



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
JULY 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, July 16, 2019. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Reverend Billy Ray Simpson 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

July 16, 2019

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Reverend Billy Ray Simpson
 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 July 16, 2019, meetings.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve an emergency contract with Shotcrete of America, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to complete the emergency storm sewer repair project at or near 1014 and 1016 North Wood Avenue, in an amount not to exceed \$11,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #110-1071-48100, sponsored by Bill Batson. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a))**

- (d) Resolution to approve a contract with White, Lynn, Collins and Associates, Inc., to provide Civil Engineering Services related to additional traffic striping and signage on Georgia Avenue as part of the Roundabout at the intersection of Royal Avenue and Huntsville Road, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Funds, Account #188-954-48128, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (e) Resolution to approve a Professional Consulting Agreement with Civil Group, LLC, for engineering and surveying of the storm drainage repair located at 700 Wood Avenue (Gemstone), in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Funds, Account #110-1071-48100, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (f) Resolution to approve a contract with PJH Cleaning, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to provide janitorial services for the Florence Utilities Electricity Department Office/Warehouse Complex, in the amount of \$2,650.00 per month, \$0.20 per square foot to strip and wax vinyl floors, and \$0.10 per square foot to steam clean carpets, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923 – Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (g) Resolution to approve an amendment to the Schedule of Rates and Charges between the City and TVA, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (h) Resolution to approve a Firm Storage Service Agreement, to provide firm storage for natural gas and other related services between the City and Bobcat Gas Storage, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (i) Resolution to approve an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between the City and Engineers of the South, LLC, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (j) Resolution to approve a contract with 1st Impressions, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to provide janitorial services at the Kennedy-Douglass Center and Annex, Rosenbaum Home and Ticket Office, and the Indian Mound Museum, in an amount not to exceed \$260.00 per week, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #251-43600, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (k) Resolution to approve payment of Invoice #44486 to Irons Electric Company, Inc., for repair work to the light system at the harbor, in the amount of \$3,465.80, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (l) Resolution to approve the grant funding offered for repairs at the Southall-Moore Home through the Alabama Council of the Arts in the amount up to \$35,000.00, with the City matching funds at a 3 to 1 level in the amount of \$105,000.00, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (m) Resolution to approve the contract with the Cramer Children’s Center, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to appoint Barrett Jackson Brewer II to the Florence-Lauderdale County Agri-Business Center and Farmers Market Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to approve an emergency contract with Shotcrete of America, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to complete the emergency storm sewer repair project at or near 1014 and 1016 North Wood Avenue, in an amount not to exceed \$11,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #110-1071-48100, sponsored by Bill Batson. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (c))**

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>
Port Authority	Katy Beth Carr	04/02/13	07/21/19
Scope 310	Reginald Owens	10/03/06	07/21/19
	MaLeah Chaney	12/19/17	07/21/19
Tree Commission	2 - Vacancies		
Zoning Adjustments	Robbie Hillis	05/07/13	05/17/19

(b) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by Sweetwater Hookah Lounge, LLC d/b/a W C HANDY FESTIVAL EVENT , located at 1418 Huntsville Road, Florence, AL 35630 – to take place on Saturday July 20, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
(This item was added to the agenda)

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (c) Resolution to approve an emergency contract with Shotcrete of America, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to complete the emergency storm sewer repair project at or near 1014 and 1016 North Wood Avenue, in an amount not to exceed \$11,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #110-1071-48100, sponsored by Bill Batson to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) and to add Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by Sweetwater Hookah Lounge, LLC d/b/a W C HANDY FESTIVAL EVENT, located at 1418 Huntsville Road, Florence, AL 35630 – to take place on Saturday, July 20, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde to General Business Item 13(b).

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the amended agenda. 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

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Holt introduced Mr. Dave Smith, Chairperson of the Tree Commission and Ms. Nancy Muse, Tree Commission member. Mayor Holt presented Ms. Muse a plaque on behalf of Ms. Lavetta Adams for her service from 2007 until 2018 on the Tree Commission. Mr. Smith stated that Ms. Adams health has not allowed her to attend the meeting to receive her plaque.

Mayor Holt presented a plaque to Mr. Bryan Murphy, Indian Mound Museum Curator, for becoming a member of the Florence Sustainability Program.

Mayor Holt noted Chicken Salad Chick Restaurant will be opening later in the year. Mayor Holt further noted that he recently attended a ground-breaking ceremony for Fisher Animal Hospital.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Bradley, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, noted that the committee met earlier today. Councilmember Bradley stated that in attendance were Councilmember Betterton, Councilmember Eubanks, Mayor Holt, Cheryl Jones, Animal Services Director and Jill Andrews with Creative Architects. Councilmember Bradley stated that a number of issues regarding the Animal Services Building were discussed with Ms. Andrews.

Public Hearings: 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
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
William D. Jordan
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
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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Councilmember Bradley 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
B l a k e E d w a r d s

Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Bradley 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

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

Mr. Eddie Garrett, 117 Shirley Drive, appeared and thanked Mayor Holt and the City Council for the renovations that have been completed at the Senior Center. He also thanked Mayor Holt for his response to the letter the Mayor received from Wisconsin regarding appropriating money to the Salvation Army. Mr. Dwight Brown, 115 Burgess Street, appeared and made comments regarding parking on Burgess Street. Mr. Brown stated that Burgess Street is one way and there are problems with cars blocking the street.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and thanked the Council for appropriating funds to remove dilapidated houses. Mr. Simpson noted that homelessness is increasing.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Simmons stated that she will get with Reverend Brown regarding Burgess Street. Councilmember Simmons thanked Reverend Simpson for his comments. Councilmember Simmons reminded everyone that the W. C. Handy Festival is coming up.

Councilmember Eubanks noted that there will be a roundtable discussion next Monday, July 22, in the Council Auditorium regarding short term rentals.

Councilmember Bradley thanked Reverend Brown and Reverend Simpson for their comments. Councilmember Bradley thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the death of his brother-in-law.

Councilmember Edwards wished everyone to have a safe and entertaining Handy week.

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

President Jordan thanked everyone who came tonight.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK