



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 19, 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, December 19, 2017. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Edwards gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. In the absence of Robert M. Leyde, City Clerk, Bill Musgrove, City Attorney, 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

December 19, 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:
 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 5, 2017, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve the contract with Shotcrete of America, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the roof at the Water Department Warehouse, in the amount of \$1,575.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #304.02 - Structures and Improvements Warehouse, sponsored by Mike Doyle.

- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with B Electric, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to retrofit the outdoor lighting to LED at the Gas Department, in the amount of \$7,200.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390.00 - Structures and Improvements, sponsored by Mike Doyle. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (g))**
- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with Payne Professional Services, a division of Payne Management Inc., to prepare a Drug and Alcohol Program Plan for the Gas Department, in the amount of \$2,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923.00 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with Tennessee Valley Public Power Association, Inc., to provide pole top rescue training on site to the Electricity Department service crew personnel, in the amount of \$6,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923.00 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with Commercial Industrial Renovators, Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to paint five offices in the Utility Controllers Department located in the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$2,626.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #935.10 - Maintenance of Structures, sponsored by Vance Young.
- (h) Resolution to approve the contract with Simpson's Heating & Air, LLC, to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to install two (2) heaters and regulators, two (2) ½ inch gas pipes and venting materials at Fire Station #3, in the amount of \$5,818.54, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266.00, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins.
- (i) Resolution to amend the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-16-004, between the City and Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, to change the termination date from December 31, 2017, to January 31, 2018, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution to approve the Alabama Recycling Fund Grant Agreement between the City and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), Grant #ARF16-07-124, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (k) Resolution to approve the Alabama Recycling Fund Grant Agreement between the City and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), Grant #ARF17-06-142, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (l) Resolution to approve the Asset Allocation Recommendations dated 12/08/17 regarding the City's retirement plan from Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, through its Graystone Consulting business, sponsored by Keith Owsley.
- (m) Resolution to approve the proposal for a three year insurance policy covering long term disability, term life and accidental death and dismemberment, said coverage to be effective January 1, 2018, from Dearborn National, represented by McBride Insurance Agency, as agent, sponsored by Keith Owsley.
- (n) Resolution to appoint Michelle Jones to the Florence-Lauderdale County Agri-Business Center and Farmers Market Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to appoint Ken Irby to the Florence-Lauderdale County Agri-Business Center and Farmers Market Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to appoint Van Morgan, Jr., to the Florence Historical Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (q) Resolution to appoint MaLeah A. Chaney to the Shoals SCOPE 310 Authority Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (r) Resolution to reappoint Reginald Owens to the Shoals SCOPE 310 Authority Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (s) Resolution to approve a contract with Florence Main Street, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds in monthly installments, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.

- (t) Resolution to approve a contract with Westminster Interfaith Caring Place, in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (u) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to repeal and replace commercial landfill charges for dumping at the City Landfill, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (b) Ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, to add Section 3-9 - Arts and Entertainment Districts, to establish a downtown entertainment district, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (c) Ordinance to approve an Access Easement Agreement between the City and UNA Student Housing Partners, LLC, and Hensley-Graves Holdings, LLC, to allow pedestrian and vehicular access, ingress and egress over, upon and across the Property until such time as the Property becomes a dedicated road, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (d) Ordinance to approve the renaming of a portion of East College Street located next to St. Joseph Catholic Church as Plum Street, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (e) Ordinance to approve the renaming of Surveyor Road as John Coffee Drive, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (f) Resolution approving the proposal presented by Blue Cross Insurance Company for the employees health insurance, sponsored by Dan Barger. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with B Electric, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to retrofit the outdoor lighting to LED at the Gas Department, in the amount of \$7,200.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390.00 - Structures and Improvements, sponsored by Mike Doyle. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (d)).**

13. General Business:

(a)	<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
	Library Board (Reg)	Margaret Bobo	05/12/15	01/28/18
	SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15

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 (f) Resolution approving the proposal presented by Blue Cross Insurance Company for the employees health insurance, sponsored by Dan Barger and to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (d) Resolution to approve the contract with B Electric, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to retrofit the outdoor lighting to LED at the Gas Department, in the amount of \$7,200.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390.00 - Structures and Improvements, sponsored

by Mike Doyle to Regular Agenda Item 12 (g).

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 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 made general comments regarding several construction projects that are currently underway in the City. Mayor Holt noted that rain has delayed work on the new Animal Shelter project.

Mayor Holt noted that Parks & Recreation employee, Doug Griffin, retired last Friday with more than thirty years of service to the City. Mayor Holt wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Report of Department Heads: none

Report of Standing Committee:

President Jordan noted that the Finance Committee recently met to discuss the proposed changes to the City's Blue Cross health insurance policy for City employees. President Jordan stated that the Finance Committee agreed to the recommendations that were presented by Dan Barger, City Treasurer.

Councilmember Eubanks's Public Works Committee comments follow, to wit:

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 Bradley 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 Attorney, Bill Musgrove, presented an Ordinance to repeal and replace commercial landfill charges for dumping at the City Landfill, sponsored by David Koonce. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Eubanks 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

City Attorney, Bill Musgrove, presented an Ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, to add Section 3-9 - Arts and Entertainment Districts, to establish a downtown entertainment district, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Simmons moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Ordinance. 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
Andrew Betterton

Noes: Blake Edwards

City Attorney, Bill Musgrove, presented an Ordinance to approve an Access Easement Agreement between the City and UNA Student Housing Partners, LLC, and Hensley-Graves Holdings, LLC, to allow pedestrian and vehicular access, ingress and egress over, upon and across the Property until such time as the Property becomes a dedicated road, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Simmons moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Simmons moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Bradley 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

City Attorney, Bill Musgrove, presented an Ordinance to approve the renaming of a portion of East College Street located next to St. Joseph Catholic Church as Plum Street, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Ordinance. 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

City Attorney, Bill Musgrove, presented an Ordinance to approve the renaming of Surveyor Road as John Coffee Drive, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Eubanks 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

City Attorney, Bill Musgrove, presented a Resolution approving the proposal presented by Blue Cross Insurance Company for the employees health insurance, sponsored by Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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 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
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Attorney, Bill Musgrove, presented a Resolution to approve the contract with B Electric, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to retrofit the outdoor lighting to LED at the Gas Department, in the amount of \$7,200.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390.00 - Structures and Improvements, sponsored by Mike Doyle. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Simmons 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.

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

General Business:

(a)	<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
	Library Board (Reg)	Margaret Bobo	05/12/15	01/28/18
	SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15

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

Mr. Sam Pendleton, 1934 Maple Avenue, former Councilmember, appeared and made comments regarding the City's financial problems. Mr. Pendleton asked the Council to raise the sales and lodging tax so that the City can add police officers and purchase new fire trucks. Mr. Pendleton stated that the Council needs to shift gears and get serious about the problems in Florence. Mr. Pendleton further stated that the North Florence area is deteriorating. Mr. Pendleton also stated that Veterans Drive in East Florence looks like a third world country. Mr. Pendleton stated that more street lights need to be added along Veterans Drive. Mr. Pendleton further stated that the concrete tables in Veterans Park needs to be cleaned. Mr. Pendleton noted that no one representing the downtown district has stepped forward to support an increase in sales and lodging tax and yet the recent improvement projects have been in the downtown district. Mr. Pendleton stated that the current Council is letting Florence waste away.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Simmons wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Councilmember Bradley also wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Councilmember Bradley thanked Mr. Pendleton for his attendance. Councilmember Bradley stated that he is looking into issues regarding recruiting and retaining police officers. Councilmember Bradley further stated that he is not opposed to a tax increase if the additional tax revenue is used for specific items.

Councilmember Eubanks stated that she is very grateful for everyone who has helped her in learning the job of City Councilperson. Councilmember Eubanks further stated that you learn by doing and that right is always right even if you disagree.

Councilmember Edwards made comments in opposition to creating an Entertainment District in the downtown area. Councilmember Edwards stated that he does not understand why it is important to be able to walk around downtown with alcohol in a cup. Councilmember Edwards further stated that the area has a family atmosphere and that allowing people to walk around with alcohol could cause problems. Councilmember Edwards also stated that the City allows patrons to sit on the sidewalk in designated areas and drink alcohol with a meal.

Councilmember Edwards also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Councilmember Betterton also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

President Jordan thanked everyone for their attendance tonight and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK