



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

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 5, 2019. 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

February 5, 2019

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 January 15, 2019, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve a contract with Southern Cathodic Protection to provide Engineering services under the supervision of a National Association of Corrosion Engineer, in the amount of \$1,500.00 per day, not to exceed 15 days, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923.00, sponsored by Mike Doyle.

- (d) Resolution to approve a contract with NMC Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary for replacement of gutters and down spouts at the Cypress Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$6,823.85, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #651.00 Structure Maintenance, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution to approve a contract with Keeton Electric Company to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary for electrical repairs for the W. C. Handy Home and Museums, in an amount not to exceed \$4,197.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #49600-266, sponsored by Todd Nix. (**This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c)**)
- (f) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice from Bagby Elevator Company for labor and materials to repair elevator on the utilities side of City Hall/Municipal Building, in the budgeted amount of \$1,704.30, to be paid from budgeted Building Maintenance funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (g) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice from Bagby Elevator Company, Inc., for one year of maintenance service for the two elevators in City Hall/Municipal Building, in the amount of \$4,084.12, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (h) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice to pay Irons Electric Company for repairing light fixtures on the first and second floors of the City Hall/Municipal Building, in the amount of \$1,088.14, to be paid from budgeted Building Maintenance funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson. (**This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d)**)
- (i) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice from C&H Cooling & Heating, Inc., for repairing a refrigerant leak found on the third floor unit located in the City Hall/Municipal Building, in the budgeted amount of \$2,344.20, to be paid from budgeted Building Maintenance funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (j) Resolution to approve a contract with Tennessee Valley Public Power Association, Inc., to provide Buddy-to-Boss supervisory training on site to the Florence Utilities Electricity Department supervisory personnel, in the amount of \$1,200.00 per day for a maximum of three days, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923-Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (k) Resolution to approve a revision to the Reliability Standards Memorandum of Understanding with the Tennessee Valley Authority, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (l) Resolution to approve the contract between the City and Downtown Florence Alliance, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #110-2132-51705, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council. (**This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (e)**)
- (m) Resolution to approve an invoice from Business City Consultants, Inc., for removal of the broken mobile shelving system and installation of a new high density mobile shelving system located in the Municipal Court building, in the amount of \$14,945.00, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (n) Resolution to approve the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement Number HESG-18-009, with Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc., for the contract period of January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (o) Resolution to approve the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement Number HESG-18-009, with Crossroads Community Outreach, LLC, for the contract period of January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (p) Resolution to approve the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement Number HESG-18-009, with the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama, for the contract period of January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (q) Resolution to approve the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement Number HESG-18-009, with the Safeplace, Inc., for the contract period of January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (r) Resolution to approve the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement Number HESG-18-009, with the Salvation Army of the Shoals, for the contract period of January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.

- (s) Resolution to approve the Agreement with the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc., for renewal of the City's workers' compensation insurance, sponsored by Keith Owsley.
- (t) Resolution to approve a contract with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce to advertize and promote the City, in the amount of \$30,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council. **(This item was removed)**
- (u) Resolution to approve the contract with the Shoals Entrepreneurial Center, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (v) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to amend the General Fund Budget, Fund 110, for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, adopted on October 2, 2018, sponsored by Shannon Olive.
- (b) Resolution to amend the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, adopted on October 2, 2018, sponsored by Shannon Olive.
- (c) Resolution to approve a contract with Keeton Electric Company to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary for electrical repairs for the W. C. Handy Home and Museums, in an amount not to exceed \$4,197.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #49600-266, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (e))**
- (d) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice to pay Irons Electric Company for repairing light fixtures on the first and second floors of the City Hall/Municipal Building, in the amount of \$1,088.14, to be paid from budgeted Building Maintenance funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (h))**
- (e) Resolution to approve the contract between the City and Downtown Florence Alliance, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #110-2132-51705, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (l))**

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 Friday Night March 8th through Saturday March 9th, 2019 and located on TUSCALOOSA STREET BETWEEN WOOD AVENUE AND SEMINARY STREET, 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		
Port Authority	Vacancy		
Tree Commission	Vacancy		

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
Mayor Steve Holt

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (e) Resolution to approve a contract with Keeton Electric Company to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary for electrical repairs for the W. C. Handy Home and Museums, in an amount not to exceed \$4,197.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #49600-266, sponsored by Todd Nix to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c), Consent Agenda Item 11 (h) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice to pay Irons Electric Company for repairing light fixtures on the first and second floors of the City Hall/Municipal Building, in the amount of \$1,088.14, to be paid from budgeted Building Maintenance funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d) and Consent Agenda Item 11 (l) Resolution to approve the contract between the City and Downtown Florence Alliance, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #110-2132-51705, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council to Regular Agenda Item 12 (e). President Jordan further noted that it was also decided to remove Consent Agenda Item 11 (t) Resolution to approve a contract with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce to advertize and promote the City, in the amount of \$30,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.

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 Eubanks 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 introduced Cheryl Jones as the new Director of the Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services. Mayor Holt made comments regarding the City of Florence's unemployment rate. Mayor Holt noted that the current rate is 3.7%. Mayor Holt further noted that the new Old Navy store and Taco Garage have recently opened.

Report of Department Heads: none

Report of Standing Committee: 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 Simmons moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

Councilmember Eubanks 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 amend the General Fund Budget, Fund 110, for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, adopted on October 2, 2018, sponsored by Shannon Olive. 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 Eubanks seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Bradley made comments in support of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Bradley stated that he is very happy to be able to vote in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Bradley further stated that this increase has been way overdue.

President Jordan thanked Mayor Holt for the PARCA study and the Council for approving the one cent sales tax increase so that the Police and Fire Departments could receive a salary adjustment.

President Jordan noted that the adjustment will begin in April.

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 Bradley moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. 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

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Councilmember Eubanks 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 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

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

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Councilmember Edwards 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 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

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

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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 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
Andrew Betterton
Blake Edwards

Noes: None

Abstain: Michelle Eubanks

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Noes: None

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and stated that he appreciates the Council, Fire and Police Departments for their hard work.

Mr. Norman Allen, 1080 Seventh Street, appeared and made comments regarding his rental property that is located in West Florence. Mr. Allen stated that several items have been stolen from his properties. Mr. Allen further stated that he has been harassed by several police officers.

Mr. Jerry Pearson, Florence Police Officer, appeared and thanked Mayor Holt and the Council for approving a pay adjustment for the Police and Fire Departments.

Mr. Jimmy Carbine, 1711 County Road 28, appeared and stated that everyone he has spoken to was in support of the pay increase for Police and Fire. Mr. Carbine further stated that he owns a taxi cab service and that he had to let two employees go due to competition with UBER and LYFT.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Edwards congratulated Cheryl Jones on her promotion to Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services Director. Councilmember Edwards stated that he is very excited about the new animal services facility opening soon. Councilmember Edwards further stated that he appreciates Animal Services, Fire and Police Departments for their hard work. Councilmember Edwards also stated that he is looking forward to repairing streets with funds from the sales tax increase. Councilmember Edwards offered his condolences to the family of Mike Fountain.

Councilmember Betterton noted that several City departments are utilizing social media and encouraged everyone to follow.

Councilmember Simmons also congratulated Cheryl Jones. Councilmember Simmons noted that she had received numerous complaints regarding the West College Street resurfacing and also speeding on West Irvine Avenue near the Bellamy Apartment complex. Councilmember Simmons further noted that she is working to resolved those issues. Councilmember Simmons thanked everyone who was in attendance tonight.

Councilmember Bradley also congratulated Cheryl Jones. Councilmember Bradley stated that the Council needs to be good stewards of money and to spend wisely. Councilmember Bradley encouraged

everyone to patronize the East Florence businesses.

Councilmember Bradley thanked Mr. Simpson for his comments.

Councilmember Eubanks also congratulated Cheryl Jones. Councilmember Eubanks stated that there have been a couple of break-ins in District 4. Councilmember Eubanks encouraged everyone to lock your car and to not leave valuables in your car.

President Jordan also congratulated Cheryl Jones. President Jordan made comments regarding the pay adjustments for the Fire and Police Departments.

President Jordan made comments about Mike Fountain who passed away last weekend.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK