

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
July 16, 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, July 16, 2013. President Jordan 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 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

JULY 16, 2013

5:00 P.M.

1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
2. Invocation - Councilmember Graham
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: Proposed amendment to Code of Florence, Alabama, Appendix C-Zoning, Section III, District Regulations; Subsection (F) Chart of Permitted Uses.
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 July 2, 2013 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Highland Technical Services, Inc., to provide professional services to install new monitoring wells and prepare a report to aid in the determination of groundwater characteristics for the Florence Landfill, in the amount of \$40,275.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #267-73200, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c))**
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Lambert Ezell Durham Architects, LLC, to provide professional architectural services for the renovation of an existing metal storage building at the warehouse facility, and a portion of a metal building at 526 East College Street, for the Florence Utilities Electricity Department, to be paid from budgeted Structures and Improvements Fund #390.00, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Professional Fire & Sound, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install, program, test and certify a new Fire Alarm Control Panel in City Hall, in the amount of \$2,509.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with A-1 Fence Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a 6 foot chain link fence at the City of Florence Utilities Water/Wastewater Department Warehouse, in the amount of \$6,828.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for a License Agreement for Underground Pipelines, Cables and Conduits, License #TNSR-FW-006, with Tennessee Southern Railroad Company, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract for the Provision of Supplemental Police Services with the Florence Housing Authority, sponsored by Chief Tyler.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Real Estate Sales Contract with Sadonna M. Magazzu for the City to purchase the property located at 310 North Royal Avenue, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to approve the proposal for renewal of excess workers' compensation coverage from Safety National, Option 1, prepared by York Risk Services, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the City to approve a Contract for reimbursement of the cost of extension of the main sewer line across the Tennessee Southern Railroad with SRT, Inc., Tom Wideman, and Ricky Butler, sponsored by Mike Doyle
- (l) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to amend Section 13-65, Speed; adoption of state law; penalty, Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, sponsored by Bill Batson. **(This item was removed)**
- (b) Ordinance to amend the Code of Florence, Alabama, Appendix C-Zoning, Section III, District Regulations; Subsection (F) Chart of Permitted Uses, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Highland Technical Services, Inc., to provide professional services to install new monitoring wells and prepare a report to aid in the determination of groundwater characteristics for the Florence Landfill, in the amount of \$40,275.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #267-73200, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (c))**

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		
Scope 310	Reginald Owens	4/03/01	07/21/13
	Karen Kennedy	12/07/10	07/21/13
Regional Library Board	Vacant		

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 today, to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Highland Technical Services, Inc., to provide professional services to install new monitoring wells and prepare a report to aid in the determination of groundwater characteristics for the Florence Landfill, in the amount of \$40,275.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #267-73200, sponsored by David Koonce to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) and to remove Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Ordinance to amend Section 13-65, Speed; adoption of state law; penalty, Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, sponsored by Bill Batson.

There being no further changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Graham moved for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Betterton 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

Councilmember Morris asked that in regards to Regular Agenda Item 12 (c), the word "unlined" in the contract with Highland Technical Services be changed to Cell A-1 Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Morris 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 all City employees for their hard work and dedication. Mayor Haddock also expressed his appreciation to all departments that were involved in the 4th of July Freedom Celebration that took place at McFarland Park.

Mayor Haddock noted that there will be a Regional Baseball tournament at the Sports Complex beginning this Thursday. Mayor Haddock expressed his condolences to the George Hibbett family. Mayor Haddock stated that Mr. Hibbett's memorial service was held today. Mayor Haddock further stated that Mr. Hibbett served as Councilmember for the City of Florence from 1988 until 1992.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing:

President Jordan noted that this is the day and time as advertised for a public hearing for the proposed amendment to Code of Florence, Alabama, Appendix C-Zoning, Section III, District Regulations; Subsection (F) Chart of Permitted Uses.

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, appeared and asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed amendment. There being no questions or comments from the public, 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 Graham 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 amend the Code of Florence, Alabama, Appendix C-Zoning, Section III, District Regulations; Subsection (F) Chart of Permitted Uses, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance 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 Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham thanked the Planning Commission and the Planning Department for their hard work regarding the proposed changes to the zoning amendment.

President Jordan stated that these changes show that we are progressive.

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 authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Highland Technical Services, Inc., to provide professional services to install new monitoring wells and prepare a report to aid in the determination of groundwater characteristics for the Florence Landfill, in the amount of \$40,275.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #267-73200, sponsored by David Koonce. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Smith 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 Resolution. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris noted that Mr. Cope had pointed out the word “unlined” and that it needed to be changed to Cell A-1.

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

(a) 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 injustice. Mr. Simpson stated that injustice should be on everyone’s mind.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Graham also thanked everyone who was involved with the 4th of July Freedom Celebration. Councilmember Graham reminded everyone of the District 3 Community meeting to be held this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Broadway Recreation Center.

Councilmember Morris had no comments.

Councilmember Edwards noted that a good picture of a child playing at the Splash Pad recently appeared in the Times Daily Newspaper. Councilmember Edwards also noted that the City has more work to do on blighted areas.

Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding blighted properties. Councilmember Betterton stated that progress has been made on seven blighted properties.

Councilmember Smith thanked the Music Preservation Society for keeping the W. C. Handy Festival alive.

President Jordan thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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