



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 15, 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, May 15, 2018. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Salvation Army Captain Benjamin Deuel 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, Michelle Eubanks, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton. David Bradley was absent.

**AMENDED AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 15, 2018**

**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
  2. Invocation - Salvation Army Captain Benjamin Deuel
  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 May 1, 2018, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve the contract with A-Corp Roofing & Restoration to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair and replace as needed, the roof and front porch at Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, in the amount of \$19,715.76, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, sponsored by Todd Nix.

- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with Langston Service Group, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to furnish and install one (1) 7.5 ton AC Condenser at the Broadway Recreation Center, in the amount of \$7,400.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with Fuller Heating, Air Conditioning & Plumbing to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair a leak under the concrete and outside the fence at the Royal Pool, in the amount of \$6,794.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional services necessary to address drainage and structural issues at Pope's Tavern, in the amount of \$8,300.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with King & Associates General Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to enclose the east end wall of the storage building located at 1200 Terrace Street, Recycling Center in the amount of \$9,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-43125, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (h) Resolution to approve the contract with Ringers Garage Door Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace the garage doors in the welding and carpenter shop at 201 Railroad Avenue, in the amount of \$6,092.00, to be expensed to Account #1147-43120, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (i) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and RMB Marine Services LLC, to provide tugboat services for the Fourth of July Celebration fireworks show at McFarland Park, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (j) Resolution to approve the contract with Mike O'Steen Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for installation of a new partition to the entry way in the Mayor/Council Office, in the amount of \$9,386.00, to be paid from Building Maintenance Fund 117 with a 50/50 split between the Mayor and Council, Account #1053-41111 and Account #1053-41112, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the Council.
- (k) Resolution to approve the contract with Certified Alarm company of Alabama, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for installation of a new door-call intercom system, badge readers and electronic locks for the new partition entry door to the Mayor/Council Offices, in the amount of \$5,124.60, to be paid from Building Maintenance Fund 117 with a 50/50 split between the Mayor and Council, Account #1053-41111 and Account #1053-41112, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the Council.
- (l) Resolution to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Sound Diplomacy, Inc., and RCP Companies, to develop a Music Audit for the Muscle Shoals, region, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the Council.
- (m) Resolution to appoint Steven D. White as a member of the Civil Service Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to appoint Andrea Hunt as a member of the Lauderdale County Regional Library Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and Cindy Mashburn, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, to provide examinations and equipment for victims of sexual assault through ADECA VOCA (Victims of Crime Assistance) grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (p) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and Sarah Sharp, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, to provide examinations and equipment for victims of sexual assault through ADECA VOCA (Victims of Crime Assistance) grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (q) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and Vicki Donaldson, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, to provide examinations and equipment for victims of sexual assault through ADECA VOCA (Victims of Crime Assistance) grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.

- (r) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and Kelsey Farris, Administrative Assistant/Victim Advocate, to provide services for victims of sexual assault through ADECA VOCA (Victims of Crime Assistance) grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (s) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and Michelle Castaneda, Victim Advocate, to provide services for victims of sexual assault through ADECA VOCA (Victims of Crime Assistance) grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (t) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and Jesse Hand, Victim Advocate, to provide services for victims of sexual assault through ADECA VOCA (Victims of Crime Assistance) grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (u) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to approve the Revised 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.
- (b) Resolution authorizing the City to jointly request, with the Florence-Lauderdale Port Authority up to \$146,000.00 in SEDF funding to complete the road improvements in and around the granary and public dock to accommodate the expansion of the Alabama Farmers Cooperative, sponsored by Mayor Holt. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to approve an amendment to the General Fund budget, Fund No. 110, Fiscal Year 2017-2018, adopted on October 3, 2017, sponsored by Shannon Olive.
- (b) Resolution to approve an amendment to the General Fund budget, Fund No. 117, Fiscal Year 2017-2018, adopted on October 3, 2017, sponsored by Shannon Olive.
- (c) Resolution to approve an amendment to the General Fund budget, Fund No. 188, Fiscal Year 2017-2018, adopted on October 3, 2017, sponsored by Shannon Olive.
- (d) 

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Historical Board	Vacancy		

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 Bradley  
Council member Eubanks  
Council member Edwards  
Council member Betterton  
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 (b) Resolution authorizing the City to jointly request, with the Florence-Lauderdale Port Authority up to \$146,000.00 in SEDF funding to complete the road improvements in and around the granary and public dock to accommodate the expansion of the Alabama Farmers Cooperative, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Holt presented a Certificate of Commendation to Ms. Sophia Marlow, a second grader from Harlan Elementary School, for creating the artwork that was selected for the 2018 “Arts Alive” tee shirts.

Mayor Holt presented a Proclamation designating the week of May 13 - 19 as “Salvation Army” week. The Proclamation was received by Salvation Army Captains Benjamin and Wendy Deuel.

Mayor Holt reminded everyone that “Music in the Park” takes place each Wednesday in Wilson Park. Mayor Holt also reminded everyone that “Arts Alive” will be taking place in Wilson Park on May 19 and 20.

**Report of Department Heads:** none

**Report of Standing Committee:**

Councilmember Betterton’s comments follow to wit:

**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 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 the Revised 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. 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  
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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to jointly request, with the Florence-Lauderdale Port Authority up to \$146,000.00 in SEDF funding to complete the road improvements in and around the granary and public dock to accommodate the expansion of the Alabama Farmers Cooperative, sponsored by Mayor Holt. 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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks 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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve an amendment to the General Fund budget, Fund No. 110, Fiscal Year 2017-2018, adopted on October 3, 2017, sponsored by Shannon Olive. 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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Simmons 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:

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve an amendment to the General Fund budget, Fund No. 117, Fiscal Year 2017-2018, adopted on October 3, 2017, sponsored by Shannon Olive. 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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards 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  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve an amendment to the General Fund budget, Fund No. 188, Fiscal Year 2017-2018, adopted on October 3, 2017, sponsored by Shannon Olive. 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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton 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:

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

Noes: None

**Board Openings:**

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Historical Board	Vacancy		

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

Ms. Eva Knight, 2810 Waldrige Street, appeared and noted that the Parks & Recreation Department has a new 15 passenger van. Ms. Knight thanked the City for its help in securing a grant for the van.

Ms. Knight stated that she would like more information on the status of the wayfinding signs that are to be placed at the Senior Center.

Mr. Sam Pendleton, 1934 Maple Avenue, appeared and thanked Councilmember Eubanks for her work on the Bicentennial Committee.

Mr. Pendleton made comments regarding the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board. Mr. Pendleton stated when there is a vacancy on the Board then someone from the hotel industry should be appointed.

Mr. Bryan Carbine appeared and made comments in opposition to allowing Uber and LYFT to come to Florence. Mr. Carbine stated that he wants a level playing field.

Mr. Jimmy L. Carbine, 1711 County Road 28, appeared and also made comments in opposition to allowing Uber and LYFT to operate in Florence.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Simmons had no comments.

Councilmember Eubanks thanked Mr. Pendleton for his comments.

Councilmember Edwards had no comments.

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

President Jordan thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK