



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 2018**

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 18, 2018. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Betterton 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

DECEMBER 18, 2018

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Betterton
 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 4, 2018, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve the Professional Consulting Agreement between the City and Industrial Training Services, Inc. (ITS), to provide testing, training and qualification program services as required by Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for the Gas Department, for a renewal period of three years with fees as listed in the Schedule D, sponsored by Mike Doyle.

- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with J C Hamm & Sons, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for installation of 1 (one) HVAC unit at the W.C. Handy Museum, in the amount of \$4,542.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-43600, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (e) Resolution to approve the invoice from Waste Processing Equipment, Inc., for repair work to Baler #6285, in the amount of \$2,758.54, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-43125, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (f) Resolution to approve the invoice from C & H Cooling & Heating, Inc., for repair work to the boiler in the City Hall Auditorium, in the amount of \$1,348.47, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810 - Building Maintenance, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (g) Resolution to approve a contract with The Carpet Store, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install carpet in Suite 506 in the Florence-Lauderdale Government Building, in the amount of \$5,864.52, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #400-953-41820, sponsored by Shannon Olive.
- (h) Resolution to approve a contract with Lakeshore Environmental Contractors, LLC, to remove floor tile, mastic, from the 5th floor of the Florence-Lauderdale Government Building, in the amount of \$4,700.00, to be paid from Account #400-953-41820, sponsored by Shannon Olive.
- (i) Resolution to amend the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement Number HESG-17-002, with Crossroads Community Outreach, LLC, to extend the original coverage period from 01/01/18-12/31/18 to 01/01-18-01/31/19, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution to amend the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement Number HESG-17-002, with Safeplace, Inc., to extend the original coverage period from 01/01/18-12/31/18 to 01/01-18-01/31/19, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (k) Resolution to amend the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement Number HESG-17-002, with Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc., to extend the original coverage period from 01/01/18-12/31/18 to 01/01-18-01/31/19, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (l) Resolution to amend the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement Number HESG-17-002, with Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama, to extend the original coverage period from 01/01/18-12/31/18 to 01/01-18-01/31/19, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (m) Resolution to amend the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement Number HESG-17-002, with the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama, to decrease the original budget amount from \$22,800.00 to \$16,096.41, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (n) Resolution to amend the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement Number HESG-17-002, with Crossroads Community Outreach, LLC, to increase the original budget amount from \$53,034.00 to \$59,737.59, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (o) Resolution to approve a contract with Great Southern Recreation LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary for completion of work for the Broadway Recreation Center Playground Equipment, in the amount of \$36,688.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (p) Resolution to approve a contract with Yolanda Johnson d/b/a God's Way Counseling Services for Youth in the amount of \$500.00, to be paid from Accounts #398-41111 and 398-41112, Mayor/Council Special Projects Fund, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (q) Resolution to declare the properties located at 230 North Broadway Street, 409 West Mobile Street, 512 east Tombigbee Street, 723 Grandview Avenue, and 1122 East Limestone Street as public nuisances and to demolish the buildings on said properties, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (r) Resolution to approve the settlement of the lawsuit filed against the City by Teresa Noland, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

- (s) Resolution to accept the proposal for a one year health insurance policy covering excess loss, Option 1, said coverage to be effective January 1, 2019, from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, sponsored by Keith Owsley.
- (t) Resolution to approve a contact with the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc. - Meals on Wheels, in the amount of \$7,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (u) Resolution to approve a contract with Maud Lindsay Kindergarten, in the amount of \$15,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to approve the contract between the City of Florence, Alabama and S. P. A. N. Program of Lauderdale County in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to approve the Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by TACO GARAGE LLC, d/b/a TACO GARAGE, located at 2901 AND 2905 MALL ROAD, 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	Michelle Jones	12/19/17	11/20/18
Beautification	Vacancy	12/18/12	11/01/18
Tree Commission	Vacancy	01/02/07	11/03/18

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
Mayor Steve Holt

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution to approve the contract between the City of Florence, Alabama and S. P. A. N. Program of Lauderdale County in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the 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:

Mayor Holt presented the City Council, on behalf of the True Freedom Riders, a certificate thanking the City for its support of their annual toy drive.

Mayor Holt stated that Mr. Sam Thigpen and Ms. Pat Burney, Bicentennial Committee Chairperson, are here tonight to present to the City a photo album of various sites. Mayor Holt also stated that Mr. Thigpen took pictures during the entire year of the Bicentennial celebrations. Mayor Holt expressed his appreciation to Mr. Thigpen for his beautiful work. Mayor Holt further stated that the photo album will be placed in the time capsule.

Mayor Holt noted that he had recently attended a legislative meeting with the Alabama League of Municipalities. Mayor Holt further noted that there were a number of issues that were discussed that could impact our City.

Mayor Holt stated that the "Citizens Input" sessions have come to an end but that we are continuing to receive ideas from our citizens. Mayor Holt further noted that we will continue to update our comprehensive plan.

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 approve the contract between the City of Florence, Alabama and S. P. A. N. Program of Lauderdale County in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the 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 Eubanks 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by TACO GARAGE LLC, d/b/a TACO GARAGE, located at 2901 AND 2905 MALL ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. 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 Simmons 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

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

Mr. James L. Barnett, 1837 Maple Avenue, appeared and stated that he is the Vice President of the Martin Luther King Committee of the Shoals which consists of Colbert, Franklin and Lauderdale Counties. Mr. Barnett asked the Council to consider appropriating funds to the Committee. Mr. Barnett stated that the committee gives scholarships each year to deserving students. Mr. Barnett further stated that 2019 marks fifty years since Dr. King was killed. Mr. Barnett noted that the Committee has planned a march from Burrell School along Court Street to the Florence/Lauderdale Coliseum. Mr. Barnett further noted that the committee is requesting assistance from the Fire and Police Departments.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Betterton wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Councilmember Betterton thanked Ms. Burney and the Bicentennial Committee for their hard work this past year.

Councilmember Simmons noted that she recently held her 2nd annual "Feed the Community" luncheon and that it was a great success. Councilmember Simmons thanked Reverend Barnett for his work with the Martin Luther King Committee. Councilmember Simmons also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Councilmember Bradley wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Councilmember Bradley stated that he is very proud of the many accomplishments in District 3 this past year. Councilmember Bradley further stated that he is very proud of the new hospital located in his district. Councilmember Bradley noted that it is a "Class A" facility.

Councilmember Eubanks thanked Mr. Sam Thigpen for his photos for the time capsule. Councilmember Eubanks also thanked Ms. Pat Burney for her work on the Bicentennial Committee. Councilmember Eubanks also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Councilmember Edwards also thanked Mr. Thigpen and Ms. Burney. Councilmember Edwards noted that the new animal control facility is very close to being completed. Councilmember Edwards also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

President Jordan made comments regarding the City's blight removal projects. President Jordan thanked Melissa Bailey and Gary Williamson for their work regarding these projects. President Jordan thanked Mr. Barnett and Mr. Thigpen for their contributions to our City. President Jordan thanked Ms. Burney for her work on the Bicentennial celebrations.

President Jordan also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mayor Holt presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK