



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 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, April 4, 2017. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Edwards 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

April 4, 2017

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Edwards
 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 21, 2017, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution to approve the contract with Environmental Grinding Services, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the grinding/chipping of green wood wastes collected curbside within the City of Florence at the Sanitary Landfill, in the amount of \$64,000.00, to be expensed to Account #267-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., for surveying services as needed and requested at the Sanitary Landfill for a three-year period, to be paid on an hourly basis as per the Fee Schedule, to be expensed to Account #256-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with Highland Technical Services, Inc., to perform semi-annual groundwater collection, prepare monitoring reports and provide statistical analysis at the Sanitary Landfill for a three-year period, in the amount of 5,745.00 per sampling, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #256-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with B. H. Craig Construction Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Landfill Lift Station and Force Main Tie In Project at the Sanitary Landfill, in the amount of \$69,528.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with Southeast Recycling Technologies, Inc., for the pickup, disposal and recycling of lamps that are considered universal waste for a three-year period, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (h) Resolution to approve the contract with Alabama Petroleum Solutions, LLC, to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary for repairs to the gasoline fueling station due to a lightening strike at the Electricity Department Office/Warehouse Complex, in the amount of \$10,542.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #932 - Maintenance of General Plant, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (I) Resolution to approve the contract with the Ozark Museum of Natural History, to add and adjust lighting in the artifact showcases and label historical artifacts at the Florence Indian Mound Museum, in the amount of 3,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 188, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (j) Resolution to approve the contract with Nelson Construction Co., Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to install a 16'x20' pavilion structure at the Maude Lindsey Free Kindergarten, in the amount of \$19,171.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (k) Resolution to authorize the City of Florence to apply to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program, for a 2017 Port Security Grant Program Award, in the amount of \$18,000.00, to purchase a radio-isotope identifier, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (l) Resolution to approve the contract with Champion Roofing, Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary for a roof system for the stairways at the Downtown Parking Deck, in the amount of \$11,800.00, to be charged to Fund 117 - Municipal Capital Improvement Fund, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (m) Resolution to approve the contract with LBYD, Inc., for professional structural engineering services to provide an assessment of the Downtown Parking Deck, in the amount of \$4,675.00, to be charged to Account #266-44800 - Repairs and Maintenance Building, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (n) Resolution to approve the contract with General Sign Company, Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to perform repairs to the Directional Sign located on Helton Drive, in the amount of \$1,430.00, to be charged to Account #398-41112 - Council Special Projects Fund, sponsored by Dick Jordan.
- (o) Resolution to approve the contract between the City of Florence and the Shoals Scholar Dollars Foundation, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00, with 50% to be paid from budgeted Mayor's Special Projects Fund and 50% to be paid from budgeted City Council's Special Projects Fund, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.

- (p) Resolution to approve the contract between the City of Florence and the Kennedy-Douglass Volunteers, Inc., for the organization and conduct of the Arts Alive Festival, in the amount of \$1,500.00, with 50% to be paid from budgeted Mayor's Special Projects Fund and 50% to be paid from budgeted City Council's Special Projects Fund, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (q) Resolution to reappoint Linda Austin to the Riverbend Center for Mental Health - Board of Directors, sponsored by the City Council.
- ® Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda

- (a) Resolution to vacate the East 10 feet of an existing 20 foot utility easement along the West side of Lot 9, Forest Hills Addition No. Two, adjacent to Crestwood Drive, in favor of Matt Briseno, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Automobile Self-Service Station & Convenience Foods with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by JAY MATAJI INC., d/b/a CHRIS MART, located at 4203 HUNTSVILLE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by THE PIE FACTORY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, INC., d/b/a SMOKE ON THE WATER, located at 333 JIM SPAIN DRIVE, FLORENCE, AL 35630, to take place on April 29th, 2017, 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
Civil Service Board	Calvin Durham	01/18/11	04/04/17
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
Zoning Adjustments	Bob Sneed	06/21/11	05/17/17
	Charles Kelley	06/21/11	05/17/17
	Michael O'Steen (Supernumerary)	12/18/12	05/17/17

14. Business from the public (5-minute time limit).

15. Council Members reports and/or comments (5-minute time limit).

- Council member Betterton
- Council member Simmons
- Council member Bradley
- Council member Eubanks
- Council member Edwards
- 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 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'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

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 a Resolution to vacate the East 10 feet of an existing 20 foot utility easement along the West side of Lot 9, Forest Hills Addition No. Two, adjacent to Crestwood Drive, in favor of Matt Briseno, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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 Edwards 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
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Michelle Eubanks
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Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Eubanks 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 Jordan seconded the motion.

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

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William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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Councilmember Bradley moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Eubanks 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 this event is a fund raiser for Scholar Dollars to be held in McFarland Park.

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):

Ms. Nancy Muse, 246 Robinhood Drive, appeared and made comments regarding the landfill. Ms. Muse stated that we must protect our water. Ms. Muse further stated that the City needs to cap off the landfill and close it.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 412 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding a new apartment complex being built in West Florence. Mr. Simpson stated that it is time for good things to happen in West Florence.

Mr. Charles Rose, 1206 North Montgomery Avenue, appeared and asked the City Council to withdraw the application to expand the landfill.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Betterton thanked Mayor Holt for proclamations that were presented at tonight's meeting. Councilmember Betterton congratulated the Salvation Army for their annual soup bowl luncheon fund raiser that was held at the Marriott today.

Councilmember Simmons also congratulated the Salvation Army. Councilmember Simmons stated that she was very excited about the new animal shelter. Councilmember Simmons reminded everyone that this Friday is "First Friday" and encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilmember Bradley noted that he wants the Council to get all the facts regarding the landfill. Councilmember Bradley thanked everyone who is involved with the "Earth Day" celebration that will be held this weekend at McFarland Park.

Councilmember Eubanks thanked Mr. Rose and Ms. Muse for their comments regarding the landfill. Councilmember Eubanks wished everyone a happy Easter.

Councilmember Edwards made comments regarding the Salvation Army Soup Bowl luncheon that was held today. Councilmember Edwards stated that the City is moving forward with the new

animal shelter.

President Jordan thanked former City Councilmembers Jean Gay Mussleman and Dave Smith for their attendance today.

Councilmember Eubanks presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK