



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2017**

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, January 3, 2017. 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 six Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Kaytrina Simmons, William D. Jordan, David Bradley, Michelle Eubanks, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2017

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Edwards
 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 December 20, 2016, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with M & W Equipment Co., Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to clean and perform algae treatment on two fuel storage tanks at the Electricity Department Warehouse Complex, in the amount of \$10,455.24, to be paid from FY2017 budget, Account #935.40 - Maintenance of Miscellaneous Equipment, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Garnet Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to repair pole lights at the Handy Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,036.75, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda 12 (a))**
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Crouch & Sons Plumbing, LLC, to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to repair a two inch water line leak in Veterans Park, in the amount of \$1,537.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #265-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with R.W. Parker Equipment Company, d/b/a Hobart Sales and Service, to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary for repairs to the Scotsman Ice Machine at the Royal Avenue Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,078.16, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account # 260-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals MPE Services, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a 2' raceway and 120 volt power, ground bar and backboard at 19 locations, in the amount of \$66,000.00, to be paid from the affected Departments' IT budgeted funds, sponsored by Steve Price.
- (h) Resolution to approve the contract between the City of Florence and the Shoals Entrepreneurial Center, Inc., to assist with the development and promotion of all resources in the City, in the amount of \$50,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (i) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Garnet Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to repair pole lights at the Handy Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,036.75, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda 11 (d))**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by LIL CAPONES, LLC, d/b/a LIL CAPONES, located at 3370 & 3372 CLOVERDALE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35633, 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	Leonard Skipworth	06/03/08	11/15/16
Beautification	Two Vacancies		
	David Doroh	10/07/14	11/01/16
	Dee Hubbert	07/17/01	11/01/16
	Margaret McCloy	03/04/14	11/01/16
SCOPE 310	Vacancy		
	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16
Tree Commission	Vacancy		
	John Norton	11/05/13	11/03/16

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 Simmons
Council member Bradley
Council member Eubanks
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 (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Garnet Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to repair pole lights at the Handy Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,036.75, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix to Regular Agenda Item 12(a).

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

There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Holt announced the appointment of Mr. Britt Blanton to the Planning Commission. Mayor Holt noted that Mr. Blanton is appointed to replace Ben Graves and the appointment will expire in June, 2022.

Mayor Holt made comments regarding the progress of the new Animal Shelter. Mayor Holt stated that there have been several meetings regarding the matter. Mayor Holt further stated that it will be an efficient, cost-effective building. Mayor Holt stated that the building will be approximately 12,000 square feet and that the architect is modifying the original plans. Mayor Holt further stated that the number one goal now is to get the floor plan completed. Mayor Holt stated that the new Animal Shelter project is moving forward.

Report of Department Heads:

Chief Ron Tyler presented "life saving" awards to Officer Robbie Howard and Officer Justin Hill regarding an incident on May 14, 2016. Chief Tyler stated that the officers were responding to a structure fire and were told that a person was inside. Chief Tyler further stated that the officers entered

the structure and carried the person to safety.

Chief Tyler stated that he is glad to report that crime in 2016 is the lowest that it has been in the City of Florence in over a decade.

President Jordan stated that the City Council, along with Mayor Holt, met with the Lauderdale County Commission last week to discuss several topics. President Jordan further stated that it was a good meeting and that they hope to meet quarterly.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Garnet Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to repair pole lights at the Handy Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,036.75, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Simmons moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards 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: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by LIL CAPONES, LLC, d/b/a LIL CAPONES, located at 3370 & 3372 CLOVERDALE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35633, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Jordan moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken on the motion resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Ms. Jessica Norton, 65 Jackson Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding a recent incident regarding a dog that was struck by a car on Florence Blvd. Ms. Norton stated that Florence Police Dispatch would not contact an Animal Control Officer to pick up the dog due to it being after hours. Ms. Norton further stated that there are policies regarding after hours and animal emergencies that need to be changed.

Mr. Rogers Kimbrell, 307 Davis Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding Braly Stadium and the construction of the Florence Freshman Center. Mr. Kimbrell stated that Braly Stadium would need to be remodeled and expanded for more parking due to UNA moving to Division 1. Mr. Kimbrell further stated that he would like the University of North Alabama to swap the Powell School property for the Coffee School property. Mr. Kimbrell stated that it would be cheaper for the Florence School Board to remodel Powell School than to build a new Middle School.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Edwards expressed his appreciation to the Police Officers that were recognized tonight. Councilmember Edwards noted that the Indian Mound Museum will be open soon and that the new Animal Shelter is moving forward.

Councilmember Betterton thanked Mayor Holt for the Animal Shelter update. Councilmember Betterton noted that he had an excellent meeting with Mayor Holt and the Lauderdale County Commission last week.

Councilmember Simmons thanked Ms. Norton for her input regarding stray animals. Councilmember Simmons also thanked Mayor Holt for the Animal Shelter update.

Councilmember Simmons noted that a District 1 Community meeting date will be announced soon.

Councilmember Bradley congratulated Mr. Blanton on his appointment to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Bradley thanked Chief Tyler for his recognizing the two officers tonight. Councilmember Bradley also thanked Mr. Kimbrel and Ms. Norton for their comments.

Councilmember Bradley noted that the District 3 Community meeting will be Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Eubanks' comments follow, to wit:

President Jordan thanked the officers that were recognized tonight. President Jordan also thanked Ms. Norton and Mr. Kimbrell for their comments tonight.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK