



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 19, 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, February 19, 2019. 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..

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 19, 2019

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 February 5, 2019, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution to authorize a grant request to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Recycle Fund Grant, in the amount of \$246,273.00, with matching funds in the amount of \$92,500.00, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (d) Resolution to approve a contract with Tennessee Valley Public Power Association, Inc., to provide a Customer Service Boost Camp on site to Customer Service personnel, in the amount of \$2,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #90300, sponsored by Sandie Freedom.
- (e) Resolution to approve a contract with Barnett Plumbing, LLC, to install a new water fountain in the Handy Recreation Center, in the amount of \$1,075.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution to approve a contract with Fuller Air Conditioning and Plumbing, Inc., to repair a water line at the back side of the Royal Avenue Recreational Pool, in the amount of \$2,400.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice from Shoals MPE for repairs made to the leaking water line at the Lewis Field restroom, in the amount of \$1,560.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account 44725-00260, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution to approve payment of an invoice from Janco360 for probe replacement repairs made to the chemical injection system at the River Heritage Interactive fountain, in the amount of \$1,100.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #44725-00260, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (i) Resolution to approve a contract with The Phipps Agency for professional services to assist the City with Census 2020, in the amount of \$18,800.00, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution to approve the Boat Crew Member and Boat Operator Search and Rescue Statement of Work between the City and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators through its Boat Operations and Training Program, to provide a five day Crew Member Course and a five day Operator Search and Rescue course for the Police Department, in the amount of \$42,000.00, sponsored by Chief Tyler.
- (k) Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Coach Safely Foundation to provide injury awareness training for youth athletic coaches for the Parks and Recreation Department, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (l) Resolution to appoint Heath Trousdale as the City Prosecutor for a term of two years beginning on February 20, 2019, and ending on February 19, 2021, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (m) Resolution to appoint Christopher A. Smith as the Municipal Judge for a term of office of two years beginning on February 20, 2019, and ending on February 19, 2021, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (n) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to approve a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc. For civil engineering work for a culvert replacement project located in the vicinity of Darby Drive and Decatur Avenue in the amount of \$68,250.00 plus cost of inspection, sponsored by Bill Batson. **(This item was added to the agenda)**

13. General Business:

(a) Board openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business	Michelle Jones	12/19/17	11/20/18
Beautification	Vacancy		
Port Authority	Vacancy		
Tree Commission	Vacancy		

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution to approve a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc. For civil engineering work for a culvert replacement project located in the vicinity of Darby Drive and Decatur Avenue in the amount of \$68,250.00 plus cost of inspection, sponsored by Bill Batson.

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 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

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Holt presented a Proclamation designating the week of February 17 thru 23 as “Arbor” week and February 21 as “Arbor” day. Members of the Tree Commission were in attendance.

Mayor Holt stated that the General Fund budget reviews began this past Monday. Mayor Holt made comments regarding the City’s census. Mayor Holt noted that it is very important for the City of Florence to show growth.

Report of Department Heads: none

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Simmons, Chairperson of the Building and Planning Committee, comments follow, to wit:

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 Eubanks 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 to approve a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc. For civil engineering work for a culvert replacement project located in the vicinity of Darby Drive and Decatur Avenue in the amount of \$68,250.00 plus cost of inspection, sponsored by Bill Batson. 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
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Discussion:

Councilmember Eubanks' comments follow, to wit:

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

General Business:

(a) Board openings within the next 90 days or less:

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

Mr. Jay Harding, 415 North Weakley, appeared and thanked the City Council for his recent appointment to the Beautification Board.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and commended Mr. Dave Smith for his service on the Tree Commission. Mr. Simpson also thanked Councilmember Simmons and Mayor Holt on the new animal shelter.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Eubanks noted that the new Florence Middle School opened for classes today.

Councilmember Edwards thanked the Tree Commission for their contribution. Councilmember Edwards made comments regarding the contract for emergency repairs on Decatur Avenue.

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Simmons also made comments regarding the opening of the new Florence Middle School. Councilmember Simmons thanked Mr. Simpson for his comments.

Councilmember Bradley thanked the Tree Commission for their work. Councilmember Bradley congratulated Mr. Harding on his appointment to the Beautification Board. Councilmember Bradley noted that he is hoping to see Veterans Park revitalized. Councilmember Bradley further noted that construction is continuing to move forward with the roundabout. Councilmember Bradley also thanked Mr. Simpson for his contribution to the City.

President Jordan also thanked the Tree Commission. President Jordan noted that weather has been the main issue regarding the completion of the roundabout. President Jordan also noted the opening of the new Florence Middle School that was built on the site of Coffee High School.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

