

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
November 20, 2012**

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, November 20, 2012. 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: Dave Smith, William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton. Barry Morris was absent.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2012

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President
 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 760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the November 6, 2012 Meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement for the Preliminary Engineering Services, Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction with the State of Alabama for the extension of Gerrard Drive, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Bill Batson, and Melissa Bailey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter in a Water Purchase Agreement with the Greenhill Water and Fire Protection Authority, sponsored by Mike Doyle.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Worldwide Aircraft Recovery, LTD, to provide professional services necessary to disassemble and transport a F-4D Phantom Aircraft from Fort McClellan and reassemble on the ground at Veteran's Memorial Park, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Gann's Discount Siding, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the installation of a metal roof on Fire Station No. 3, 1301 North Wood Avenue, in the amount of \$13,940.00, to be paid from Fund 117, 1053-42200, sponsored by Chief Cochran.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Gann's Discount Siding, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the installation of a metal roof on Fire Station No. 5, 910 Cox Creek Parkway, in the amount of \$18,000.00, to be paid from Fund 117, 1053-42200, sponsored by Chief Cochran.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Tim Rhodes Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the installation of one 60 kw natural gas generator and rain tight automatic transfer switch at Fire Station No. 1, 402 South Wood Avenue, in the amount of \$7,392.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins and Associates, Inc., to provide professional Field Surveying and engineering design and inspection services necessary for the West Florence Sidewalk Improvements, Phase II project, in the amount of \$13,125.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement with the State of Alabama and the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments to administer the "3-C" Transportation Planning Process for the Shoals Urbanized Area, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (k) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City to Martha Vaughn, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (l) Resolution to approve a Satisfaction of Mortgage from the City to Larry Joe Henderson and Judy M. Henderson, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (m) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a Letter of Engagement with Joe Jolly & Company, Inc., to provide investment banking services for the City of Florence relative to the issuance of General Obligation and/or Revenue Bonds or Warrants, sponsored by Dick Jordan.
- (n) Resolution appointing Council members to standing committees of the Council, sponsored by Dick Jordan.
- (o) Resolution to reappoint Andy Betterton as a member ex-officio of the City of Florence Planning Commission, sponsored by the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to appoint Hermon Graham as a member of the Shoals Industrial Development Committee, sponsored by the City Council.
- (q) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (r) Resolution appointing Hermon Graham to the Shoals Economic Development Authority, sponsored by the City Council. **(This item was added to the Consent Agenda)**
- (s) Resolution appointing Thomas Andrew Frith to the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Board, sponsored by the City Council. **(This item was added to the Consent Agenda)**

- (t) Resolution to appoint Beverly Cheney to the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Board, sponsored by the City Council. **(This item was added to the Consent Agenda)**
- (u) Resolution to appoint Robbie Hillis as Supernumerary Member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, sponsored by the City Council. **(This item was added to the Consent Agenda)**

12. Regular Agenda:

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Special Events Alcohol Beverage License Application by TRULY CIGARS OF ALABAMA, INC., d/b/a TRULY CIGARS, located at 366-C COX CREEK PARKWAY, FLORENCE, AL 35630, to serve alcohol under a tent in their parking lot during a Chamber Business After Hours event, to be held December 6, 2012, 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>Expire</u>
Agri-Business Center	1 - vacancy		
Beautification Board	Scott Townsend	12/07/10	11/01/12
	Susan Burdine	12/01/09	11/01/12
	2 - vacancies		
Historical Board	Kenneth Johnson	03/25/09	12/17/12
	Robert Steen	01/19/10	12/17/12
	1 - Vacancy		
Housing & Construction Appeals Board	5 - Vacancies		
Library Board	Jeannie Rogers	04/17/07	12/01/12
	1 - Vacancy		
SEDA	1 - Vacancy		
Tree Commission	Kevin Jangaard	09/16/08	11/03/12
	2 - Vacancies		
Zoning Adjustments	1 - Vacancy (Supernumerary)		

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

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

- Councilmember Graham
- Councilmember Morris
- Councilmember Edwards
- Councilmember Betterton
- Councilmember Smith
- Councilmember Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that Consent Agenda Item 11 (r) Resolution appointing Hermon Graham to the Shoals Economic Development Authority, Consent Agenda Item 11 (s) Resolution appointing Thomas Andrew Frith to the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Board, Consent Agenda Item 11 (t) Resolution to appoint Beverly Cheney to the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Board and Consent Agenda Item 11(u) Resolution to appoint Robbie Hillis as Supernumerary Member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments were added to the Consent Agenda during today's work session.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor's comments follow, to wit:

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. Randy Chapin, 2320 Houston Street, appeared and made comments in favor of Consent Agenda Item 11 (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Worldwide Aircraft Recovery, LTD, to provide professional services necessary to disassemble and transport a F-4D Phantom Aircraft from Fort McClellan and reassemble on the ground at Veteran's Memorial Park, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council. Mr. Chapin extended his appreciation for the City's efforts regarding this matter.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
 William D. Jordan
 Hermon T. Graham
 Blake Edwards
 Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution – Special Events Alcohol Beverage License Application by TRULY CIGARS OF ALABAMA, INC., d/b/a TRULY CIGARS, located at 366-C COX CREEK PARKWAY, FLORENCE, AL 35630, to serve alcohol under a tent in their parking lot during a Chamber Business After Hours event, to be held December 6, 2012, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham 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: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Mr. Paul Glover, East Lakeside Drive, appeared and made comments regarding the City's leaf removal. Mr. Glover suggested that the City provide citizens garbage cans to put leaves in.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments in favor of legalizing marijuana. Mr. Simpson stated that there are people who are incarcerated for crimes involving marijuana that should be set free. Mr. Simpson further stated that we should stop the war against people.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Graham thanked everyone for their attendance tonight and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Edwards wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and asked for everyone to be careful during the black Friday sales.

Councilmember Betterton also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and asked everyone to be careful during this holiday season.

Councilmember Smith commented on Councilmember Morris being absent from tonight's meeting. Councilmember Smith stated that he is praying for Councilmember Morris' wife who had a doctor's appointment in Birmingham today.

Councilmember Smith made comments regarding sidewalk improvements currently underway in West Florence. Councilmember Smith stated that these improvements will help those who are disabled and in a motorized chair to be able to navigate more freely.

Councilmember Smith thanked Mr. Randy Chapin and Mr. Tommy Chapin for their hard work at the Veteran's Memorial. Councilmember Smith also thanked President Jordan for the recent committee appointments.

Councilmember Smith wished everyone a nice and safe Thanksgiving weekend.

President Jordan noted that the Council appointed committees at yesterday's work session. President Jordan further noted that the City Judge and City Prosecutor are appointed by the Council and that applications for City Judge will be taken through December 7.

President Jordan asked everyone to remember Councilmember Morris' wife and family.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK