



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 2, 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, October 2, 2018. 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 five Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Kaytrina Simmons, William D. Jordan, Michelle Eubanks, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton. The member not present was David Bradley

**AMENDED AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 2, 2018**

**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: 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 18, 2018, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve the contract with Gist Service Company to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install duct work and a 7.5 ton Carrier unit at Station #5, in the amount of \$16,215, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1147-42200, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins.

- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with AAB Tree & Delivery Service, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals for stump grinding services for the Electricity Department, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #571.10 - Maintenance of Overhead Lines, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with JC Hamm & Sons, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals for maintenance services on all HVAC units at the Electricity Department Warehouse Complex, in the amount of \$4,503.92, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923.00 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with True North Geographic Technologies LLC, to provide Cityworks computer programming for the City, in the amount of \$26,500.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, Account #947-43110, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with C & H Heating & Cooling, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a Carrier 3.5 ton split gas system at the Karsner-Kennedy House, in the amount of \$7,500.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 110, Account #1147-41810, sponsored by Shannon Olive.
- (h) Resolution to approve the contract with MPE Services, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals to repair the HVAC unit at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum, in the amount of \$2,471.55, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (i) Resolution to approve the contract with Garnet Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals to replace bulbs and ballast in the center parking lot at Handy Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,106.22, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (h))**
- (j) Resolution to appoint Mary White to the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (k) Resolution to reappoint David Muhlendorf to the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (l) Resolution to appoint Joel Anderson II to the Shoals Economic Development Authority (SEDA) Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (m) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to lease a portion of the sidewalk at 120 North Court Street to Celeste Pillow, d/b/a Odette, to be used for outdoor seating, in the amount of \$100.00 per year for a three-year period, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (b) Ordinance to lease a portion of the sidewalk at 117 North Court Street to Paul Visuthikosol, d/b/a Yumm Thai Sushi and Beyond, to be used for outdoor seating, in the amount of \$100.00 per year for a three-year period, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (c) Ordinance to lease a portion of the sidewalk at 218 North Court Street to Jason Allen, d/b/a The Carriage on Court, to be used for outdoor seating, in the amount of \$100.00 per year for a three-year period, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (d) Ordinance to lease a portion of the sidewalk at 108 North Court Street to Mike Alonzo, Nick Franks and Randy Alred, d/b/a The Pie Factory, to be used for outdoor seating, in the amount of \$100.00 per year for a three-year period, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (e) Ordinance to lease a portion of the sidewalk at 110 North Court Street to Mike Alonzo, Nick Franks and Randy Alred, d/b/a On the Rocks, to be used for outdoor seating, in the amount of \$100.00 per year for a three-year period, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (f) Resolution to approve the Letter Agreement for Demolition and Reconveyance of ECM Hospital property among RCHP-Florence, LLC, The Health Care Authority of Lauderdale County and the City of Florence, d/b/a The Coffee Health Group, Lauderdale County and the City of Florence, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

- (g) Resolution to approve the Healthcare Support Agreement among RCHP-Florence, LLC, The Health Care Authority of Lauderdale County and the City of Florence, d/b/a The Coffee Health Group, Lauderdale County and the City of Florence, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (h) Resolution to approve the contract with Garnet Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals to replace bulbs and ballast in the center parking lot at Handy Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,106.22, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (I))**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to approve the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, sponsored by Mayor Holt, Dan Barger and Shannon Olive.
- (b) Resolution to approve the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, sponsored by Mayor Holt, Dan Barger and Shannon Olive.
- (c) Resolution to approve the Solid Waste Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, sponsored by Mayor Holt, Dan Barger and Shannon Olive.
- (d) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Automobile Self-Service Station & Convenience Foods with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by MURPHY OIL USA INC., d/b/a MURPHY EXPRESS 8864, located at 3001 FLORENCE BOULEVARD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (e) 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	Maple Garner	01/17/17	11/01/18
	Virginia Gooch	12/18/12	11/01/18
	Susan Williams	12/18/12	11/01/18
	Scott Townsend	12/07/10	11/01/18
SEDA	Bud Ward	12/04/12	09/30/18
Tree Commission	Lavetta Adams	01/02/07	11/03/18
	Nancy Muse	05/01/07	11/03/18
	Kevin Jangaard	09/16/08	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 move Consent Agenda Item 11 (i) Resolution to approve the contract with Garnet Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals to replace bulbs and ballast in the center parking lot at Handy Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,106.22, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix to Regular Agenda Item 12 (h).

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 Edwards seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Holt presented a Proclamation designating the week of October 7-13, 2018 as “Mental Illness Awareness” week. The Proclamation was accepted by Mr. Don Rohling.

Mayor Holt noted that Blackberry Trail Golf Course reopened on September 21. Mayor Holt invited everyone to play on the new greens. Mayor Holt further noted that he along with the Council recently toured the new Animal Services Building that is expected to open at the end of the year.

**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:**

Mr. Jason Hodges, City of Florence Police Officer, appeared and made comments regarding pay raises for police officers. Mr. Hodges asked how the City is going to fill the current vacancies in the department.

Mr. Sam Pendleton, 1934 Maple Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding General Business Item 13 (a) Resolution to approve the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, sponsored by Mayor Holt, Dan Barger and Shannon Olive. Mr. Pendleton commended the Mayor for the budget. Mr. Pendleton stated that the Council should move the funds from Tennessee Street Streetscape to police officers' salaries.

Mr. Pendleton made comments regarding former Mayor Bobby Irons. Mr. Pendleton stated that the City should name the Sportsplex after Mayor Irons.

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and stated that the Council needs to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (k) Resolution to reappoint David Muhlendorf to the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by the City Council to the Regular Agenda.

Mr. Josh Hamlin, Florence Firefighter, appeared and made comments regarding Fire Station #5. Mr. Hamlin stated that mold was found in Station #5 while air-conditioning work was being done. Mr. Hamlin stated that he would appreciate it if the Mayor and Council would get more involved with City departments.

**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 Eubanks seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to lease a portion of the sidewalk at 120 North Court Street to Celeste Pillow, d/b/a Odette, to be used for outdoor seating, in the amount of \$100.00 per year for a three-year period, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to lease a portion of the sidewalk at 117 North Court Street to Paul Visuthikosol, d/b/a Yuma Thai Sushi and Beyond, to be used for outdoor seating, in the amount of \$100.00 per year for a three-year period, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to lease a portion of the sidewalk at 218 North Court Street to Jason Allen, d/b/a The Carriage on Court, to be used for outdoor seating, in the amount of \$100.00 per year for a three-year period, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:



Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to lease a portion of the sidewalk at 108 North Court Street to Mike Alonzo, Nick Franks and Randy Alred, d/b/a The Pie Factory, to be used for outdoor seating, in the amount of \$100.00 per year for a three-year period, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton 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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to lease a portion of the sidewalk at 110 North Court Street to Mike Alonzo, Nick Franks and Randy Alred, d/b/a On the Rocks, to be used for outdoor seating, in the amount of \$100.00 per year for a three-year period, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the Letter Agreement for Demolition and Reconveyance of ECM Hospital property among RCHP-Florence, LLC, The Health Care Authority of Lauderdale County and the City of Florence, d/b/a The Coffee Health Group, Lauderdale County and the City of Florence, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton 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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the Healthcare Support Agreement among RCHP-Florence, LLC, The Health Care Authority of Lauderdale County and the City of Florence, d/b/a The Coffee Health Group, Lauderdale County and the City of Florence, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

President Jordan seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton 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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the contract with Garnet Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals to replace bulbs and ballast in the center parking lot at Handy Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,106.22, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix. Said Resolution 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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks 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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, sponsored by Mayor Holt, Dan Barger and Shannon Olive. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, sponsored by Mayor Holt, Dan Barger and Shannon Olive. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the Solid Waste Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, sponsored by Mayor Holt, Dan Barger and Shannon Olive. Said Resolution follows, to wit:



Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Automobile Self-Service Station & Convenience Foods with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by MURPHY OIL USA INC., d/b/a MURPHY EXPRESS 8864, located at 3001 FLORENCE BOULEVARD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**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	Maple Garner	01/17/17	11/01/18
	Virginia Gooch	12/18/12	11/01/18
	Susan Williams	12/18/12	11/01/18
	Scott Townsend	12/07/10	11/01/18
SEDA	Bud Ward	12/04/12	09/30/18
Tree Commission	Lavetta Adams	01/02/07	11/03/18
	Nancy Muse	05/01/07	11/03/18
	Kevin Jangaard	09/16/08	11/03/18

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

Ms. Eva Knight, 2810 Waldridge Street, appeared and stated that the revenue that is generated by the Senior Center should be designated for the Senior Center.

Mr. Sam Pendleton, 1934 Maple Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding the demolishing of the hospital. Mr. Pendleton stated that the City should recycle all of the metal from the hospital and adjoining parking deck and send the proceeds to the Salvation Army, Red Cross and Shoals Scholar Dollars.

Mr. Pendleton made comments regarding the General Fund budget. Mr. Pendleton stated that the budget that was presented tonight is good but the Council needs to vote for a sales tax increase.

Mr. Jerrod Hyde, Electricity Department employee, appeared and stated that the Electricity Department employees who are attending the Council meetings are not here because of raises.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Betterton stated that he wants more information regarding the situation at Fire Station #5.

Councilmember Simmons had no comments.

Councilmember Eubanks had no comments.

Councilmember Edwards also stated that he wants information regarding Fire Station #5

President Jordan stated that no general funds were allocated to the Tennessee Street Streetscape project. President Jordan also stated that the duct work was totally changed out at Fire Station #5 when mold was discovered.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK