



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 1, 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, November 1, 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: Kaytrina Simmons, William D. Jordan, David Bradley, Michelle Eubanks, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 15, 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:
 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 November 1, 2016, and November 7, 2016 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mobile Service Container, Inc., to provide services for refurbishing dumpster containers, in the amount of \$11,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #256-43125, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Southern Environmental Testing, Inc., to provide professional services to collect and analyze storm water and ground water samples at the Sanitary Landfill, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #256-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ringer Garage Door Company, Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to repair and replace the overhead door at the Recycle Plant, in the amount of \$1,890.00, to be expensed to Account #266-43125, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional engineering services required to develop a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan for the Street Department, in the amount of \$2,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #256-43120, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide engineering services required to develop a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan for the Recycling Center, in the amount of \$2,300.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #256-43125, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (h) Resolution to accept the proposal for a one year health insurance policy covering excess loss, to be effective January 1, 2017, from Blue Cross of Alabama, sponsored by the Finance Committee.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Simon Solutions, Inc., to provide software and support for the homeless management information system, Charity Tracker, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and designated by the continuum of care, through April 30, 2017, in the amount of \$19,136.50, to be paid from Continuum of Care Program Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution to approve the Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Florence and the Tennessee Valley Authority to reimburse the City for the cost to lower a cable for additional line clearance at the TVA Oakland-Wilson Hydro 161-kV transmission line crossing between TVA line structures 41-42, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (k) Resolution to approve the Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Florence and the Tennessee Valley Authority to reimburse the City for the cost to lower a cable for additional line clearance at the TVA Oakland-Wilson Hydro 161-kV transmission line crossing between TVA line structures 63-64, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (l) Resolution to approve the asset allocation recommendations for the City Employees' Retirement Plan submitted by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, through its Graystone Consulting business, sponsored by the Benefits Committee.
- (m) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to elect Dan Barger as Treasurer/Chief Accountant of the City of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (b) Resolution to elect Robert M. Leyde as City Clerk for the City of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (c) Resolution to appoint Council members to standing committees of the Council, sponsored by President Jordan.
- (d) Resolution to reappoint Andy Betterton as a member ex-officio of the Florence Planning Commission, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.

- (e) Resolution to appoint Blake Edwards as a member of the Shoals Industrial Development Committee, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.

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>
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 Simmons
Council member Bradley
Council member Eubanks
Council member Edwards
Council member Betterton
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 Edwards seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Holt's comments follow, to wit:

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: None

President Jordan announced that Mayor Holt has reappointed Mr. Ernie Fite, Mr. Phil Stevenson, and Dr. Francis Koti to the Planning Commission.

Consent Agenda:

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items.
Councilmember Edwards moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to elect Dan Barger as Treasurer/Chief Accountant of the City of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Jordan seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to elect Robert M. Leyde as City Clerk for the City of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Bradley moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to appoint Council members to standing committees of the Council, sponsored by President Jordan. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that he had spoken to each Councilmember regarding the appointments.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to reappoint Andy Betterton as a member ex-officio of the Florence Planning Commission, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to appoint Blake Edwards as a member of the Shoals Industrial Development Committee, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding the homeless in Florence. Mr. Simpson stated that we need to keep our minds on those in need and we need a facility located in West Florence for the homeless.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Simmons thanked the Veterans who has served our Country. Councilmember Simmons noted that tomorrow is W. C. Handy's birthday. Councilmember Simmons wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Bradley noted that he is grateful to be here with this Council. Councilmember Bradley thanked the Veterans who serve and the Florence Police Officers who serve our City.

Councilmember Bradley noted that the new hospital is moving forward. Councilmember Bradley made comments regarding the Animal Shelter and Senior Citizens Center building projects. Councilmember Bradley further noted that new playground equipment is being installed tomorrow at the Maud Lindsey Kindergarten.

Councilmember Eubanks stated that she is thankful to serve the citizens of District 4. Councilmember Eubanks made comments regarding the board openings that are on tonight's agenda and the Animal Shelter project. Councilmember Eubanks also expressed her appreciation to the Veterans.

Councilmember Edwards noted that the "Home in the Inn" is now open for the homeless people. Councilmember Edwards wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Betterton noted that his church recently provided breakfast for those who are staying at the "Room in the Inn." Councilmember Betterton welcomed Mayor Holt and the new Councilmembers.

President Jordan also welcomed Mayor Holt and the new Councilmembers. President Jordan thanked Robert Leyde and Dan Barger for the service to the City.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK