



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
October 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, October 3, 2017. President Pro Tem Simmons called the meeting to order. President Pro Tem Simmons 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: Kaytrina Simmons, David Bradley, Michelle Eubanks, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton. William D. Jordan was absent.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 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 September 19, 2017, meeting and the Special Called Meeting on September 25, 2017.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve the contract with Chandler Painting Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to paint inside the Handy Recreation Center, in the amount of \$5,800.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.

- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with J.C. Hamm & Sons, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the air conditioning unit at Deibert Park maintenance building, in the amount of \$1,674.42, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (e) Resolution to approve an Agreement between the City of Florence and the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments/Department of Aging Services to provide services and maintain the Senior Centers, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution to approve an Agreement between the City of Florence and the Alabama Department of Transportation for the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP), Project No. ACOA59695-ATRP (013); ATRIP No. 39-05-09, for resurfacing and reconstruction on College Street from West Mobile Street to Dr. Hicks Boulevard, to be paid with 80% Federal Funds and 20% City Funds in the estimated amount of \$778,354.62, to be funded by the One-Cent sales tax, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with General Sign Company Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to refurbish the Handy Recreation Monument sign, in the amount of \$3,325.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 188, sponsored by Dick Jordan.
- (h) Resolution to approve the contract with the University of Alabama, to provide the design and sculpt an outdoor sculpture to be called the "Florence Singing River Sculpture," in the amount of \$35,000.00, \$25,137.00 to be paid from SRS Funds and \$9,863.00 to be paid from Fund 188, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (I) Resolution to reappoint Robert Jones to the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (j) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda

- (a) Resolution to approve the vacation of a portion of a street located at the northwest corner of Tract 1 of the Robert H. Lauderdale Property off Mars Hill Road, as requested by Longway Investments, LLC, and First Metro Bank, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (b) Ordinance approving the issuance, sale, delivery and payment of \$29,940,000.00 Principal amount of Water and Sewer Revenue Warrants, Series 2017, dated October 12, 2017, sponsored by Vance Young. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to approve the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, sponsored by Mayor Holt and Dan Barger.
- (b) Resolution to approve the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, sponsored by Mayor Holt and Dan Barger.
- (c) Resolution to approve the Solid Waste Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, sponsored by Mayor Holt and Dan Barger.
- (d) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Beer & Wine by ANGEL VARGAS, d/b/a FAMILY BIRTHDAY PARTY, located at 702 VETERANS DRIVE - FLORENCE COLISEUM, to take place on Saturday, November 4th, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (e) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Full-Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor-Beer-Wine by LAS TROJAS CANTINA BY ELVIA AND MIGUEL INC., d/b/a LAS TROJAS CANTINA MEXICANA RESTAURANT, located at 301 COX CREEK PARKWAY UNITS 1340 AND 1344, FLORENCE, AL 35633, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

(f)	<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
	Agri-Business	Vacancy		
	Beautification	Gina Bailey	08/02/16	11/01/17
		Ralph Jones	07/01/14	11/01/17
		Brenda Tease	10/20/15	11/01/17
		Linda Van Sandt	10/02/14	11/01/17
	SCOPE 310	Vacancy		
		Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
		Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16
	Tree Commission	Preston Hillis	02/03/09	11/03/17
		Jacari Holt	03/21/17	11/03/17

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 Pro Tem Simmons noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) Ordinance approving the issuance, sale, delivery and payment of \$29,940,000.00 Principal amount of Water and Sewer Revenue Warrants, Series 2017, dated October 12, 2017, sponsored by Vance Young.

There being no further changes, President Pro Tem Simmons 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
 David Bradley
 Michelle Eubanks
 Blake Edwards
 Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Holt asked Fire Chief Jeff Perkins to come forward to present commendations to several Florence Firefighters. Chief Perkins presented “Life Saving” commendations to Florence Firefighters Mike Hanback, Nic Rook, Daniel Thompson, Matt Greene, Bradley Johnston and Tim Morgan. Chief Perkins noted that these firefighters rescued three people from a burning house. Chief Perkins also presented the “Firefighter of the Year” award to Mike Hanback.

Mayor Holt presented a Proclamation designating the week of October 1 thru October 7, 2017, as “Mental Illness Awareness” week. The Proclamation was received by Ms. Jackie Melton, Director of NAMI of the Shoals.

Mayor Holt made comments regarding his recent visit to Daltile and a ribbon cutting at Lutz Studio.

Mayor Holt made comments regarding the bid for the proposed Animal Shelter. Mayor Holt noted that the bids for the proposed project will be opened on Tuesday, October 10.

Mayor Holt noted that Jetsetter Magazine named Florence as the 6th coolest city in the South.

Report of Department Heads: none

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Bradley’s Public Safety Committee Meeting comments and Councilmember Edward’s Utilities Committee Meeting comments follows, to wit:

Public Hearing: none

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

Dr. Yvette Running Horse Collin appeared and made comments regarding the “Indigenous Peoples” day. Dr. Collin stated that she had received a notice that the Mayor was to present a Proclamation recognizing the Indigenous people.

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, made comments regarding Consent Agenda Item 11 (I) Resolution to reappoint Robert Jones to the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board, sponsored by the City Council. Mr. Smoak stated that the City’s process of appointing individuals to boards was not followed for Mr. Jones’ appointment to the Tourism Board. Mr. Smoak further stated that the process states that there must be two weeks notice before filling of the position. Mr. Smoak stated that this is a joint appointment with Lauderdale County. Mr. Smoak asked the Council to remove this appointment from tonight’s agenda.

Mr. Smoak also made comments regarding General Business Item 13 (a) Resolution to approve the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, sponsored by Mayor Holt and Dan Barger. Mr. Smoak asked the Council not to approve the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget. Mr. Smoak stated that the funds in the Mayor and Council’s special budget should be transfer to the Fire and Police Department. Mr. Smoak stated that it was time to close the Blackberry Trail Golf Course and save the money to fund other projects.

Mr. Smoak made comments regarding General Business Item 13 (c) Resolution to approve the Solid Waste Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, sponsored by Mayor Holt and Dan Barger. Mr. Smoak stated that the City loses money on recycling each year. Mr. Smoak stated that the recycling program needs to be stopped.

Consent Agenda:

President Pro Tem Simmons 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
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the vacation of a portion of a street located at the northwest corner of Tract 1 of the Robert H. Lauderdale Property off Mars Hill Road, as requested by Longway Investments, LLC, and First Metro Bank, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance approving the issuance, sale, delivery and payment of \$29,940,000.00 Principal amount of Water and Sewer Revenue Warrants, Series 2017, dated October 12, 2017, sponsored by Vance Young. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Eubanks thanked Vance Young and Mike Doyle for their work on the refinancing of this bond.

Councilmember Edwards thanked Mr. Johnny Dill, Joe Jolly & Company, for his work on the refinancing of the bond that will save the City more than two million dollars.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, sponsored by Mayor Holt and Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Bradley made comments in favor of the proposed Resolution. Councilmember Bradley stated that this is a good budget.

Councilmember Betterton noted that the SRS Fund is a private fund.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, sponsored by Mayor Holt and Dan Barger. 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
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Bradley 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
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the Solid Waste Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, sponsored by Mayor Holt and Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Edwards stated that a lot of work goes into preparing the City's budgets.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

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

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David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
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Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks 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
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Noes: None

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

Ms. Eva Knight, 2810 Waldrige Street, spokesperson for the Florence Senior Center, appeared and her comments follow, to wit:

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Bradley thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting. Councilmember Bradley also thanked Ms. Knight for her comments regarding the Senior Center. Councilmember Bradley expressed his gratitude to the Fire and Police Departments.

Councilmember Eubanks' comments follow, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards also expressed his appreciation to the Fire and Police Departments.

Councilmember Edwards stated that the new Animal Shelter project is moving forward.

Councilmember Betterton thanked the individuals representing the "Singing River" Sculpture for work on this project.

President Pro Tem Simmons thanked those who were in attendance to tonight's meeting.

President Pro Tem Simmons asked that everyone to pray for those who lost love ones in Las Vegas last week and for our City and Country.

Councilmember Eubanks presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK