



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 16, 2019**

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, April 16, 2019. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Chief Tyler 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

April 16, 2019

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Chief Tyler
 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 April 2, 2019, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution to approve a contract with Mid-South Testing, Inc., to provide environmental services required for City's compliance of UST at 402 South Wood Avenue, to be paid according to a fee schedule from budgeted funds, Account #110-266-41810, sponsored by Chief Perkins.
- (d) Resolution to approve a contract with Joel John McGee Automatic Gates, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to replace the back entrance gate with a 32" cantilever gate, gate operator, entry keypad, and an automatic exit located at the north side of Rickwood Road Gas Department, in the amount of \$11,600.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390.00, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution to approve a contract with Ingenuity, Inc., to customize, implement and service its In2Q Line Management Application queuing system in the Florence Utilities Customer Service lobby, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the implementation of the system and a yearly service fee of \$6,000.00 not to be increased by more than 10% in any year of the extended term, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #903, sponsored by Sandie Freedom.
- (f) Resolution to approve a contract with ONLINE Information Services, Inc., d/b/a ONLINE Utility Exchange, to provide professional services necessary to provide online validation of Florence Utility customer's social security number, in an amount not to exceed \$1.95 per social security number verification request, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #903, sponsored by Sandie Freedom.
- (g) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice from Irons Electric Company, Inc., for repairs to various lighting fixtures in downtown parking deck, in the amount of \$780.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44800, sponsored by Bob Leyde.
- (h) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice from Irons Electric Company, Inc., for replacement of two damaged "stairs" lighted signs at stairwell in downtown parking deck, in the amount of \$969.20, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44800, sponsored by Bob Leyde.
- (i) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice from Irons Electric Company, Inc., for replacement of three damaged stairwell light fixtures in downtown parking deck, in the amount of \$996.82, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44800, sponsored by Bob Leyde.
- (j) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and Pyro Shows, Inc., to provide a fireworks show for the City's Fourth of July Celebration, in the amount of \$12,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #110-2048-51700, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (k) Resolution to approve the Waiver and Consent regarding the Estate of Anne Earheart Hardiman, sponsored by Cheryl Jones.
- (l) Resolution to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Shoals Storytelling Festival, to be paid one-half from the Mayor's Special Projects, Account #398-41111, and one-half from the Council's Special Projects, Account #398-41112, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (m) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to approve a contract with H&N Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary for the construction of new offices for the Dispatch Center of Florence Utilities, in an amount not to exceed \$151,704.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. **(THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT RECEIVE A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION AT THE 04/02/2019 COUNCIL MEETING. A VOTE FOR ADOPTION IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.)**
- (b) Ordinance to amend Section 13-63, Speed, Subsection (g), of the Code of Florence,

Alabama, as amended, sponsored by Bill Batson.

- (c) Resolution to repeal the Resolution regarding the creation of Cemetery Rehabilitation Committee as a part of the Florence Historical Board, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to amend the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, adopted on October 2, 2018, sponsored by Shannon Olive.
- (b) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Automobile Self-Service Station & Conveniences Foods with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by GOOD SPIRITS INC., d/b/a GOOD SPIRITS 4, located at 1320 NORTH PINE STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (c) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Package Store with Off-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by GOOD SPIRITS INC., d/b/a GOOD SPIRITS 5, located at 1318 NORTH PINE STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (d) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by ESAU NOE RAMOS RAMIREZ, d/b/a RAMIREZ WEDDING, located at 702 VETERANS DRIVE – FLORENCE COLISEUM, to take place on Sunday June 30th FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (e) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by ERICA MARTINEZ BAHENA, d/b/a MARTINEZ-MEZA WEDDING, located at 702 VETERANS DRIVE – FLORENCE COLISEUM, to take place on Saturday July 13th FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (f) Board openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business	Vacancy	12/19/17	11/20/18
Tree Commission	2 - Vacancies		

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

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

Council member Eubanks
Council member Bradley
Council member Edwards
Council member Betterton
Council member Simmons
Council member Jordan
Mayor Steve Holt

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Simmons 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 presented a Proclamation designating the week of April 15 -19 as “Public Safety Tele-Communicators” week to E-911 Communication Director, Melissa Hearn and Florence Police Dispatchers.

Mayor Holt noted that the City is moving forward with plans for the 4th of July celebration that will take place in McFarland Park. Mayor Holt noted that Animal Control will cease the intake of animals on Friday, April 19. Mayor Holt further noted that the new Animal Services Building will be opening in mid May.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Eubanks, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee and Councilmember Edwards, Chairperson of the Utilities Committee, comments follow, to wit:

Public Hearings: None

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

Mr. John Blackburn, Assistant Business Manager, for IBEW Local #558, appeared and made comments regarding Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution to approve a contract with H&N Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary for the construction of new offices for the Dispatch Center of Florence Utilities, in an amount not to exceed \$151,704.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. Mr. Blackburn stated that he is here representing the employees of the Florence Electricity Department and he feels that this money could be spent on other much needed equipment.

Consent Agenda:

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items. Councilmember Bradley moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

Councilmember Simmons 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 contract with H&N Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary for the construction of new offices for the Dispatch Center of Florence Utilities, in an amount not to exceed \$151,704.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

(THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT RECEIVE A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION AT THE 04/02/2019 COUNCIL MEETING. A VOTE FOR ADOPTION IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.)

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Eubanks made comments in support of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Eubanks stated that she called a Utility Committee meeting today to discuss the proposed resolution. Councilmember Eubanks further stated that the meeting was very informative and the committee established it as a need instead of a want.

Councilmember Betterton made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Betterton stated that this project has been in the works for more than two years.

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

Ayes: William D. Jordan
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: Kaytrina Simmons
David Bradley

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to amend Section 13-63, Speed, Subsection (g), of the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, sponsored by Bill Batson. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Edwards 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 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 Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to revise the Resolution regarding the creation of Cemetery Rehabilitation Committee as a part of the Florence Historical Board, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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

Discussion:

President Jordan made comments in support of the proposed resolution. President Jordan stated that this resolution will remove the Historical Board from the responsibility of the actual maintenance of the cemeteries.

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 to amend the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, adopted on October 2, 2018, sponsored by Shannon Olive. 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 Simmons 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 Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Automobile Self-Service Station & Conveniences Foods with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by GOOD SPIRITS INC., d/b/a GOOD SPIRITS 4, located at 1320 NORTH PINE STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks 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 Simmons 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 Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Package Store with Off-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by GOOD SPIRITS INC., d/b/a GOOD SPIRITS 5, located at 1318 NORTH PINE STREET, 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 Simmons 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 Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by ESAU NOE RAMOS RAMIREZ, d/b/a RAMIREZ WEDDING, located at 702 VETERANS DRIVE – FLORENCE COLISEUM, to take place on Sunday June 30th FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks 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. President 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
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by ERICA MARTINEZ BAHENA, d/b/a MARTINEZ-MEZA WEDDING, located at 702 VETERANS DRIVE – FLORENCE COLISEUM, to take place on Saturday July 13th FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

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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 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
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. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made general comments regarding the demolition of ECM Hospital. Mr. Simpson stated that he would like to commend the contractor because the work has been very quiet.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Eubanks made comments regarding the Mall Road project. Councilmember Eubanks stated that the City has a video on its website and Facebook page showing the routes that citizens can take to access the various businesses on Mall Road. Councilmember Eubanks further stated that this is a 90-day project and everyone needs to be aware as you travel on Mall Road.

Councilmember Bradley thanked everyone for their attendance to tonight's meeting. Councilmember Bradley also thanked Mr. Simpson for his comments and dispatchers for their hard work. Councilmember Bradley noted that former Florence Police Officer Chris Arreola passed away recently.

Councilmember Edwards had no comments.

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Simmons had no comments.

President Jordan also thanked the dispatchers for their hard work.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK