

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
August 17, 2010**

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, August 17, 2010. President Barnhart called the meeting to order. Councilmember Graham gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert M. Leyde, City Clerk, performed the roll call and noted that all six Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Sam Pendleton, Jr., William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris, James H. Barnhart and Andrew Betterton.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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5:00 P.M.

1. Meeting called to order - President Barnhart
2. Invocation - Councilmember Graham
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call - President Barnhart
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 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 760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 3, 2010.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a License Agreement for Pole Attachments with Kentucky Data Link, Inc., sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to approve a contract with the Florence All-Sports Booster Club in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Irons and the City Council.
- (e) Resolution to appoint David B. Abramson to the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by the City council. **(This item was moved to the Regular Agenda, Item 12 (a))**
- (f) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Irons.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Warrant, Series 2010-B-CWSRF-BL., the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Warrant, Series 2010-C-CWSRF-BL, the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Warrant, Series 2010-D-CWSRF-BL, and the City's Sixth Supplemental Indenture securing said Warrants, sponsored by Vance Young and Mike Doyle. **(This item was removed)**
- (a) Resolution to appoint David B. Abramson to the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by the City council. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (e))**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to revise the 1995 One Cent Sales Tax Capital Fund Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget to appropriate from the unrestricted fund balance such funds to accomplish the 2010-2011 Capital Drainage Projects, sponsored by the Public Works Committee and Dan Barger.
- (b) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expire</u>
Beautification Board	Vacancy		
Scope 310	Vacancy	07/21/92	07/21/10

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

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

Councilmember Graham
Councilmember Morris
Councilmember Betterton
Councilmember Pendleton
Councilmember Jordan
Councilmember Barnhart

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Barnhart noted that the City Council at it's earlier work session decided to remove the current Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Warrant, Series 2010-B-CWSRF-BL., the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Warrant, Series 2010-C-CWSRF-BL, the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Warrant, Series 2010-D-CWSRF-BL, and the City's Sixth Supplemental Indenture securing said Warrants, sponsored by Vance Young and Mike Doyle and to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (e) Resolution to appoint David B. Abramson to the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by the City council to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a).

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President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda.

Councilmember Graham moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Irons recognized the Underwood All-Stars Baseball Team. Mayor Irons presented a Certificate of Accommodation to each of the players.

Mayor Irons gave a paving project up-date. Mayor Irons noted that Cox Creek Parkway should be finished by the end of August. Mayor Irons thanked the Alabama Highway Department for their numerous paving projects.

Reports of Department Heads:

Florence Police Chief Rick Singleton administered the Oath of Office to Christie Coburn, Dustin Key, Sara Hudson, and Truman Adams who were recently hired to the Florence Police Department.

Reports of Standing Committees:

President Barnhart gave a report on the Public Works Committee meeting that was held on August 9, 2010. Said report follows, to wit:

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Public Hearings: None

Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent or Regular Agenda: None

Consent Agenda:

President Barnhart asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items.

Councilmember Jordan moved for approval of (a) Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 3, 2010 and (b) Confirmation of payment of bills by the City Treasurer; and The ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

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

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Regular Agenda:

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to appoint David B. Abramson to the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by the City council. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Pendleton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in support of this Resolution.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that he hopes the new board members will go in a different direction than the previous board members. Councilmember Pendleton stated that we need to train more local tour guides.

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

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Pendleton made comments in support of the Resolution. Councilmember Pendleton thanked Mayor Irons and the Public Works Committee for moving forward with the drainage projects.

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

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Board Openings:

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

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 1738 Ingleside Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding the criminal justice system in the media. Mr. Simpson stated that people are innocent until proven guilty. Mr. Simpson also stated that people are sometimes convicted due to popular opinion and not by the evidence.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Graham welcomed the new police officers. Councilmember Graham also congratulated the baseball team.

Councilmember Morris expressed his appreciation to the new police officers.

Councilmember Morris stated that he agreed with Councilmember Pendleton's remarks regarding the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board.

Councilmember Betterton welcomed the new police officers. Councilmember Betterton thanked Chief Singleton and others for recruiting competent people. Councilmember Betterton asked everyone to be careful while driving since school has started.

Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding the recent school district meetings. Councilmember Betterton stated that he was very pleased with the comments made during those meetings.

Councilmember Pendleton thanked School Board Members, Mr. Bill Jordan and Ms. Vicky Kirkman for their school board meeting that was held in West Florence.

Councilmember Pendleton stated that we do a good job recruiting but we need to do more to retain police officers. Councilmember Pendleton stated that we lose a lot of officers to state agencies because of salaries.

Councilmember Pendleton made comments regarding the "Trail of Tears" motorcycle ride. Councilmember Pendleton stated that he is disappointed over the disagreements over t-shirts. Councilmember Pendleton also stated that we should have more events to commemorate the "Trail of Tears".

Councilmember Jordan also congratulated the Civil Service Board for their selection of police officers. Councilmember Jordan also thanked Mr. Bill Jordan and Ms. Vicky Kirkman for their school board meeting.

Councilmember Jordan thanked Mr. Abramson for his willingness to serve on the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board.

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President Barnhart had no comments.

Councilmember Pendleton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember
Graham seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Sam Pendleton, Jr.
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
James H. Barnhart
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

President Barnhart presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

