



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 7, 2016**

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, June 7, 2016. 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 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.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 7, 2016

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:
 - (a) Proposed rezoning of the SW corner of Mall Drive and County Road 46 (Gresham Road) from R-B (Residential Business District) to B-2 (General Business District), as requested by the Estate of Mary Joly (Executors: Walt Joly and Harold Joly).
 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 May 17, 2016, meeting.
 - (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution to approve a Reimbursable Agreement for Relocation of Utility Facilities of Private or Public Right-of-Way, for the relocation of natural gas facilities in conjunction with the Mars Hill Road bridge replacement project, ATRIP Number ALBRZ61360-ATRP(016), between the City of Florence and the Alabama Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$59,263.00, to be reimbursed by ALDOT, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution to approve a Reimbursable Agreement for Relocation of Utility Facilities of Private or Public Right-of-Way, for the relocation of water lines in conjunction with the Mars Hill Road bridge replacement project, ATRIP Number ALBRZ61360-ATRP(016), between the City of Florence and the Alabama Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$51,827.00, to be reimbursed by ALDOT, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Muscle Shoals, Alabama, Plumbers and Steamfitters Joint Apprenticeship Committee to provide required testing for welders in the Florence Utilities Gas Department, in the amount of \$2,072.40, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #880.00 - Other Expenses, sponsored by Mike Doyle. **(This item was removed by sponsor)**
- (f) Resolution amending the Emergency Shelter Grant Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract between the City of Florence and Safeplace, Inc., to waive \$29,000.00 of the required matching funds from Safeplace, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (g) Resolution approving the Emergency Solutions Grant Budget/Financial Report amending the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract with Safeplace, Inc., to waive \$29,000.00 of the required matching funds from Safeplace, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Certified Alarm Co. of Alabama, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install access control for five (5) Fire Stations, in the amount of \$29,617.85, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-42200 - Building Improvements Capital Projects, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins.
- (I) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Computer Systems, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install fiber optic cable between the Third Floor server room and the switches on the First, Second and Third floors of City Hall, in the amount of \$8,965.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #391, sponsored by Steve Price.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with ACRT, Inc., to provide additional training to all tree trimming personnel, in the amount of \$6,068.00 plus the instructor's airfare, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (k) Resolution to approve the Reliability Standards Memorandum of Understanding, Contract Number 11387, between the City of Florence and the Tennessee Valley Authority, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to add receptacles and related circuitry at Blackberry Grille, in the amount of \$1,225.00, to be paid from Golf Course budgeted funds 266-44730, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (m) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Commercial Industrial Renovators, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to paint the dining room, front room and Handy Room at the Kennedy/Douglass Art Center Annex, in the amount of \$2,575.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #117, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (n) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Certified Alarm Co. of Alabama, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a fire alarm system in each location of the following: CID Annex Storage Building, North Annex and South Annex Building, in the amount of \$5,635.90, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, Account #1053-42100 - Police Annex Improvement, sponsored by Ron Tyler.

- (o) Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Disparate Jurisdiction Agreement and authorizing the City to apply for the 2016 Justice Assistance Program Grant (JAG), sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (p) Resolution to update the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agreement for the Shoals Urbanized Area to designate NACOLG as the transportation planning agency to administer funds for the “3-C” Program, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (q) Resolution to approve the Contract between the City of Florence and the Music Preservation Society, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00, sponsored by the Mayor and the City Council.
- (r) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to rezone the SW corner of Mall Drive and County Road 46 (Gresham Road) from R-B (Residential Business District) to B-2 (General Business District), as requested by the Estate of Mary Joly (Executors: Walt Joly and Harold Joly), sponsored by Melissa Bailey.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution approving the operating budgets of the Gas Department and the Water and Wastewater Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Mike Doyle and Vance Young.
- (b) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Beautification	Vacancy		
Hospital Board	Thelma Robinson	07/01/86	06/25/16
Housing/Const	Adam Burchell	06/19/12	09/30/15
	Jack Reid	09/06/05	09/30/15
	William Wynne (alt)	09/06/05	09/30/15
	Thomas Pigg (alt)	09/06/05	09/30/15
Parks & Rec	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14
Port Authority	Darlene Ballard (Joint)	08/02/11	07/21/16
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16
	Vacancy		

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to remove Consent Agenda Item 11 (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Muscle Shoals, Alabama, Plumbers and Steamfitters Joint Apprenticeship Committee to provide required testing for welders in the Florence Utilities Gas Department, in the amount of \$2,072.40, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #880.00 - Other Expenses, sponsored by Mike Doyle.

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
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

In the absence of Mayor Haddock, President Jordan presented a Proclamation designating the 2nd Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples Day.”

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Betterton, Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Committee, report follows,
to wit:

Public Hearing:

President Jordan stated that this is the date and time advertised for a Public Hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of property located at the SW corner of Mall Drive and County Road 46 (Gresham Road) from R-B (Residential Business District) to B-2 (General Business District), as requested by the Estate of Mary Joly (Executors: Walt Joly and Harold Joly).

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, appeared and noted that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the proposed rezoning to the City Council. Ms. Bailey further noted that the adjoining property is zoned B-2.

There were no public comments regarding the proposed rezoning. President Jordan closed the Public Hearing portion of the Council Meeting.

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 Betterton 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 an Ordinance to rezone the SW corner of Mall Drive and County Road 46 (Gresham Road) from R-B (Residential Business District) to B-2 (General Business District), as requested by the Estate of Mary Joly (Executors: Walt Joly and Harold Joly), sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution approving the operating budgets of the Gas Department and the Water and Wastewater Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Mike Doyle and Vance Young. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that the budgets for the Gas, Water and Wastewater Departments do not include a rate increase for their customers.

There being no further 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. John Hargett, 1406 North Wood Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding the Fireworks Ordinance that was approved at the last Council meeting. Mr. Hargett stated that the Council needs to answer Mr. Holcomb's questions that he asked them at the May 17 Council meeting.

Ms. Elaine Foreman, County Road 16, appeared and made comments regarding the skate park located on Chisholm Road. Ms. Foreman stated that the park needs more lights, bathrooms are pathetic and that the skate park needs to stay open later.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding pets in the work place. Mr. Simpson stated that the City needs a policy regarding pets at City Hall.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Edwards welcomed the Native American visitors to tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Edwards noted that Councilmember Morris is absent tonight due to his granddaughter being involved in a serious accident on Memorial Day.

Councilmember Betterton noted that the Parks & Recreation Department work diligently to keep restrooms and other facilities clean.

Councilmember Smith congratulated the UNA Women's Softball Team for winning the Division 2 National Championship.

Councilmember Smith asked that everyone keep Councilmember Morris and his family in our prayers.

Councilmember Graham also welcomed the Native American visitors to tonight's meeting. Councilmember Graham also asked for prayers for Councilmember Morris's family.

President Jordan also welcomed the Native American visitors and others who were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK