



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 16, 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, August 16, 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 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, Blake Edwards, Barry Morris and Andrew Betterton.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 16, 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:
 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 2, 2016, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution to approve the State of Alabama Home Energy Supplier Agreement between the City of Florence and ADECA, to participate in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, sponsored by Vance Young.
 - (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Hi-Line Engineering, a GDS, Inc., Company, to provide professional services necessary to present “The Basics of Electric Utility Systems” to the employees of the Florence Utilities Electricity Department, in the amount of \$21,500.00, plus \$40.00 per student for materials, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923–Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
 - (e) Resolution to approve the Grant Agreement Amendment approving the transfer of the management of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Continuum of Care Program transitional housing grant from Safeplace, Inc., to the City of Florence, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a))**
 - (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Krista Manchester, Continuum of Care Program Director, for use of continuum of Care Transitional Housing – Community Development Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b))**
 - (g) Resolution to approve the letters confirming the status of the Cooperative Agreement between the Florence Housing Authority and the City of Florence and payments by the Authority lieu of taxes, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
 - (h) Resolution to approve a license agreement with the University of North Alabama for 177 parking spaces on Levels J, K, L, and M in the Downtown Parking Deck for additional UNA student parking from August 13, 2016, through May 14, 2017, in the amount of \$6.00 per month per space, for a total amount of \$9,558.00, sponsored by Bob Leyde.
 - (i) Resolution to appoint Robert Jones as a member of Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board.
 - (j) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
12. Regular Agenda:
- (a) Resolution to approve the Grant Agreement Amendment approving the transfer of the management of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Continuum of Care Program transitional housing grant from Safeplace, Inc., to the City of Florence, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (e))**
 - (b) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Krista Manchester, Continuum of Care Program Director, for use of continuum of Care Transitional Housing – Community Development Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (f))**
13. General Business:
- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by SWEET BASIL CAFÉ TOO, LLC, d/b/a RAYS AT THE BANK, located at 1411 HUNTSVILLE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
 - (b) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Microbrewery/Winery (Manufacturer, for State Purposes) with On-Premises Beer-Wine and Off-Premises Beer-Wine, by BLUEWATER BREWING COMPANY, INC., d/b/a BLUEWATER BREWING COMPANY, located at 318 SOUTH ROYAL AVENUE, 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>
Beautification	Vacancy		
Hospital Board	Thelma Robinson	07/01/86	06/25/16
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster Reginald Owens Vacancy	08/21/12 04/01/14	07/21/15 07/21/16
SEDA	Dana Aldridge James Noles	09/17/13 09/17/13	09/30/16 09/30/16

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 move Consent Agenda Item 11 (e) Resolution to approve the Grant Agreement Amendment approving the transfer of the management of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care Program transitional housing grant from Safeplace, Inc., to the City of Florence, sponsored by Melissa Bailey to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) and to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Krista Manchester, Continuum of Care Program Director, for use of continuum of Care Transitional Housing – Community Development Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b).

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
 Barry Morris
 Blake Edwards
 Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock's comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads:

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, gave an update on the Municipal Election that will be held on August 23, 2016. Mr. Leyde noted that the polls for the Municipal Election will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Mr. Leyde further noted that the deadline for filing an application for absentee voting is Thursday, August 18. Mr. Leyde stated that the school for poll workers will be held on Wednesday, August 17, at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Leyde further stated that the testing for the voting machines will also be held on August 17 at 3:30 p.m. at the Lauderdale County warehouse located on Sweetwater Avenue.

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Smith, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, noted that the Committee recently met with Chief Tyler, Councilmember Edwards, Robert Palmer, Times Daily and Sheriff Singleton. Councilmember Smith noted that the Committee along with citizens from District 1 met to discuss recent conflicts that are happening across the United States.

Public Hearing: None

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

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and made comments regarding Consent Agenda Item 11 (I) Resolution to appoint Robert Jones as a member of Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board. Mr. Smoak stated that he had applied for this position and he did not get an interview.

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 a Resolution to approve the Grant Agreement Amendment approving the transfer of the management of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care Program transitional housing grant from Safeplace, Inc., to the City of Florence, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham 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 Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

Comments:

President Jordan made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. President Jordan noted that this funding will help with the homeless in our community.

Melissa Bailey, Community Development Director, appeared and stated that she has been working closely with HUD to utilize funds to provide transitional housing to the homeless. Ms. Bailey noted that emergency housing is for a period of thirty days and transitional housing provides housing for up to two years if needed.

Councilmember Smith made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Smith thanked Melissa Bailey and the council for their work regarding the homeless in our area.

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 Krista Manchester, Continuum of Care Program Director, for use of continuum of Care Transitional Housing – Community Development Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. 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
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham made comments in favor of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Graham noted that this funding is greatly needed in our community to assist the homeless.

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
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Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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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
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham made comments in favor of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Graham stated that all of the alcohol applications that are approved have been signed off by various City Departments.

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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Hospital Board	Thelma Robinson	07/01/86	06/25/16
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	Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16
	Vacancy		
SEDA	Dana Aldridge	09/17/13	09/30/16
	James Noles	09/17/13	09/30/16

President Jordan asked for a motion to reappoint Dana Aldridge to the SEDA Board.

Councilmember Graham made a motion to reappoint Dana Aldridge to the SEDA Board.

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

President Jordan noted that the resolution to approved Ms. Aldridge's reappointment will be on the next City Council agenda.

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

Mr. Bill Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and thanked the City Council and members of the Homeless Care Council for their hard work regarding the homeless in our area.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Edwards asked everyone to continue to remember Ragan Morris in their prayers.

Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding the GIS presentation that was presented to the Council at the earlier work session.

Councilmember Graham noted that Councilmember Morris' granddaughter Ragan, is home from the hospital. Councilmember Graham thanked everyone in attendance tonight.

Councilmember Morris noted that after seventy days in UAB Hospital his granddaughter is home. Councilmember Morris thanked everyone for their prayers.

President Jordan thanked Ms. Haley Oglesby, Lillies of the Valley Cancer Organization.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK