

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
August 20, 2013**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Florence, Alabama, was held at the River Heritage Park located on Veterans Drive in Florence at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 20, 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
August 20, 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: 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 256-760-6400 for questions on Consent Agenda items prior to the Council meeting.

- (a) Approval of minutes of the August 6, 2013 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Athens Fence Company, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install approximately 1600 linear feet of chain link fencing at the City of Florence Landfill, in the amount of \$36,858.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Lambert Ezell Durham Architecture, LLC, to provide professional architectural services for the Indian Mound Museum, to be paid according to a fee schedule from the 2013-B G. O. Warrant Fund, sponsored by Todd Nix.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Keeton Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for relocating bailer and installing new 75KVA transformer and 200 amp disconnect, and wiring in the new conveyor system at the Recycling Center, in the total amount not to exceed \$11,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account # 1053-43125, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 d)**
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Methvin Crane and Rigging Service, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to relocate bailers and other equipment for the plant upgrade at the Recycling Center, to be paid an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 from budgeted funds, Account #1053-43125, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Linda Clanton, to provide line dance lessons at the Parks and Recreation facilities, to be paid 80% of the instruction fee with the City retaining the remaining 20%, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Linda Clanton, to provide exercise classes to include Aerobics and Yoga at the Parks and Recreation facilities, to be paid 80% of the instruction fee with the City retaining the remaining 20%, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Noelle Smith, to provide belly dance classes at the Parks and Recreation facilities, to be paid 80% of the instruction fee with the City retaining the remaining 20%, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mike O'Steen Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to construct the Walk of Honor Phase II, 10 (ten) new monuments at the Florence River Heritage Park, in the total amount of \$37,947.50, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with JM Test Systems, Inc., to perform on-site testing of Florence Utilities Electricity Department hot line tools, in the amount of \$13,113.00, to be paid from Account #923-Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ross/Fowler, P.C., to provide architectural services as needed for the River Heritage Trail Phase 3- River Heritage Park to Patton Island Overlook, to be paid according to a fee schedule from the 2013-B G. O. Warrant Fund, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (m) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins, & Associates, Inc., to provide surveying services as needed for the River Heritage Trail Phase 3- River Heritage Park to Patton Island Overlook, to be paid \$22,350.00 from the 2013-B G. O. Warrant Fund, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (n) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement for Architectural Services regarding the design and construction of a new animal shelter/adoption facility with Create Architects, to be paid according to a fee schedule from the 2013-B G. O. Warrant Fund, sponsored by Chief Ron Tyler.
- (o) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into the Home Energy Supplier Agreement for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) between the City of Florence and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), sponsored by Richard Morrissey and Vance Young.
- (p) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into the Master Services Agreement between the City of Florence and WebQA, Inc., to provide Micro-Website services for the City for the period August 1, 2013, through August 31, 2014, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (q) Resolution authorizing the sale of the Auto System Electric Conveyor (asset #1016), previously used by the Florence Recycling Department, and having been declared as surplus equipment, to the Shoals Solid Waste Authority, in the amount of \$800.00, sponsored by David Koonce.

- (r) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale, delivery and payment of \$18,805,000 Principal Amount of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013-B, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and City Council.
- (b) Ordinance to vacate a utility easement along and either side of the common property line between lots 11 and 12 in Block 5 of Cypress Heights, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (c) Resolution to elect Dan Barger as Treasurer/Chief Accountant of the City of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Council President Jordan.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Keeton Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for relocating bailer and installing new 75KVA transformer and 200 amp disconnect, and wiring in the new conveyor system at the Recycling Center, in the total amount not to exceed \$11,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account # 1053-43125, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (e))**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full-Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by ODETTE, INC., d/b/a ODETTE, located at 120 NORTH COURT STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, 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>Expires</u>
Agri-Business Center	Vacant		
Housing & Construction Codes Appeal Board	E. B. Norton Jason B. Lenz	09/06/05 09/06/05	09/30/13 09/30/13
Regional Library Board	Vacant		
SEDA	Brad Holmes Tyndal Davis	09/20/05 09/04/01	09/30/13 09/30/13
Scope 310	Reginald Owens Karen Kennedy	04/03/01 12/07/10	07/21/13 07/21/13
Tourism (Joint)	Sandra Burroughs	06/01/10	09/30/13

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

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

Councilmember Morris
 Councilmember Edwards
 Councilmember Betterton
 Councilmember Smith
 Councilmember Graham
 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 (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Keeton Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for relocating bailer and installing new 75KVA transformer and 200 amp disconnect, and wiring in the new conveyor system at the Recycling Center, in the total amount not to exceed \$11,000.00 to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d).

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's comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Edwards, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, and
Councilmember Smith, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, reports follow, to wit:

Public Hearing: None

Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent or Regular Agenda:

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding Regular Agenda Item 13 (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full-Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by ODETTE, INC., d/b/a ODETTE, located at 120 NORTH COURT STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630. Mr. Simpson stated that the Council needs to make sure these types of establishments are monitored for underage drinking.

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 authorizing the issuance, sale, delivery and payment of \$18,805,000 Principal Amount of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013-B, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and City Council. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Betterton 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to vacate a utility easement along and either side of the common property line between lots 11 and 12 in Block 5 of Cypress Heights, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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

Noes: None

Councilmember Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Morris 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to elect Dan Barger as Treasurer/Chief Accountant of the City of Florence, Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Council President Jordan. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Morris 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 Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that the City is fortunate to have such a person of integrity as Mr. Barger.

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 Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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 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

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

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Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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 Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Jordan 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

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

Ms. Barbara Hill appeared and made comments in favor of building a new Indian Mound Museum. Ms. Hill stated that it is in the best interest of the City if the Indian Mound Museum is kept in its current location.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding laws being enacted in Montgomery regarding guns. Mr. Simpson stated that the City should not allow alcohol in parks with guns.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Morris extended his sympathies to the Hibbett family. Councilmember Morris also asked that everyone keep Ms. Lou Batson, wife of former Mayor Bill Batson, in your prayers. Councilmember Morris noted that she is very ill.

Councilmember Edwards also extended his sympathies to the Hibbett family. Councilmember Edwards congratulated Fire Chief Charlie Cochran on his retirement.

Councilmember Betterton thanked Mayor Haddock and President Jordan regarding their leadership handling the Capital Projects budget.

Councilmember Smith congratulated the 7 year old Cal Ripken Baseball team for winning the 2013 State Baseball Championship. Councilmember Smith also congratulated the Florence Swim Team.

Councilmember Graham extended his gratitude to Martha Murphy and Sandra Morgan for organizing today's meeting. Councilmember Graham also offered his sympathies to the Hibbett family.

President Jordan thanked Ms. Barbara Hill for her work regarding the Indian Mound Museum.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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