



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 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 Tuesday, April 17, 2018. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Mayor Holt 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

April 17, 2018

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Mayor Holt
 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 3, 2018, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve the Green Powers Providers Amendment to the Agreement between the City and TVA regarding the Green Powers Providers Program, Contract #TV-70310A, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), to provide maintenance of a traffic signal to be installed at the intersection of Veterans Drive (SR133) and Ironside Street, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.

- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with Bolt Construction & Excavating, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace a water line on County Road 29 (Emerald Beach Road), in the amount of \$176,821.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account # 331.10 - Distribution Mains & Appurtenances, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with Municipal Consultants, Inc., to provide Risk Management Plans (RMP) as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Cypress Creek Water/Wastewater Plants and Wilson Dam Plant, in the amount of \$25,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923.00 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with Sur-Line Turf, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals for the renovation of the greens at Blackberry Trail Golf Course, in the amount of \$98,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #117-929-44730, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution to approve the contract with Hearn Plumbing Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair a water line at the Sportsplex Concessions/Soccer building, in the amount of \$1,800.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (i) Resolution to approve the contract with Hearn Plumbing Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to re-pipe the waterlines at the Overlook Park Restroom Facility, in the amount of \$3,700.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (j) Resolution to approve the contract with Hand Service Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to complete plumbing repairs at River Heritage Park, in the amount of \$2,514.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account 266-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (k) Resolution to approve the contract with Marathon Equipment Company, to provide installation of Infeed Conveyor and "Phase II" Sort System Upgrade for the Sanitation and Recycling Departments, in the amount of \$46,850.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #16401-43125, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (l) Resolution to approve the renewal of the contract with Waste Connections, Inc., to haul and dispose of municipal solid waste in the Walnut, Mississippi, facility for the Sanitation Department, for a three (3) year period, at \$27.98 per ton, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #256-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (m) Resolution to approve the contract with Joe Keenum Excavation & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals for the Industrial Access Road Improvements on South Court Street and Water Street, Project #IAR-039-000-004, in the amount of \$389,571.00, to be paid from Fund 188, Account #1071-48100 with reimbursements to come from the Alabama Department of Transportation, Florence-Lauderdale Port Authority and the Shoals Industrial Development Committee, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (n) Resolution to approve the contract with Harrison Gunitite Construction Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the abutments on the Branch Street Bridge on an emergency basis, in the amount of \$16,000.00, to be paid from the Engineering Department Special Projects Fund #398-43110, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (o) Resolution to approve the contract with SBS Electric Supply Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a transfer switch on the generator at Fire Station #5, in the amount of \$3,552.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1047-42200, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (g))**
- (p) Resolution to approve the contract with Datawatch Corporation, to provide License Agreement services for the City's computer software used by the Payroll and Accounting Departments, in the amount of \$19,829.88, to be paid from the budgeted funds, Account #391.00, sponsored by Steve Price.
- (q) Resolution to approve the contract with SWC Create Vital Connections, to provide equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace the current camera system throughout City Departments, in the amount of \$34,385.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #391.00, sponsored by Steve Price.

- (r) Resolution to approve the contract with The Salvation Army, in the amount of \$4,800.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (s) Resolution to reappoint Roderick Sheppard as a member of the Civil Service Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (t) Resolution to reappoint James W. Bobo II as a member of the Industrial Development Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (u) Resolution to reappoint Brad Dethero as a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, sponsored by the City Council.
- (v) Resolution to reappoint Morris Cracraft as a supernumerary member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, sponsored by the City Council.
- (w) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to cease the collection of state, county and city sales taxes on the retail sales of food, beverages and all other tangible personal property sold at the Blackberry Trail Golf Course Food Grill and Pro Shop, effective May 1, 2018, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (b) Resolution to establish temporary greens fees at Blackberry Trail Golf Course during the renovation of the greens, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (c) Resolution to establish new fees at the Royal Avenue Swimming Pool, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (d) Resolution to declare the properties located at 2213 Maple Avenue and 162 Washington Street as public nuisances and to demolish the buildings on said properties, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (e) Resolution to approve the revised in Aid of Construction Charges for the Florence Electricity Department, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (f) Resolution to approve the agreement with Florence Main Street, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council. **(This item was added to the agenda)**
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with SBS Electric Supply Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a transfer switch on the generator at Fire Station #5, in the amount of \$3,552.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1047-42200, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (o))**

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 SHREE VENKATESHWARA INC., d/b/a COX CREEK CHEVRON, located at 801 COX CREEK PARKWAY, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Package Store with Off-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by JAMES CHESTER SIMMONS, d/b/a JAMIES BEVERAGES, located at 926 FLORENCE BOULEVARD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

| (c) | <u>Board</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Appointed</u> | <u>Expires</u> |
|-----|---------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Civil Service Board | Scott Morris | 04/16/13 | 04/18 |
| | Ind. Dev. Board | Bryan Austin | 04/04/07 | 04/05/18 |
| | Library Board (Reg) | Vacancy | | |
| | Zoning Adjustments | Ry Griffin | 12/18/12 | 05/17/18 |

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

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 agreement with Florence Main Street, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council and to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (o) Resolution to approve the contract with SBS Electric Supply Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a transfer switch on the generator at Fire Station #5, in the amount of \$3,552.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1047-42200, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins to Regular Agenda Item 12 (g).

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 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's comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads: none

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Betterton's comments follow, to wit:

President Jordan, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, noted that the Finance Committee met on Friday, April 13. President Jordan further noted that in attendance were Mayor Holt, Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Edwards, Todd Nix, John Freeman and Tina Kitchens. President Jordan stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the funding for replacing the greens at Blackberry Trail Golf Course, fee changes for the Golf Course and the Royal Avenue Pool. President Jordan further stated that the committee voted unanimously to recommend these items to the City Council for approval.

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 Simmons moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

Councilmember Betterton 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 cease the collection of state, county and city sales taxes on the retail sales of food, beverages and all other tangible personal property sold at the Blackberry Trail Golf Course Food Grill and Pro Shop, effective May 1, 2018, sponsored by Todd Nix. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton 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 Eubanks 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
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to establish temporary greens fees at Blackberry Trail Golf Course during the renovation of the greens, sponsored by Todd Nix. 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 Edwards 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
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to establish new fees at the Royal Avenue Swimming Pool, sponsored by Todd Nix. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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 Bradley moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

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 declare the properties located at 2213 Maple Avenue and 162 Washington Street as public nuisances and to demolish the buildings on said properties, sponsored by Gary Williamson. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Simmons moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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 Resolution.

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 approve the revised in Aid of Construction Charges for the Florence Electricity Department, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. 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 Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

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
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Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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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
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Bradley moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan made comments in support of the proposed resolution. President Jordan stated that this is an annual contract to promote the City of Florence.

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

Abstain: Michelle Eubanks

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

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William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
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Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards 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:

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William D. Jordan
David Bradley
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Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

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

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Michelle Eubanks
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Andrew Betterton

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Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

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

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William D. Jordan
David Bradley
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Board Openings:

| <u>Board</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Appointed</u> | <u>Expires</u> |
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| Civil Service Board | Scott Morris | 04/16/13 | 04/18 |
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| Library Board (Reg) | Vacancy | | |
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Business from the Public (5-minute time limit):

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding Comcast no longer recording the Council meetings. Mr. Simpson stated that the City needs to check into bringing the cameras back so that citizens who are unable to attend can keep up with what is going on in our City. Mr. Simpson further stated that he is looking forward to having the camera back here recording the Council meetings in the near future.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Edwards thanked the Florence City School Board for the lunch meeting today and also for giving the Council an update on the Florence School System. Councilmember Edwards stated that we are very fortunate to have such a great school system in our City.

Councilmember Betterton also expressed his appreciation for the Florence City School Board and for Dr. Shaw and Dr. Shepard. Councilmember Betterton stated that he recently attended a play at Florence High School and that it was great.

Councilmember Simmons also expressed her appreciation for the Florence City School Board. Councilmember Simmons expressed her appreciation to Gary Williamson, Building Official, and the Building Department for keeping homeowners accountable regarding the upkeep of their properties. Councilmember Simmons noted that the remodeling of the restrooms at Lewis Field is completed.

Councilmember Bradley thanked everyone who came tonight and Reverend Simpson for his comments. Councilmember Bradley expressed his appreciation to Gary Williamson, Building Official, and Melissa Bailey, Planning & Community Development Director, for their work regarding the demolition of houses that have become nuisances in our neighborhoods.

Councilmember Eubanks reminded everyone of the “Bicentennial” celebrations and activities that are planned for each month until the end of the year. Councilmember Eubanks noted that on April 27 there will be a “Bicentennial” tree dedication at Deibert Park. Councilmember Eubanks further noted that historical portraits of our founding fathers and other notable citizens of Florence are on display at the Kennedy-Douglas Art Center.

President Jordan also thanked the Florence City School Board for the lunch meeting today. President Jordan congratulated Mayor Holt on the appointments that he presented tonight. President Jordan noted that the Council did a lot of work tonight.

Gary Williamson, Building Official, presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK