

**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
August 19, 2014**

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, August 19, 2014. 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 19, 2014**

**5:00 P.M.**

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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:
  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 5, 2014 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to perform herbicide treatment for seven distribution circuits (37.3 miles), in the amount of \$7,460.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #593.10 Maintenance of Overhead Lines (tree trimming), sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to correct Fire Code violations in City Hall and the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$1,640.23, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266 Repair & Maintenance, 41810 Administrative Buildings, sponsored by Gary Williamson. **(This item was moved to the Regular Agenda, Item 12 (a))**

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Magnolia River LLC to supply the software, build/calibrate and provide training for a natural gas pipeline network model for the Florence Utilities Gas Department, in an amount not to exceed \$35,275.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #391.10 Gas System Network Model, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Computer Support Systems, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install one six-strand fiber optic cable between the Water Department Warehouse and the Water Treatment Building, in the amount of \$7,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #320.00 Water Treatment Plant, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with The Lamar Companies to provide a ten foot six inch by forty foot vinyl illuminated billboard to advertise the Frank Lloyd Wright/Rosenbaum House on Interstate 65 just north of Browns Ferry Road, in the amount of \$1,050 plus 12 monthly payments of \$950.00, to be paid from budgeted appropriation funds to the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a lease agreement with Yamaha Motor Corporation to provide sixty eight (68) new 2014 golf cars and two (2) turf vehicles with a Range Cage and a Beverage Utility Unit at \$71.50/car/month for a three (3) year period, to be paid from Account #256-44730 Contractual Services-Golf, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for funding from the United States Department of Commerce under its Economic Adjustment Program, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (j) Resolution to reappoint Katy Beth Carr to the Florence-Lauderdale County Port Authority Board of Directors, sponsored by the City Council.
- (k) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

Ordinance to lease the property known as the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Visitor's Center to the Florence Lauderdale Tourism Board for a term of 13.5 years in the amount of \$15,022.36 per month, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. **(This item was removed)**

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to correct Fire Code violations in City Hall and the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$1,640.23, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266 Repair & Maintenance, 41810 Administrative Buildings, sponsored by Gary Williamson. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (d))**
- (b) Ordinance to grant an easement to Hunters Ridge, LLC, by the City of Florence, Alabama and Plantation Springs, sponsored by Bill Batson. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Beer by OTR ENTERPRISES LLC, d/b/a RIVERBOTTOM SWAMP ROMP, located at 150 JIM SPAIN DRIVE, FLORENCE, AL 35630, encompassing approximately a 60' x 70' area located near the Start/Finish line, close to the driving range sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

- (b) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Wine & Beer by SWEET BASIL CAFÉ TOO, LLC, d/b/a SWEET BASIL CAFÉ, located at 1627 DARBY DRIVE SUITE A, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

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

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business Center	Vacancy		
Beautification Board	Vacancy		
Housing/Construction Appeals Board	Fitzgerald Hill	09/06/05	09/30/14
Parks & Rec	Bill Burke	01/06/09	10/30/14
	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14
SEDA	Marty Abroms	12/16/08	09/30/14
	Barry Morris	11/20/12	09/30/14
Tourism Board	Ernest Haygood	09/19/95	10/29/14
	David Abramson	08/17/10	10/29/14

- 14. Business from the public (5-minute time limit).
- 15. Council Members reports and/or comments (5-minute time limit).

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

- 16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to remove Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Ordinance to lease the property known as the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Visitor’s Center to the Florence Lauderdale Tourism Board for a term of 13.5 years in the amount of \$15,022.36 per month, sponsored by Bill Musgrove and to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to correct Fire Code violations in City Hall and the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$1,640.23 to Regular Agenda 12 (a) and to add Regular Agenda 12 (b) Ordinance to grant an easement to Hunters Ridge, LLC, by the City of Florence, Alabama and Plantation Springs, sponsored by Bill Batson.

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 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

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Haddock thanked Mr. Billy Reid for his event last weekend. Mayor Haddock noted that Mr. Reid had more than 2,000 people to attend.

Mayor Haddock noted that Mars Hill Bible School will play their first ever varsity football game this Friday night. Mayor Haddock also noted that Florence High School will play their first game of the season at Shades Valley this Friday night.

Mayor Haddock presented a proclamation designating August 2014 as "Florence Firefighter Appreciation" month in conjunction with the MDA. Mayor Haddock presented a proclamation designating September 2014 as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness" month.

Mayor Haddock presented a resolution in appreciation and dedication to the family of Chris Williamson. Mayor Haddock noted that Chris Williamson, employee of the Electricity Department, was killed on the job in June.

President Jordan noted that Chris was a dedicated employee and was loved by his peers. President Jordan further noted that Chris touched so many lives and will be greatly missed.

**Report of Department Heads:** None

**Report of Standing Committee:** None

**Public Hearing:** None

**Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent Ordinance 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 a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to correct Fire Code violations in City Hall and the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$1,640.23, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266 Repair & Maintenance, 41810 Administrative Buildings, sponsored by Gary Williamson. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to grant an easement to Hunters Ridge, LLC, by the City of Florence, Alabama and Plantation Springs, sponsored by Bill Batson. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Edwards 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 Edwards 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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Councilmember Smith 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 Morris 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Wine & Beer by SWEET BASIL CAFÉ TOO, LLC, d/b/a SWEET BASIL CAFÉ, located at 1627 DARBY DRIVE SUITE A, FLORENCE, AL 35630, 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  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Morris 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

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President Jordan noted that there are two vacancies on the P & R. President Jordan further noted the Council will be taking applications for a position on the SEDA Board. President Jordan stated that Mr. Abrams has served the maximum number of terms allowed on boards appointed by the City Council. President Jordan noted that he has asked Councilmember Morris to serve a second term on the SEDA Board. President Jordan noted that the Council will also be taking applications for Mr. Haygood's position on the Tourism Board. President Jordan noted that Mr. Haygood has served the maximum number of terms allowed on boards appointed by the City Council. President Jordan noted that Mr. Abramson can be reappointed and after speaking to him wishes to continue to serve on the Tourism Board. President Jordan stated that Councilmember Morris' appointment to the SEDA Board will be voted on at the next City Council meeting on September 2. President Jordan further stated that the appointments to the SEDA Board and the Tourism Board will be discussed at the next City Council meeting.

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made general comments. Mr. Simpson noted that our Nation is lacking in moral character and stability. Mr. Simpson further noted that no one is taking responsibility for the problems we now face.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Smith noted that the Homeless Care Council will be at Wilson Park tonight giving away bottles of water.

Councilmember Smith noted that there will be a District 1 Community meeting on August 25 at the W. C. Handy Recreation Center.

Councilmember Morris expressed his sympathy to the Chris Williamson family.

Councilmember Graham also expressed his sympathy to the Williamson family.

Councilmember Edwards also expressed his sympathy to the Williamson family.

Councilmember Edwards expressed his admiration to all City workers.

Councilmember Betterton had no comment.

President Jordan had no comment.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

City of Florence, AL  
Minutes of City Council  
August 19, 2014