

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
February 5, 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, February 5, 2013. 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 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.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 5, 2013

5:00 P.M.

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:
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 15, 2013 Meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace, repair and install all necessary signage and emergency lighting to correct violations revealed during a recent Fire Department inspection at Braly Municipal Stadium, in the amount of \$7,280.00, to be charged to Account #44765-00256 and reimbursed by the Board of Education and the University of North Alabama, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Crouch & Sons Plumbing, LLC to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a water line, sewer line, and building fixtures to the maintenance building at Deibert Park, in the amount of \$3,700.00, to be paid from budgeted funds Account #44725-00260, sponsored by Todd Nix.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Trimble Navigation Limited, to provide professional services necessary to install proprietary software to upgrade the eView to the most current version for the IT Department, in the amount of \$6,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds FERC Account #391, sponsored by Steve Price.
 - (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with iWorQ systems, Inc., to provide computer programming for pavement management, work management, signs, sidewalks, fleet maintenance and markings, in the amount of \$7,200.00 per year for a three year period, to be paid from budgeted funds Account #398-43110 and Account #256-43120, sponsored by Bill Batson.
 - (g) Resolution to approve a Deferred Payment Emergency Repair Loan in the amount of \$16,086.69 to Buell Ricks for improvements to property located at 1914 West Irvine Avenue, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
 - (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Professional Services Contract with G Squared, LLC, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
 - (i) Resolution to appropriate \$14,359.62 to the Florence City School Board for the sole purpose of paying half the cost of the installation of an HVAC system at Burrell Slater School, to be paid from the One Cent Sales Tax Capital Fund, sponsored by Councilmember Dave Smith. **(This item was removed)**
 - (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement with the Heart of Alabama Save, Rescue and Adopt (“HASRA”), sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
 - (k) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement to grant a temporary construction easement with the Alabama Department of Transportation in relation to Project No. EBF-0013(551), widening of U.S. Highway 43, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
 - (l) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Project Agreement with TVA for TVA to serve as the basic agency for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) project to provide water and sewer accessibility to TASUS’s new facility in the Florence-Lauderdale Industrial Park, with \$80,000.00 toward the project’s funding by the ARC and \$80,000.00 toward the project’s funding by the Florence-Lauderdale Industrial Expansion Committee, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
 - (m) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into the Green Power Providers Agreement numbered TV-70310A, Supp. No. 59 with the Tennessee Valley Authority, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
 - (n) Resolution to reappoint Nancy Muse to the Tree Commission, sponsored by the City Council.
 - (o) Resolution to reappoint Lavetta Adams to the Tree Commission, sponsored by the City Council.
 - (p) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
12. Regular Agenda:
- (a) Ordinance to declare property located at 611 Marietta Street as surplus property and authorize and approve the sale and conveyance of the property for the sum of \$4,500.00, to Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
 - (b) Resolution approving an Amendment to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Agreement Number 01-00012 with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

- (c) Resolution approving an agreement between the City of Tuscaloosa, the City of Florence, the City of Daphne, the City of Albertville, the City of Boaz, the City of Troy, the East Alabama Recycling Partnership and the Alabama Environmental Council, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**

13. General Business:

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

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business Center	Vacant		
Housing & Construction Appeals Board	Fitzgerald Hill Jack Reid William T. Wynne Thomas G. Pigg	09/06/05 09/06/05 09/06/05 09/06/05	09/30/11 09/30/12 09/30/11 09/30/11
Regional Library Board	Drucilla Gambrell	05/05/98	01/28/13

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 it was decided at the earlier work session to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) Resolution approving an agreement between the City of Tuscaloosa, the City of Florence, the City of Daphne, the City of Albertville, the City of Boaz, the City of Troy, the East Alabama Recycling Partnership and the Alabama Environmental Council and to remove Consent Agenda Item 11(i) Resolution to appropriate \$14,359.62 to the Florence City School Board for the sole purpose of paying half the cost of the installation of an HVAC system at Burrell Slater School, to be paid from the One Cent Sales Tax Capital Fund.

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 Graham 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 commended the City Council for doing such a good job carrying out the City's business.

Mayor Haddock introduced Mike Doyle, Florence Exchange Club. Mr. Doyle announced the Exchange Club will be holding a red beans and rice luncheon on February 11th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Smith, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, comments follow, to wit:

Public Hearing: 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 Betterton moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

Councilmember Smith 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 declare property located at 611 Marietta Street as surplus property and authorize and approve the sale and conveyance of the property for the sum of \$4,500.00, to Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Morris 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 Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham noted that neither adjoining property owners were interested in purchasing this property.

There being no further 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution approving an Amendment to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Agreement Number 01-00012 with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

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

Noes: None

Councilmember Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted this is for the Visitors Center that is to be built in McFarland Park.

There being no further 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

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Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing resolution.

President Jordan 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 Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution. Councilmember Smith 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

General Business:

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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 local non-profit agencies. Mr. Simpson noted that there should be more government oversight and accountability of these agencies. Mr. Simpson further stated that he is in favor of more gun control.

President Jordan made comments regarding the accountability of local non-profit agencies. President Jordan stated that he agrees with Mr. Simpson regarding his stance on accountability regarding non-profit agencies. President Jordan further stated that the City is diligent in reviewing any non-profit agency spending.

Mr. David Vincent, 1414 Chisholm Road, Apt. 17, appeared and proposed that the City look into the concept of converting City vehicles and school buses to natural gas. Mr. Vincent further propose that the City add more sidewalks and should consider adding bicycle lanes to City streets when possible.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Graham congratulated Sandra Morgan, Administrative Assistant to Mayor Haddock, on her 35 years of service with the City of Florence.

Councilmember Graham noted that the next District 3 Community meeting will be held on the last Thursday in April.

Mayor Haddock also congratulated Mrs. Morgan for her years of service to the City.

Councilmember Morris noted that the members of the Lauderdale County Commission were present at today's work session to discuss the joint County/City ambulance bids.

Councilmember Edwards made comments regarding the need for co-operation between the City of Florence and Lauderdale County regarding the Animal Shelter.

Councilmember Edwards noted that Mrs. Morgan was first hired thirty five years ago by his father, Mr. Graham Edwards, former City Administrator.

Councilmember Betterton also made comments regarding the cooperation between the City and County.

Councilmember Betterton also congratulated Mrs. Morgan for her years of service.

Councilmember Smith made comments regarding the recent District 1 Community meeting that was held on January 22nd. Councilmember Smith noted that the meeting was very positive.

President Jordan also commended Mrs. Morgan for her years of service to the City.

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

