



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
MAY 2, 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, May 2, 2017. 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: Kaytrina Simmons, William D. Jordan, David Bradley, Michelle Eubanks, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 2, 2017

5:00 P.M.

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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:
 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 April 18, 2017, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution to approve the contract with M&W Petroleum Equipment, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for repairs to the gasoline fueling station due to a lightning strike at the Utilities Electricity Department Office/Warehouse Complex, in the amount of \$10,542.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #932-Maintenance of General Plant, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with CJF Construction Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace a sanitary sewer manhole in an alley off of High Street just north of Bellemeade Avenue, in the amount of \$14,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #673.00-Maintenance of Mains, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with North Alabama Roofing & Restorations, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace the roofing at the Gas Department/Operations Building, in the amount of \$10,366.95, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390.00-Structures and Improvements, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with Fire Pro, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace the existing dry stand piping that supplies the Downtown Parking Deck, in the amount of \$12,500.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117-Municipal Capital Improvements, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with The Carpet Store, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove existing flooring and install new carpet, tile, laminate and wall base in the Human Resources Office, in the amount of \$14,385.14, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, Account #1053-41810, sponsored by Keith Owsley.
- (h) Resolution to approve the asset allocation recommendations for the City Employees' Retirement Plan submitted by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, LLC, through its Graystone Consulting Business, sponsored by Keith Owsley.
- (I) Resolution to approve the contract with Noelle Smith, to provide Belly Dancing classes 1.5 hours per week at a designated Park & Recreation facility, with the payment being based on an 80/20 split in which the City retains 20%, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (j) Resolution to approve the contract with Linda Clanton, to provide exercise classes to include Aerobics and Yoga at Park & Recreation facilities, with the payment being based on an 80/20 split in which the City retains 20%, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (k) Resolution to approve the contract with the YMCA of the Shoals, to provide certified swim lesson instructors to teach at the Royal Avenue swimming pool, with the City receiving a \$5.00 per student facility use fee at the end of the term, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (l) Resolution to approve the contract with The Radio Shop, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to extend the fifty (50) foot tower located at Seymore Street to one hundred (100) feet, in the amount of \$3,716.62, to be paid from budgeted Municipal Capital Funds, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (m) Resolution to approve the contract with Teklinks, Inc., to install a server, switch to the new server, required software and firmware and update installation for the City, in the amount of \$3,100.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, General Ledger 391, sponsored by Steve Price.
- (n) Resolution to approve the contract with Mike Richardson, d/b/a Mike's Cleaning Service, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the janitorial service for the City Hall/Municipal Building and the Florence/Lauderdale Government Building, in the amount of \$2,700.00 per month plus \$0.28 per square foot to strip and wax vinyl floors and \$0.25 per square foot to steam clean carpets, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #320-41810-Building Maintenance, sponsored by Phil Stevenson.
- (o) Resolution to reappoint Leonard Skipworth as a member of the Florence-Lauderdale County Agri-Business Center and Farmers Market Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to appoint Connie Konig as a member of the Florence-Lauderdale County Agri-Business Center and Farmers Market Board, sponsored by the City Council.

- (q) Resolution to reappoint Calvin Durham as a member of the Civil Service Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (r) Resolution to appoint Dave Marbury as a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, sponsored by the City Council.
- (s) Resolution to reappoint Michael O'Steen as Supernumerary Member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, sponsored by the City Council.
- (t) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda

- (a) Resolution to approve a Real Estate Sales Agreement between the City of Florence and Magis Corporation for the City to purchase the property formerly known as The Florence Golf and Country Club, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (b) Ordinance to approve the transfer of the Braly Stadium property to the Florence Board of Education, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. **(This item was added to the agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Full-Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor-Beer-Wine by LAS FIESTA INC., d/b/a FIESTA MEXICANA 1, located at 3364 CLOVERDALE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, 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	Vacancy		
Library Board (FL-Laud)	Dihanne Westfield	11/15/11	12/01/16
SCOPE 310	Vacancy		
	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16
Zoning Adjustments	Charles Kelley	06/21/11	05/17/17

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

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

Council member Simmons
Council member Bradley
Council member Eubanks
Council member Edwards
Council member Betterton
Council member Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) Ordinance to approve the transfer of the Braly Stadium property to the Florence Board of Education, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

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

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Holt's comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Eubanks's comments follow, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards, Chairperson of the Utilities Committee, comments follow, to wit:

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 Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution to approve a Real Estate Sales Agreement between the City of Florence and Magis Corporation for the City to purchase the property formerly known as the Florence Golf and Country Club, sponsored by Mayor Holt. Mr. Smoak noted that the purchase price nor the method of financing were listed on the agenda. Mr. Smoak stated that the Mayor and Council need to get estimates for repairs and improvements to the Senior Center. Mr. Smoak further stated that the money that has been set aside for the Senior Center needs to be spent on repairs.

Ms. Eva Knight, 2810 Waldrige Street, appeared and made comments regarding the purchase of the former Florence Golf & Country Club property. Ms. Knight thanked Mayor Holt and the Council for their hard work on this project. Ms. Knight stated that the Senior Center sees growth every day. Ms. Knight further stated that there are so many activities that are directed to help keep seniors healthy.

Ms. Martha Mosakowsik, 1950 Jackson Road, appeared and also made comments regarding the purchase of the former Florence Golf & Country Club property. Ms. Mosakowsik also expressed her appreciation for purchasing the property.

Several other people representing the Seniors made general comments in favor regarding the purchase of the former Florence Golf & Country Club property.

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 Eubanks 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 to approve a Real Estate Sales Agreement between the City of Florence and Magis Corporation for the City to purchase the property formerly known as The Florence Golf and Country Club, sponsored by Mayor Holt. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Betterton 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 Eubanks seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that Mayor Holt and the City Council worked hard to complete this sale. President Jordan stated that we paid exactly the amount that we received four years ago.

There being no further 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to approve the transfer of the Braly Stadium property to the Florence Board of Education, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Discussion:

President Jordan stated that this is an agreement with the Florence Board of Education to streamline the management of the stadium.

There being no further 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Full-Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor-Beer-Wine by LAS FIESTA INC., d/b/a FIESTA MEXICANA 1, located at 3364 CLOVERDALE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton 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 Bradley moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Simmons 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):

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and noted that today is “Teacher Appreciation” day. Mr. Smoak also noted that Bill Jordan who recently resigned from the Florence Board of Education will be missed.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Simmons thanked Police Office Benny Johnson for noticing a fire in Carver Heights and the Florence Fire Department for getting the fire contained. Councilmember Simmons congratulated the tennis teams that were recognized tonight. Councilmember Simmons reminded everyone of the “Prayer Rally” being held tomorrow at the Florence/Lauderdale Coliseum.

Councilmember Bradley thanked those who were in attendance tonight. Councilmember Bradley noted that street paving and dilapidated buildings are top priorities. Councilmember Bradley stated that he has been in touch with department heads to get solutions to this problem.

Councilmember Bradley also stated that we need to get moving on paving projects. Councilmember Bradley asked everyone to support Stephanie Davenport who has two children that have very serious illnesses.

Councilmember Eubanks comment’s follow, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards noted that we are so blessed to live in the city of Florence and to have many amenities such as the “Club” and the library. Councilmember Edwards stated that he will be attending a dance at Florence High School later tonight. Councilmember Edwards further stated that the Florence School System offers so many activities.

Councilmember Betterton also congratulated the tennis teams and their coaches. Councilmember Betterton congratulated Dr. Shaw who was recently hired as the Florence School Board Superintendent.

Councilmember Betterton noted that Dempsey Rutherford passed away this week. Councilmember Betterton stated that he was a longtime principal at Brandon School.

President Jordan stated that he agrees with Councilmember Edward’s comments regarding the Florence School system. President Jordan also congratulated the tennis teams and Dr. Shaw. President Jordan stated that the capital projects are moving forward.

Mayor Holt presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

