



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

March 21, 2017

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:
 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 7, 2017, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve the contract with Daffron & Associates, Inc., for upgrading the Financial Management Software and the Materials Management Software portions of the Florence Utilities' accounting software, in the amount of \$170,599.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #391.00, sponsored by Vance Young.

- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with John Johnson, d/b/a Johnny's Home Restorations, to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to perform repairs to the Frank Lloyd Wright/Rosenbaum Home, in the amount of \$11,600.00, to be paid from Municipal Capital Improvement Fund 117, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (e) Resolution to approve the first one year renewal of the contract for ambulance service dated March 13, 2017, among Lauderdale County, the City of Florence and Shoals Emergency Medical Services, sponsored by George Grabryan.
- (f) Resolution to appoint Dave Smith to the Florence Tree Commission, sponsored by the City Council.
- (g) Resolution to appoint Jacari Holt to the Florence Tree Commission, sponsored by the City Council.
- (h) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda

- (a) Ordinance to amend Section 6-4 of the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, regarding maintenance of lots in the Florence Cemetery, sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (b) Resolution to approve the adoption of a local law authorizing the City to regulate and permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for on and off premises consumption during certain hours on Sunday in the City of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Holt and City Council. **(This item was added to the 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
Civil Service Board	Calvin Durham	01/18/11	04/04/17
Library Board	Dihanne Westfield	11/15/11	12/01/16
Riverbend	Linda Austin	08/04/15	04/01/17
SCOPE 310	Vacancy		
	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16

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 Simmons
- Council member Bradley
- Council member Eubanks
- Council member Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) Resolution to approve the adoption of a local law authorizing the City to regulate and permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for on and off premises consumption during certain hours on Sunday in the City of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Holt and City Council.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Eubanks 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:

President Jordan in the absence of Mayor Holt presented comment's that 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

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 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to amend Section 6-4 of the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, regarding maintenance of lots in the Florence Cemetery, sponsored by Dan Barger. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Ordinance.

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 approve the adoption of a local law authorizing the City to regulate and permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for on and off premises consumption during certain hours on Sunday in the City of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Holt and 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 Simmons moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that the proposed resolution gives the City the authority to petition the State Legislature to allow the City to approve Sunday alcohol sales for on and off premises.

Councilmember Edwards stated that he has some reservations regarding the proposed resolution. Councilmember Edwards further stated that it would be a small economic boost for retailers.

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

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

Mr. Charles Rose, 1206 North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield, AL, appeared and made comments in opposition to expanding the c & d landfill. Mr. Rose stated that on March 7, 2017, the City ran a legal notice in the TimesDaily Newspaper stating that the City has applied for a permit to expand the landfill. Mr. Rose further stated that there have been a number of problems over the years with ground water leaking from the landfill cells into nearby Cypress Creek. Mr. Rose stated that the c & d cell is currently working on four acres and that there is still pollution leaking into Cypress Creek. Mr. Rose further stated that if the City would close and cap off the cells, then pollution leaking into Cypress Creek would slow down.

Mr. John Crowder, 421 Nottingham Road, appeared and also made comments in opposition to expanding the landfill. Mr. Crowder stated that he seconded Mr. Rose's comments. Mr. Crowder further stated that the expansion would be approximately 26 acres which involves areas that were used for dumping household garbage. Mr. Crowder stated that construction material will also pollute ground water. Mr. Crowder further stated that all cells with the exception of the four acres currently being used for construction material should have been closed permanently to prevent further ground water contamination. Mr. Crowder stated that the permit application should be withdrawn and the City needs to seek other places for disposal of construction material.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Edwards congratulated the Animal Shelter volunteers that were recognized tonight. Councilmember Edwards noted that he is struggling to approve Sunday alcohol sales. Councilmember Edwards thanked Mr. Crowder and Mr. Rose for their comments regarding the landfill.

Councilmember Betterton thanked all the volunteers who participated in the city wide clean up. Councilmember Betterton also thanked the Animal Shelter volunteers.

Councilmember Simmons thanked Rachel Mansell for organizing the city wide clean up. Councilmember Simmons reminded everyone of the District 1 Community Meeting that will be held on Thursday, March 23, at Mount Moriah Church. Councilmember Simmons also thanked the Animal Shelter volunteers.

Councilmember Bradley also thanked the Animal Shelter volunteers for their service and thanked Mr. Rose and Mr. Crowder for their comments.

Councilmember Eubanks comments follow, to wit:

President Jordan also thanked the volunteers for their service. President Jordan thanked Mr. Crowder and Mr. Rose for their comments. President Jordan stated that he has requested information from David Koonce regarding the landfill permit.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK