

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
January 15, 2013**

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, January 15, 2013. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Morris 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: Dave Smith, William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 15, 2013

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Morris
 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: Rezoning of the Eastwardly ½ of Lots 1 and 2, Block 209, McFarland Heights Subdivision from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District) as requested by Robert Potts.
 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 January 8, 2013 Meeting.
 - (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
 - (c) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$12,226.28 from the City's Liability Insurance Fund to settle the claim filed against the City by David Westmoreland, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
 - (d) Resolution authorizing the City to approve a Deferred Payment Emergency Repair Loan through the Community Development Rehabilitation Program in the amount of \$7,978.75 to Bennie Ingram for improvements to the property located at 617 Campbell Street, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to rezone the Eastwardly ½ of Lots 1 and 2, Block 209, McFarland Heights Subdivision from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District), sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (b) Ordinance to revise the Flood Damage Prevention program for the City of Florence, sponsored by Gary Williamson.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 General Fund Budget to reflect changes in the need for motor vehicles and the disposal of two motorcycles within the Police Department. This amendment is budget neutral. Sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (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	Vacant		
Housing & Construction Appeals Board	Fitzgerald Hill	09/06/05	09/30/11
	Jack Reid	09/06/05	09/30/12
	William T. Wynne	09/06/05	09/30/11
	Thomas G. Pigg	09/06/05	09/30/11
Tree Commission	Lavetta Adams	01/02/07	11/03/12
	Nancy Muse	05/01/07	11/03/12

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

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

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

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock expressed his appreciation to City employees who participated in the annual United Way Drive. Mayor Haddock noted that the City's goal was \$15,000.00 and that we actually collected \$19,225.00

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the month of January, 2013, as National Radon Action Month. The Proclamation was received by Ms. Pat Smith, who is the Regional Extension Agent promoting the Alabama Radon Education Program with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating Friday, February 1, 2013 as National Wear Red Day. This day is set aside to bring awareness to the fight against heart disease in women.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing:

President Jordan noted that this is the day and time advertised for a public hearing regarding the rezoning of the Eastwardly ½ of Lots 1 and 2, Block 209, McFarland Heights Subdivision (215 West Dr. Hicks Blvd) from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District) as requested by Frank L. Potts.

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, stated that this rezoning was approved unanimously by the Planning Commission.

There being no comments or questions from the public or City Council, President Jordan closed the Public Hearing.

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 Graham seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon

resulted as follows:

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to rezone the Eastwardly ½ of Lots 1 and 2, Block 209, McFarland Heights Subdivision from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District), sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

Ayes:	Dave Smith William D. Jordan Hermon T. Graham Barry Morris Blake Edwards Andrew Betterton
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Noes:	None
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Councilmember Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Graham 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 Barry Morris Blake Edwards Andrew Betterton
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Noes:	None
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City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to revise the Flood Damage Prevention program for the City of Florence, sponsored by Gary Williamson. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

Ayes:	Dave Smith William D. Jordan Hermon T. Graham Barry Morris Blake Edwards Andrew Betterton
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Noes:	None
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Councilmember Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. 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 Barry Morris Blake Edwards Andrew Betterton
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Noes:	None
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City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 General Fund Budget to reflect changes in the need for motor vehicles and the disposal of two motorcycles within the Police Department. This amendment is budget neutral. Sponsored by Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

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

Noes: None

Councilmember Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Graham 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
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

(b) 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, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding homeless people. Mr. Simpson noted that the number of homeless people in our area is increasing. Mr. Simpson further noted that the Salvation Army is one of the few places in the City that takes in the homeless. Mr. Simpson stated that our churches need to step up and help the homeless.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Smith noted that the Wood Avenue project will be moving forward soon due to ATRIP funding.

Councilmember Graham reminded everyone of the District 3 Community meeting at Broadway Recreation Center on January 31st at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Morris had no comments.

Councilmember Edwards noted that he recently attended a retirement reception for Jerry Brown, meter reader foreman.

Councilmember Edwards further noted that he also attended the reception for Jerry Brown. Councilmember Edwards also noted that the Community meeting for District 5 was held recently and he thanked everyone for their attendance.

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

President Jordan congratulated the Councilmembers who have been scheduling community meetings.

Councilmember Smith noted that a District 1, Community meeting is scheduled for January 25th at the Handy Recreation Center at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Graham presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

