The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Florence, Alabama, was held in the City Hall Auditorium in Florence at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Betterton gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert M. Leyde, City Clerk, performed the roll call and noted that five 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, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton. Barry Morris was absent.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2016
10:00 a.m.

1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
2. Invocation - Councilmember Betterton
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 February 16, 2016, meeting.
Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mike O’Steen Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair walls, water damage, drywall installation, shelving and painting to various offices/areas of the Municipal Building, in the amount of $28,862.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390.00 - Structures & Improvements, with the Water Department, Utility Controller Department and IS Department reimbursing their prorated share to the Gas Department, sponsored by Mike Doyle.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Bagby Elevator Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the elevator located in the Municipal Building, in the amount of $3,992.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mike O’Steen Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to make alterations to the Ladies Restroom located on the third floor of the Municipal Building, in the amount of $9,914.00, to be paid from budgeted Electricity Department funds, Account #391.00, sponsored by Gary Williamson.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Burrows Masonry Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the east side brick wall in the Wilson Cemetery located at Blackberry Trail Golf Course, in the amount of $9,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #44730-117, sponsored by Todd Nix.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair and replace lighting in the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum Building, in the amount of $1,000.20, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410 - Repairs & Maintenance, sponsored by Todd Nix.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Greg Sutton, d/b/a as Sutton Fence, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to make repairs to softball field fences at Veteran’s Park, in the amount of $23,020.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Fund 117 (939-44725), sponsored by Todd Nix.

Resolution to approve the attached Agreement for Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP), Project No. ACOA59651-ATRP(007); ATRIP No. 39-03-08, for resurfacing and reconstruction on Wood Avenue from East Tuscaloosa Street to Gilbert Court, Length - 0.89 miles, between the City of Florence and the State of Alabama, in the amount of $212,228 (20% of project), to be paid from budgeted funds, Fund 188, Account #939-48131, sponsored by Bill Batson.

Resolution to approve the attached Moorage Lease between the City of Florence and the Florence Harbor Marina for $155.00 per month, sponsored by Ron Tyler.

Resolution to approve a Release for Property damage from the City of Florence to Jonathan Jackle and Auto-Owners Insurance Company, in the amount of $5,225.00, to be paid to the City, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals Scholar Dollars Foundation, Inc., in the amount of $5,000.00, to be paid one-half from the Mayor’s Special Project Fund and the Council’s Special Project Fund, Account #398-41110 and #398-41112, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.

Resolution to approve a contract with the Children’s Museum of the Shoals, Inc., in the amount of $10,000.00, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.

Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

13. General Business:

Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Beer & Wine by SINGLE LOCK RECORDS LLC., d/b/a 116 E MOBILE PRIVATE ALLEY PARTY, located in the alleyway adjacent to 116 E MOBILE, to commence on Saturday, March 12th, and conclude on Sunday, March 13th, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
(b) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

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

   Council member Morris
   Council member Edwards
   Council member Betterton
   Council member Smith
   Council member Graham.
   Council member Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the agenda. 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
         Blake Edwards
         Andrew Betterton

   Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock welcomed all the students and teachers to “Youth in Government” day.

Mayor Haddock noted that Southern Living Magazine picked Florence as a great place to live. Mayor Haddock further noted that the paving of Wood Avenue will begin soon.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the week of March 6 thru 12, 2016 as
“Girl Scout” week in the City of Florence.

Mayor Haddock asked Deputy Chief Tim Shaddix to come forward. Deputy Chief Shaddix presented Officer Tyler Oliver and Officer Zak Maxwell with “Life Saving” awards.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

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 Graham seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Beer & Wine by SINGLE LOCK RECORDS LLC., d/b/a 116 E MOBILE PRIVATE ALLEY PARTY, located in the alleyway adjacent to 116 E MOBILE, to commence on Saturday, March 12th, and conclude on Sunday, March 13th, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:
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
      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
      Blake Edwards
      Andrew Betterton

Noes: None
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Business from the Public (5-minute time limit):

Mr. James Bankston, Randolph Street, appeared and made comments regarding the death investigation of Mr. David Darby. Mr. Bankston stated that he would like to see an impartial investigation into this case.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding young, black men. Mr. Simpson stated that we need more rehabilitation and less incarceration.

Mr. Mike Jones, 170 Karen Drive, appeared and asked the Council for an update on the proposed new Senior Center.

Ms. Winforde Luhrs, 1226 North Wood Avenue, appeared and asked the Council for an update on the new sign for the Senior Center.

Mr. Jim Hahn, 591 County Road 118, appeared and stated that the heating and air-conditioning unit is now working at the Senior Center. Mr. Hahn asked the Council to keep in mind that the Seniors need a van with a lift.

Ms. Eva Knight, 2810 Waldridge Street, appeared and stated that she wants a dialogue with the Council on the status of the new Senior Center.

Ms. Anna Broadfoot, 102 East Oakhill Drive, appeared and asked the Council to consider changing the name of the Senior Center to Civic Center/Multi-Purpose Center.
Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Edwards welcomed everyone to “Youth in Government” day.

Councilmember Edwards complimented the two Police Officers on their awards. Councilmember Edwards noted that the Wood Avenue paving project will begin in a couple of months.

Councilmember Betterton also welcomed everyone to today’s meeting. Councilmember Betterton applauded the students and thanked Mr. Townsend and Mr. Pannell.

Councilmember Smith thanked everyone for their attendance today. Councilmember Smith noted that the Beautification Board planted eight crepe myrtle bushes on the corner of College Street and Beverly Avenue.

Councilmember Graham thanked the students for their attendance today. Councilmember Graham also congratulated the two Police Officers for receiving “Life Saving” awards.

Councilmember Graham noted that the new Senior Center is always on the Council’s minds.

President Jordan thanked everyone for their attendance.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK