



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

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 21, 2017. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Bradley 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.

**AMENDED AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 21, 2017**

**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
  2. Invocation - Councilmember Bradley
  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 February 7, 2017, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with J. C. Hamm & Sons, Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to repair a cooling unit at the Cypress Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$4,168.20, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #652.00 - Equipment Maintenance-Production, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with ICS General Contractors, to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to remove the existing roof and install a shingle roof on the southeast visitors locker room in Braly Stadium, in the amount of \$4,000.00 plus \$40.00 per 4X8 sheet of decking that needs replacing, to be split 50/50 between the University of North Alabama and Florence City Schools, Account #266-44765, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals MPE Services, LLC, to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary for repairs and replacement of Emergency Lighting at the Florence Sports Complex, in the amount of \$1,192.73, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Tracy Marcu, d/b/a Blinds, Shades & Shutters, to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to remove existing blinds and install blinds in the renovated Second Floor offices in the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$1,261.75, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #391.00, sponsored by Vance Young.
- (g) Resolution to approve an amended Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-15-001, between the City and Safeplace, Inc., sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(Removed)**
- (h) Resolution to approve an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-16-004, between the City and Safeplace, Inc., sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (i) Resolution to approve an amended Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-15-001, between the City and the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(Removed)**
- (j) Resolution to approve an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-16-004, between the City and the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (k) Resolution to approve an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-16-004, between the City and Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (l) Resolution to approve the application for an Alabama Recycling Fund Grant from the Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), in the amount of \$191,937.00, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (m) Resolution to approve the attached quote from the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc., to provide workers' compensation re-insurance for the City of Florence for a period of one (1) year, beginning February 1, 2017, sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (n) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with The Carpet Store, Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to install carpet and a 4" wallbase in the new Conference Room in the Mayor/Council Office, in the amount of \$1,164.65, to be paid from budgeted funds from the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (o) Resolution to reappoint John Norton to the Florence Tree Commission, sponsored by the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to reappoint Dr. Joseph Flippen to the Florence Historical Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (q) Resolution to reappoint Royce Helgemo to the Florence Historical Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (r) Resolution to reappoint Fran Nunnelly to the Florence Historical Board, sponsored by the City Council.

- (s) Proclamation designating the year 2018 as the City of Florence Bicentennial, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (t) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda

- (a) Resolution to adopt the attached logo as the official Bicentennial Celebration logo for the City of Florence, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the Bicentennial Celebration Committee.
- (b) Resolution to adopt the attached Florence Sports Complex Rental Application, Procedures and Fees, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (c) Resolution appointing Mayor Steve Holt as the Director of the Northwest Alabama Cooperative District to fill a vacancy for the term of office beginning on June 18, 2013 and ending on June 17, 2017, sponsored by the City Council. **(This item was added to the agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event called The Florence Wine Fest, with On-Premises Beer & Wine, by CBJA HOLDINGS, d/b/a THE FLORENCE WINE FEST, to take place on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and located at 121 to 123 E. MOBILE ST, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Automobile Self-Service Station & Convenience Foods with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by JAY KHODIYARMA INC., d/b/a MIKE FOOD MART, located at 825 COX CREEK PARKWAY, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (c) 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
Library Board	Dihanne Westfield	11/15/11	12/01/16
SCOPE 310	Vacancy		
	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16
Tree Commission	Vacancy		
	Vacancy		

- 14. Business from the public (5-minute time limit).
- 15. Council Members reports and/or comments (5-minute time limit).

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to remove Consent Agenda Item 11 (g) Resolution to approve an amended Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-15-001, between the City and Safeplace, Inc. and Consent Agenda Item 11 (I) Resolution to approve an amended Emergency

Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-15-001, between the City and the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama. President Jordan further noted that it was also decided to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) Resolution appointing Mayor Steve Holt as the Director of the Northwest Alabama Cooperative District.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the amended agenda. 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

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Holt thanked everyone involved in last night's meeting with the University of North Alabama, Florence City School Board and the Florence City Council regarding the former Coffee High School property.

Mayor Holt presented a Proclamation designating the week of February 19 thru 25 as "Arbor" week and February 23 as "Arbor" day. This Proclamation was received by members of the Florence Tree Commission. Mayor Holt also presented a Proclamation regarding the 2018 Bicentennial. This Proclamation was received by Ms. Pat Burney, Chairperson of the Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

Mayor Holt introduced Mr. Keith Owsley as the new Human Resources Director for the City of Florence.

**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:**

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and made comments regarding Consent Agenda Item 11(g) and 11 (I) being deleted. Mr. Smoak stated that he would like to see the Council changed the order of the agenda. Mr. Smoak asked that Agenda Item 10, Business from the floor pertaining to items on the Consent or Regular Agenda, become Agenda Item 5 (a). Mr. Smoak also asks that an Item 5 (b) be added so the Council can reply to citizens' comments or questions.

**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 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to adopt the attached logo as the official Bicentennial Celebration logo for the City of Florence, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the Bicentennial Celebration Committee. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks 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 Eubanks seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Eubanks made comments in support of the proposed resolution.

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 adopt the attached Florence Sports Complex Rental Application, Procedures and Fees, sponsored by Todd Nix. 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 Betterton 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 appointing Mayor Steve Holt as the Director of the Northwest Alabama Cooperative District to fill a vacancy that will end on June 17, 2017. Said Resolution follows, to wit:



Councilmember Betterton 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 Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Bradley 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 - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event called The Florence Wine Fest, with On-Premises Beer & Wine, by CBJA HOLDINGS, d/b/a THE FLORENCE WINE FEST, to take place on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and located at 121 to 123 E. MOBILE ST, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. 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 Bradley 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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Councilmember Simmons 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 Betterton 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

Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>		<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
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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 Vacancy			

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, appeared and made comments in support of building the new Florence Middle School at the former Coffee High School location next to Braly Stadium. Mr. Simpson stated that the University of North Alabama should consider building a new stadium at another location.

Mr. Sam Pendleton, 1934 Maple Avenue, appeared and made comments in support of building the new Florence Middle School at the former Coffee High School location. Mr. Pendleton stated that the Florence City School Board does not need the permission of the City Council or UNA to build the new school next to Braly Stadium. Mr. Pendleton further stated that we need to look out for our children. Mr. Pendleton asked if there is a movement to do away with the one cent sales tax money that is given to the Florence School System?

Mr. Rogers Kimbrell, 307 Davis Avenue, appeared and also made comments regarding building the new Florence Middle School at the former Coffee High School location. Mr. Kimbrell stated that we need to do what is best for the children.

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and noted that the Kiwanis Pancake Days will be March 3 and 4. Mr. Smoak also made comments regarding the new Florence Middle School.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Bradley thanked everyone for their attendance tonight. Councilmember Bradley also thanked Mayor Holt for hosting last night's meeting with the University of North Alabama and the Florence City School Board. Councilmember Bradley further thanked Mr. Pendleton, Mr. Kimbrell and Mr. Smoak for their comments.

Councilmember Bradley welcomed Mr. Owsley, Human Resources Director, to City Hall. Councilmember Bradley noted that the City-Wide Cleanup Day is March 18.

Councilmember Eubanks comment's follow, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards made comments regarding the City's Bicentennial Celebration.

Councilmember Edwards also thanked the Florence Tree Commission for their work with Arbor Day.

Councilmember Betterton also thanked Mayor Holt for arranging last night's meeting with the Florence City School Board and the University of North Alabama. Councilmember Betterton thanked Mr. Pendleton for his comments and thanked Mr. Smoak for reminding everyone of the Kiwanis's Pancake Day.

Councilmember Simmons also thanked Mayor Holt for last night's meeting. Councilmember Simmons further thanked Mr. Pendleton for his comments and the Florence Tree Commission.

President Jordan stated that he has not received any information regarding the Council doing away with the money that the City allocates to the Florence School Board through the City's one cent sales tax. President Jordan further stated that the use of the former Coffee High School property has not been revealed by University of North Alabama.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK