



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 19, 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, September 19, 2017. President Jordan called the meeting to order. President Jordan 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

September 19, 2017

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - President Jordan
 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 September 5, 2017, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve the contract with Alabama Guardrail, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair damaged guardrails on Royal Avenue at Veterans Drive, North Kirkman Street, Gresham Road, Mars Hill Road and Caples Drive and to install a new guardrail on Alpine Drive, in the amount of \$22,425.00, to be paid from the Engineering Department's Special Projects Fund, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (d) Resolution to approve the Real Estate Sales Agreement between the City of Florence and George Russell, Thomas Russell and Michael Milford for the purchase of the property located at 1423 Huntsville Road for the amount of \$50,000.00, sponsored by Bill Batson.

- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with Rhonda Short, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to provide janitorial services to the Arts and Museums Department, in the amount of \$525.00 per month for a three year period, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #256-43600, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution to approve the Resale Rate Schedule Substitution Agreement, #TV-70310A, between the City of Florence and the Tennessee Valley Authority to modify retail rate schedules LS and RS, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. **(This item was moved to the Regular Agenda Item 12 (a))**
- (g) Resolution to approve the asset allocation recommendations for the City of Florence Employees' Retirement Plan submitted by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, LLC, through its Graystone Consulting business, dated August 30, 2017, sponsored by Keith Owsley.
- (h) Resolution to approve the State of Alabama Home Energy Supplier Agreement Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) between the City of Florence and ADECA, sponsored by Vance Young.
- (i) Resolution to approve a license agreement with the University of North Alabama for 177 parking spaces on Levels J, K, L and M in the Downtown Parking Deck for additional UNA student parking from August 17, 2017, through May 12, 2018, in the amount of \$6.00 per month per space, for a total amount of \$9,558.00, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (j) Resolution to approve the Construction Materials Engineering and Testing Services Agreement between the City of Florence and Terracon Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$2,590.00, to be expensed to Account #266-44800 - Repairs & Maintenance, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (k) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda

- (a) Resolution to approve the Resale Rate Schedule Substitution Agreement, #TV-70310A, between the City of Florence and the Tennessee Valley Authority to modify retail rate schedules LS and RS, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (f))**
- (b) Resolution to approve a contract with PCH Landscaping Services, LLC, in the amount of \$4,395.00 to perform landscaping services in Wilson Park, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was added to the agenda)**
- (c) Resolution to approve a lease agreement with Yamaha Motor Cooperation to provide golf carts, turf vehicles and beverage utility unit in the amount of \$4,617.20 per month for a three (3) year period for the Blackberry Trail Golf Course, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was added to the Agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Beer & Wine by MANUEL HERNANDEZ, d/b/a FAMILY BIRTHDAY PARTY, located at 702 VETERANS DRIVE - FLORENCE COLISEUM, to take place on Saturday, December 9th, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

- (b) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business	Vacancy		
Beautification	Gina Bailey	08/02/16	11/01/17
	Ralph Jones		07/01/14
	Brenda Tease		10/20/15
	Linda Van Sandt		10/02/14
SCOPE 310	Vacancy		
	Josh Webster		08/21/12
	Reginald Owens		04/01/14
Tourism	Robert Jones (Joint)		08/16/16
Tree Commission	Preston Hillis		02/03/09
	Jacari Holt		03/21/17

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 noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (f) Resolution to approve the Resale Rate Schedule Substitution Agreement, #TV-70310A, between the City of Florence and the Tennessee Valley Authority to modify retail rate schedules LS and RS, sponsored by Richard Morrissey to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a), add Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) Resolution to approve a contract with PCH Landscaping Services, LLC, in the amount of \$4,395.00 to perform landscaping services in Wilson Park, sponsored by Todd Nix and add Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) Resolution to approve a lease agreement with Yamaha Motor Cooperation to provide golf carts, turf vehicles and beverage utility unit in the amount of \$4,617.20 per month for a three (3) year period for the Blackberry Trail Golf Course, sponsored by Todd Nix.

There being no further changes, 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's comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads: none

Report of Standing Committee:

President Jordan noted that the Mayor and City Council met on Friday, September 15, to discuss projects for their districts. President Jordan further noted that Dan Barger, Treasurer, is compiling a list of those projects and priorities and will present them at a later date.

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 approve the Resale Rate Schedule Substitution Agreement, #TV-70310A, between the City of Florence and the Tennessee Valley Authority to modify retail rate schedules LS and RS, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. 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 Ordinance.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Edwards made comments in support of the proposed Resolution.

Councilmember Edwards stated that the department heads are the experts and this increase needs to be done. Councilmember Edwards further stated that the Electricity Department has a very good department head. Councilmember Edwards stated that Richard Morrissey would not have come to the Council and requested an increase if he did not need it.

Councilmember Eubanks made comments in favor of the proposed Resolution. Councilmember Eubanks stated that after listening to Mr. Morrissey she agrees that an increase is necessary.

Councilmember Bradley made comments in opposition to the proposed Resolution. Councilmember Bradley stated that now is not the time for an increase.

Councilmember Simmons made comments in opposition to the proposed Resolution. Councilmember Simmons stated that she would like to wait a few months before approving the increase.

President Jordan made comments in opposition to the proposed Resolution. President Jordan noted that he takes increases very seriously.

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

Ayes: Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley

The Resolution fails 3-3

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve a contract with PCH Landscaping Services, LLC, in the amount of \$4,395.00 to perform landscaping services in Wilson Park, 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 Bradley moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that this project is an upgrade for Wilson 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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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 Edwards 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

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Councilmember Bradley 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 Betterton 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

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	Jacari Holt	03/21/17	11/03/17

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

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Simmons noted that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Bellamy Florence Student Housing Project will be held at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Councilmember Bradley noted that exciting things are happening in District 3. Councilmember Bradley stated that discussions are going on regarding pay increases for the Fire and Police Departments.

Councilmember Eubanks thanked everyone who came to the District 4 Community meeting. Councilmember Eubanks also thanked the Patel family and Baymont Suites for their work coordinating the relief effort and aiding the evacuees from Florida. Councilmember Eubanks expressed condolences for the Anderson family.

Councilmember Edwards noted that he was very impressed with the dancers from the “Club.” Councilmember Edwards offered his condolences to families of Glenn Murphy and Billy Don Anderson.

President Jordan thanked Mayor Holt for his work on the proposed Animal Shelter.

Councilmember Eubanks presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

City of Florence, AL
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