



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 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 Thursday, January 3, 2019. 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 four Councilmembers were present and a quorum was present with the following members of the City Council in attendance: Kaytrina Simmons, William D. Jordan, Michelle Eubanks, and Andrew Betterton. Blake Edwards and David Bradley were absent.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2019

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: 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 December 18, 2018, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve a contract with Geo-Source, Inc., to remove and dispose of regulated asbestos containing material at the Florence Utilities Electricity Department main warehouse, in the amount of \$5,775.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923, Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.

- (d) Resolution to approve a Service Contract Agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation to provide inspections, service, required testing, or response to interruptions in service, etc., for two elevators located in the Florence-Lauderdale Government Building for the annual cost of \$14,940.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #400-266-41820, sponsored by Shannon Olive.
- (e) Resolution to approve a contract with William B. Campbell, Jr., PE/PLS, to provide Analysis and Design Services to be performed in conjunction with the proposed “Singing River Sculpture” to be created and located at Bluff Street and Mitchell Boulevard, in the amount of \$3,900.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Fund 188, Account 939-48100, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (f) Resolution to approve an invoice from Lowe’s of Florence, for removal of carpet and installation of new carpet located in the Municipal Court Building, in the amount of \$1,724.21, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (g) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to approve the construction of an extended service area to include a portion of the sidewalk in front of Jack’s Place, located at 118 West Mobile Street, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (b) Ordinance to approve a Lease Agreement with Jack White d/b/a Jack’s Place, located at 118 West Mobile Street, for a term of three years, in the amount of \$100.00 per year, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

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	12/18/12	11/01/18
Tree Commission	Vacancy	01/02/07	11/03/18

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Simmons moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
Michelle Eubanks
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Holt noted that the unemployment rate in the City of Florence is at 3.5 percent. Mayor Holt further noted that this is the lowest rate in eleven years. Mayor Holt stated that there will be a number of new businesses opening in January.

Mayor Holt expressed his appreciation to IT employee Jeff Whitten for his hard work on the City's website. Mayor Holt encouraged everyone to take a look at the new website. Mayor Holt stated that City departments will now have the capability to update their page. Mayor Holt wished City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, a very happy birthday today.

Report of Department Heads: none

Report of Standing Committee: none

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 Eubanks seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
Michelle Eubanks
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the construction of an extended service area to include a portion of the sidewalk in front of Jack's Place, located at 118 West Mobile Street, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton 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
Michelle Eubanks
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
William D. Jordan
Michelle Eubanks
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to approve a Lease Agreement with Jack White d/b/a Jack's Place, located at 118 West Mobile Street, for a term of three years, in the amount of \$100.00 per year, 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
Michelle Eubanks
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Simmons 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
Michelle Eubanks
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

General Business:

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

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President Jordan asked for a motion to reappoint Michelle Jones to the Agri-Business Board.

Councilmember Betterton moved for the reappointment. Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Melissa Bailey, 104 Village Oak Court, appeared and comments follow, to wit:

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Betterton welcomed Mr. Jakari Holt, Auburn student, to tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Betterton thanked him for his involvement in City government.

Councilmember Simmons thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Eubanks had no comments.

President Jordan thanked everyone in attendance tonight.

Mayor Holt presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK