



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 18, 2018**

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 18, 2018. 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 five 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, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton. Michelle Eubanks was absent.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 18, 2018

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:
 - (a) Proposed rezoning of 1.65 acres located at the Northeast corner of Highway 72 (Florence Boulevard) and County Road 61 (Middle Road), as requested by Pan American, LLC.
 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 January 2, 2018, 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 and incidentals necessary to replace 950 linear feet of galvanized pipe in the 100-200 block of South Trade Street and the 2100 block of Woodard Avenue, in the amount of \$34,050.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #331.10 - Distribution and Appurtenances, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with Certified Alarm Co. Of Alabama, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install and program security monitoring equipment at the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center and Kennedy-Douglass Annex, in the amount of \$2,992.17, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide civil engineering and inspection services for ALDOT Project No. TAPOA-15(913) sidewalk construction along Hermitage Drive from Royal Avenue north to existing bridge over Railroad Avenue, in the amount of \$23,030.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 188, Account #933-48500, with 80% reimbursement from Federal Funds, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with Cypress Contracting, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to construct a sidewalk on Hermitage Drive from Royal Avenue north to the existing bridge over Railroad Avenue, in the amount of \$153,535.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 188, Account #933-48500 with 80% reimbursement from Federal Funds, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (g) Resolution to approve the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives regarding asset allocation in the City Employees' Retirement Plan and the specific asset allocation recommendations submitted by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC, through its Graystone Consulting business, sponsored by Keith Owsley.
- (h) Resolution to approve the contract with Oakley Excavating, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to demolish the structures, cap the sewer lines and clean up at 2323 Chisholm Road, 1214 W. College Street, 127 N. Franklin Street, 423 Francis Avenue, 514 Georgia Avenue, 235 S. Richards Street, 120 W. Lee Street, 530 Industry Street, 109 Weakley Street and 2620 Cloverdale Road, in the amount of \$32,400.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (i) Resolution to approve an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-17-002, between the City and Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc., sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution to approve an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-17-002, between the City and Crossroads Community Outreach, LLC, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (k) Resolution to approve an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-17-002, between the City and Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (l) Resolution to approve an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract, Agreement #HESG-17-002, between the City and Safeplace, Inc., sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (m) Resolution to approve the contract with Downtown Florence Unlimited, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to approve the contract with the Children's Museum of the Shoals, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to approve the contract with Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Alabama, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to approve the contract with the Muscle Shoals Area Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Alabama, in the amount of \$500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.

- (q) Resolution to approve the contract with The Lamar Company, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for one poster and one digital billboard for the City of Florence Bicentennial celebration, in the amount of \$4,998.00, to be paid from Bicentennial Fund 174-302-46500, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (r) Resolution to form a State Community Celebration Committee to observe and commemorate the bicentennial of the State of Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (s) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to annex 1.65 acres located at the Northeast corner of Highway 72 (Florence Boulevard) and County Road 61 (Middle Road), as requested by Pan American, LLC, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (b) Ordinance to rezone 1.65 acres located at the Northeast corner of Highway 72 (Florence Boulevard) and County Road 61 (Middle Road), as requested by Pan American, LLC, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (c) Ordinance to transfer ownership of the property located at 635 College Street, known as Riverbend Mental Health Center from the City and Lauderdale County to Riverbend Center for Mental Health, Inc., sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (d) Ordinance to approve the Lease of 102 South Court Street, Suite 530, between the City of Florence and Chris Childers, Attorney, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (e) Ordinance to approve the transfer of property adjacent to the Cedar Street right-of-way to the University of North Alabama, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with Cindy Mashburn, Sexual Assault Nurse/Examiner, to provide examinations and equipment for victims of sexual assault through the ADECA VOCA grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(This item was added to the agenda)**
- (g) 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. **This item was added to the agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Automobile Self-Service Station & Convenience Foods with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by R AND R DISCOUNT INC., d/b/a R AND R DISCOUNT, located at 2804 CLOVERDALE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by BBB FLORENCE LLC, d/b/a BIG BAD BREAKFAST, located at 315 NORTH COURT STREET SUITE ONE, FLORENCE, AL 35633, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

(c)	<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
	Library Board (Reg)	Vacancy		
	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 Eubanks
Council member Edwards
Council member Betterton
Council member Simmons
Council member Bradley
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 to approve the contract with Cindy Mashburn, Sexual Assault Nurse/Examiner, to provide examinations and equipment for victims of sexual assault through the ADECA VOCA grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey and Regular Agenda Item 12 (g) 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.

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 Simmons seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Holt introduced representatives from the University of North Alabama, Dr. Debbie Shaw, SGA President Hugh Dante and Mr. Chase Holcomb. Dr. Shaw read a resolution adopted by the University of North Alabama Board recognizing the City for the purple street signs at UNA.

Mayor Holt introduced Mr. Gil Moats, Controller and Human Resource Director, of Gemstone. Mr. Moats made comments regarding the plans that his company has for Florence.

Mayor Holt thanked City employees for their hard work, especially during this cold weather. Mayor Holt also thanked the local organizations for their work serving citizens who need help during the winter weather. Mayor Holt read a letter from a citizen thanking Bill Batson, City Engineer, and his staff along with David Koonce, Street & Solid Waste/Recycle Manager, and his department for their work regarding a sidewalk for a special-needs person.

Report of Department Heads:

David Koonce, Solid Waste, Street and Recycle Department Manager, appeared and made comments regarding the recent bad weather. Mr. Koonce noted that the Street Department did a great job during the snow and icy conditions. Mr. Koonce further noted that garbage pickup has been delayed during the icy weather but crews will be working the weekend and will try to pickup everyone's garbage and recyclables.

Melissa Bailey, Planning and Community Development Director, appeared and gave an update with a power point presentation regarding projects taking place in Florence. Ms. Bailey stated the three areas of Florence that have projects that are currently underway or that will have projects beginning soon are East, North and West Florence. Ms. Bailey further stated that the City is continuing to look at the parking situation in downtown Florence. Ms. Bailey stated that hopefully the next phase of the Tennessee Streetscape will be completed soon. Ms. Bailey further stated that a number of projects have been completed in Florence such as the Memorial Grove.

Ms. Bailey made comments regarding the proposed roundabout in East Florence. Ms. Bailey stated that the Federal Highway Administration has guidelines for roundabouts. Ms. Bailey further stated that the administration likes landscaping for roundabouts. Ms. Bailey stated that the landscaping will aid drivers driving in traffic through the roundabout. Councilmember Bradley asked Ms. Bailey if the drawing that she has tonight is the actual drawing for the roundabout. Mr. Bill Batson, City Engineer, stated that not all of the landscaping shown on the drawing will be in the current design for the roundabout. Ms. Bailey stated that the drawings shown tonight are not the Engineering Department's drawings but a former citizen of Florence drew the picture of the landscape. Mr. Batson stated that the green area on the drawing is accurate. Mr. Batson further stated that as the project moves forward, he will meet with the business owners near the roundabout to discuss the finalized plans. Mr. Batson stated that the plans for the roundabout are still being reviewed by ALDOT. Mr. Batson further stated that the approval plan from ALDOT should be finalized by the end of February. Mr. Batson stated that businesses in that area will be open during the construction. Ms. Bailey noted that 100 percent of the parking spaces will be retained. Ms. Bailey further noted that safety and pedestrian lighting will be included in the project.

Ms. Bailey stated that blight removal has been a big project in the East Florence area. Ms. Bailey further stated that more than half of the blight removal in the last two years has been in the East Florence area.

Ms. Bailey made comments regarding the projects in West Florence. Ms. Bailey stated that blight removal, construction of sidewalks and improved lighting has enhanced the West Florence area. Ms. Bailey further stated that the City would like to see the properties in East and West Florence that have blight removal to be replaced with commercial businesses.

President Jordan made comments regarding the funding of these projects. President Jordan noted that each project has its own funding. President Jordan further noted that the roundabout project is an eighty/twenty match with the State.

Ms. Bailey noted that the City has been very fortunate with funding from ATRIP. Ms. Bailey further noted that waiting for approval from the State takes time but that it is worth it in the end.

Report of Standing Committee: none

Public Hearing:

President Jordan noted that this is the day and time advertised for a public hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of approximately 1.65 acres located at the Northeast corner of Highway 72 (Florence Boulevard) and County Road 61 (Middle Road), as requested by Pan American, LLC.

Melissa Bailey, Planning & Community Development Director, appeared and stated that the Planning Commission voted in November 2017 to unanimously recommend the annexation and rezoning of this property.

Mr. Jim Verzwylt, Pan American Engineers, appeared and stated that he would answer any questions that the public may have regarding annexation and rezoning.

There being no comments from the public, President Jordan closed the public hearing.

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 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 an Ordinance to annex 1.65 acres located at the Northeast corner of Highway 72 (Florence Boulevard) and County Road 61 (Middle Road), as requested by Pan American, LLC, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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Councilmember Edwards 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to transfer ownership of the property located at 635 College Street, known as Riverbend Mental Health Center from the City and Lauderdale County to Riverbend Center for Mental Health, Inc., sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to approve the Lease of 102 South Court Street, Suite 530, between the City of Florence and Chris Childers, Attorney, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit;

Councilmember Bradley 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to approve the transfer of property adjacent to the Cedar Street right-of-way to the University of North Alabama, sponsored by Mike Doyle. Said Ordinance follows, to wit;

Councilmember Simmons 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the contract with Cindy Mashburn, Sexual Assault Nurse/Examiner, to provide examinations and equipment for victims of sexual assault through the ADECA VOCA grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Simmons 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a 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. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Simmons 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Bradley 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
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 & Convenience Foods with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by R AND R DISCOUNT INC., d/b/a R AND R DISCOUNT, located at 2804 CLOVERDALE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Bradley 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Simmons moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Full Menu Restaurant with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by BBB FLORENCE LLC, d/b/a BIG BAD BREAKFAST, located at 315 NORTH COURT STREET SUITE ONE, FLORENCE, AL 35633, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. 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
David Bradley
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Discussion:

President Jordan thanked Mr. Darren Rhodes for bringing Big Bad Breakfast to downtown.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons
William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

(c)	<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
	Library Board (Reg)	Vacancy		
	SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15

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

Mr. Jones Colcock, 518 Riverview Drive, appeared and made comments regarding the East Florence Streetscape project. Mr. Colcock stated that a group has been formed to represent business owners and concerned citizens of East Florence. Mr. Colcock further stated the group wants the Council to reallocate the \$600,000.00 back to the East Florence Streetscape project. Mr. Colcock stated when the

funds are moved back, then the budget will be back to 1.2 million dollars. Mr. Colcock further stated that the City should hire an architect to draw plans for the East Florence Streetscape. Mr. Colcock stated that the City should make sure that the parking lot is completed prior to construction beginning on the roundabout. Mr. Colcock expressed his appreciation for the Tennessee Streetscape project but would like to see the East Florence Streetscape project completed first.

Ms. Lisa Segura, 116 Wildwood on Cypress, appeared and made comments regarding the Bellamy Apartment project in West Florence. Ms. Segura stated that she appreciates the support of Councilmember Simmons and President Jordan for wanting to improve Florence. Ms. Segura further stated that before the project began they were assured by the developer that the building of the Bellamy Apartments would not be intrusive to the surrounding neighborhoods and there would be no noise which has turned out not to be true. Ms. Segura further stated that they were assured by the developers that there would not be patios with creek access and each apartment now has a patio. Mr. Segura further stated that this project has taken a very different turn than what was initially planned.

Ms. Chris Heaton, member of the Sweetwater Group, appeared and made comments regarding the East Florence Streetscape. Ms. Heaton noted that she and her husband own several properties in that area. Ms. Heaton further noted that in 2002 they were told that there would be Streetscape in the area. Ms. Heaton stated that there is a fond affection for the area. Ms. Heaton stated that the new hospital will also be a great asset to that area.

Mr. Nolan England appeared and stated that he agrees with the annexation and rezoning that appeared on tonight's agenda. Mr. England further stated that the City needs to work on traffic flow, ingress and regress issues that will affect adjoining property owners.

Mr. Tim Roberson appeared and asked the Council to extend the East Florence Streetscape project all the way to the Marriott. Mr. Roberson stated that he has been waiting for fifteen years for the Streetscape project in East Florence. Mr. Roberson further stated that extending the Streetscape would be a great asset to that area.

Mr. Darren Rhodes appeared and stated that he is very appreciative of the roundabout project and Streetscape projects. Mr. Rhodes stated that the City should look at extending the East Florence Streetscape project. Mr. Rhodes further stated that the City needs to find a way to not be disruptive of the traffic in that area.

Mr. Hermon Graham, former District 3 Councilmember, appeared and stated that he is still in favor of the East Florence Entertainment District. Mr. Graham further stated that the City needs to do the East Florence Streetscape project and the Roundabout project at the same time. Mr. Graham stated that he was very disappointed that the Council voted to move \$600,000.00 for the East Florence Streetscape project into the Tennessee Street Streetscape project. Mr. Graham also stated that the City needs to purchase the old gas station lot and make it a parking lot.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Edwards thanked UNA and SGA for their presentation at tonight's meeting. Councilmember Edwards also thanked Gemstone for investing in Florence and City employees for their work, especially during bad weather.

Councilmember Betterton thanked Hermon Graham for his comments tonight. Councilmember Betterton noted that construction will begin soon on the Hermitage Drive sidewalk.

Councilmember Simmons thanked Melissa Bailey for her presentation at tonight's meeting. Councilmember Simmons also thanked Ms. Segura for addressing the Council with her concerns regarding the Bellamy Apartments.

Councilmember Bradley thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting. Councilmember Bradley echoed sentiments of Mr. Graham and Mr. Roberson. Councilmember Bradley stated that the City needs to be cognizant of its resources.

President Jordan thanked Ms. Segura for her comments at tonight's meeting. President Jordan also thanked everyone from the Sweetwater/East Florence area for their attendance tonight. President Jordan stated that the City needs to be as least disruptive as we can be with the projects that are planned for East Florence.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK