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.
- (d) Resolution to amend the operating budgets of the Gas Department and the Water and Wastewater Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Mike Doyle and Vance Young.
- (e) Resolution to amend the Electricity Department Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Richard Morrissey and Vance Young.
- (f) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business	Leonard Skipworth	06/03/08	11/15/16
Beautification	Two Vacancies		
	David Doroh	10/07/14	11/01/16
	Dee Hubbert	07/17/01	11/01/16
	Margaret McCloy	03/04/14	11/01/16
Hospital Board	Thelma Robinson	07/01/86	06/25/16
SCOPE 310	Vacancy		
	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16
Tree Commission	Vacancy		
	John Norton	11/05/13	11/03/16

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 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

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock thanked the Department Heads for their work on the 2017 General Fund Budget that is on tonight's agenda.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the month of October as "Community Planning" month.

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 309-A Handy Homes, to be rezoned from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) as requested by FHA Communities, LTD.

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 rezoning of property located at 1451 Carver Heights Way, to be rezoned from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) as requested by FHA Communities, LTD.

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, appeared and stated that the proposed rezoning was also 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 rezoning of property located on Helton Drive, north of Cox Creek Parkway, to be rezoned from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-2 (General Business District) as requested by Brad Perry.

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

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 to rezone 309-A Handy Homes from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) as requested by FHA Communities, LTD, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. 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 Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan made comments in support of the proposed ordinance. President Jordan noted that when there is a public hearing on a rezoning of property and the public voices concerns with the rezoning, the Council will postpone the vote until the next meeting.

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 rezone 1451 Carver Heights Way from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential District) as requested by FHA Communities, LTD, 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 Smith 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 an Ordinance to rezone 5.67 acres located on Helton Drive, north of Cox Creek Parkway, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-2 (General Business District) as requested by Brad Perry, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Jordan 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 Betterton 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 an Ordinance to amend Sec.13-152. Zones Designated, of the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, sponsored by Robert Leyde. 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.

Discussion:

City Clerk, Robert Leyde, noted that the proposed ordinance will extend the zone for parking meters on Tennessee Street from Walnut Street to Cherry Street. City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, further noted that this is in keeping with the Streetscape Project.

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 to approve the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris noted that the 2016-2017 budget will be in place when the new candidates take office next month. Councilmember Morris further noted that this is a very conservative budget and that the City will not need to dip into reserves.

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 to approve the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger. 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 Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham noted that there are nineteen funds included in the proposed resolution.

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 to approve the Solid Waste Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger. 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 Edwards seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution. Councilmember Morris stated that he is voting against the Solid Waste Fund Budget due to his opposition to recycling. Councilmember Morris further stated that according to the Washington Post Newspaper, recycling centers across the United States are losing a considerable amount money each year. Councilmember Morris noted that a state of the art recycle center located Montgomery, Alabama has filed for bankruptcy and that the City of Montgomery has stopped all curbside recycling. Councilmember Morris further noted that the sale of recyclable products has continued to decrease. Councilmember Morris stated that residential and commercial garbage rates in Florence will increase next year to offset the loss from recycling. Councilmember Morris further stated that recycling makes no sense because it costs the City a lot money to recycle.

Councilmember Graham made comments in favor of the proposed Resolution. Councilmember Graham stated that the City does not eradicate projects due to the fact that the projects are not revenue producing.

There being no further 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 to amend the operating budgets of the Gas Department and the Water and Wastewater Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Mike Doyle and Vance Young. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham 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 Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan stated that the amendments are to cover 2 percent cost of living raise giving to City employees.

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 to amend the Electricity Department Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Richard Morrissey and Vance Young. 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.

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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SCOPE 310	Vacancy Josh Webster Reginald Owens	08/21/12 04/01/14	07/21/15 07/21/16
Tree Commission	Vacancy John Norton	11/05/13	11/03/16

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

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Morris noted that October is “Breast Cancer Awareness” month.

Councilmember Morris extended his condolences to Councilmember Smith for the recent loss of his wife.

Councilmember Edwards also extended his condolences to Councilmember Smith and his family.

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Smith made comments regarding the homeless in the City of Florence.

Councilmember Graham thanked everyone in attendance tonight. Councilmember Graham also extended his condolences to Councilmember Smith and his family.

President Jordan also extended his condolences to Councilmember Smith and his family.

President Jordan thanked the Seniors who were honored tonight.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK