



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 20, 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, December 20, 2016. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Eubanks 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**

**December 20, 2016**

**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
  2. Invocation - Councilmember Eubanks
  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 December 6, 2016, meeting.

- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Professional Fire & Security, LLC, to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to install two wire wall mount strobes, smoke detectors and a 5' sampling tube in the City Hall Building, in the amount of \$1,121.37, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810 - Building Maintenance, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C&H Cooling & Heating, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace valves and install a heater on the data room condensing unit in the City Hall Building, in the amount of \$1,608.30, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to correct electrical issues noted in the Bureau of Fire Prevention Report in the City Hall Building, in the amount of \$1,338.97, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with B. H. Craig Construction Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to rehabilitate the Cloverdale Road water booster station, in the amount of \$225,454.00, to be paid from budgeted FYE 17 funds, Account #311.00, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals MPE, LLC, to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for electrical repairs to the River Heritage Park, in the amount of \$3,906.41, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with G-Squared, LLC, to provide annual maintenance of the City's GIS base map, in the amount of \$127,500.00, to be paid from Fund 188 - 1995 One Cent Sales Tax, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional civil engineering and surveying services required for a roundabout at the intersection of North Court Street and Irvine Avenue, in the amount of \$15,800.00, to be split 50/50 between the University of North Alabama and the City of Florence, with the City's portion being paid from Fund 188 - 1995 One Cent Sales Tax, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution to approve the Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services, Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction between the City of Florence and the State of Alabama for industrial access road improvements on South Court Street and Water Street to benefit the Alabama Farmers Cooperative, Inc., Project IAR-039-000-004, in the amount of \$198,000.00, to be reimbursed by ALDOT, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mike O'Steen Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to renovate the break/file room in the Mayor/Council Offices, in the amount of \$6,353.00, to be paid from budgeted funds from the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Sports Facilities Advisory, LLC, to perform a five-phase feasibility study related to the proposed Tennis Complex at Veterans Park, in the amount of \$33,750.00 plus travel expenses not to exceed \$3,500.00, to be paid from Fund 188 - 1995 One Cent Sales Tax, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (m) Resolution to approve an Agreement between the City of Florence and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, to advertise and promote the City through the Chamber's Keep the Shoals Beautiful (KTSB) Program, in the amount of \$2,500.00, to be paid with a 50/50 split between the Mayor's and City Council's Special Project Funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to cancel the contract previously entered into between nCourt, LLC, and the City of Florence for online payment services for the Municipal Court and to approve the Agreement between GovtPortal and the City of Florence for the same aforementioned services, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (o) Resolution to appoint Christopher A. Smith as the Municipal Judge of the City of Florence for a term of two (2) years beginning January 1, 2017, and ending on December

31, 2018, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

- (p) Resolution to appoint Dr. Will Boyd, Jr. to the Health Care Authority of Lauderdale County and the City of Florence Board of Directors, sponsored by the City Council.
- (q) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda

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
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 Eubanks  
Council member Edwards  
Council member Betterton  
Council member Simmons  
Council member Bradley  
Council member Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Eubanks moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton 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:**

True Freedom Riders appeared and made a presentation of a certificate of appreciation to the City Council.

Mayor Holt thanked the Florence Police Officers and employees for their hard work. Mayor Holt also thanked the employees who had to work during the storm this past weekend.

Mayor Holt noted that the search is continuing for a Human Resource Director. Mayor Holt further noted that his office issued a scam alert press release regarding the Electricity Department.

**Report of Department Heads:** None

**Report of Standing Committee:**

Councilmember Betterton, Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Committee, comments follow,  
to wit:

**Public Hearing:** None

**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 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

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President Jordan asked for a motion to reappoint Dee Hubbert to the Beautification Board.

Councilmember Betterton made a motion to approve the reappointment of Dee Hubbert to the Beautification Board. 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

President Jordan noted that the resolution approving the appointment will appear on the agenda at the January 3, 2017 Council meeting.

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

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Eubanks wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Eubanks noted that she is looking forward to a great 2017.

Councilmember Edwards wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Edwards thanked the Freedom Riders for their presentation.

Councilmember Betterton also thanked the Freedom Riders. Councilmember Betterton encouraged everyone to be cautious while traveling this holiday season.

Councilmember Simmons congratulated the UNA Football Team for their great season.

Councilmember Simmons expressed her appreciation to Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church for their food drive.

Councilmember Bradley stated that he was looking forward to the results and recommendations of the Veterans Park feasibility study. Councilmember Bradley reminded everyone of the District 3 Community meeting that will be held on January 5, 2017, at the Broadway Recreation Center at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Bradley thanked the Freedom Riders for their presentation. Councilmember Bradley also thanked the Florence Fire Department, Florence Police Department and the Florence Utility Workers for their hard work.

President Jordan asked for a motion to move the time of the City Council Work Session from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councilmember Betterton made a motion to move the time to 4:00. Councilmember Simmons 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

President Jordan expressed his appreciation to the Freedom Riders for all of the work that they do to help our community. President Jordan congratulated Bobby Wallace, Head Coach of the UNA Football Team, on his retirement.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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