



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 19, 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, June 19, 2018. President Jordan called the meeting to order. President Jordan 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, Michelle Eubanks and Andrew Betterton. Councilmember Blake Edwards was absent

**AMENDED AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 19, 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:
  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 June 5, 2018, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution to approve the contract with Maintenance Plus Heating & Air, Inc., to provide services for the Gas Department's HVAC units, tube heaters and tankless water heaters, in the amount of \$2,000.00 per year, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #935.00 - Maintenance of General Plant, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with T.J. Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace the 2" line that was abandoned with a 6" iron line under Highway 157, in the amount of \$7,250.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #331.10 - Distribution of Mains & Appurtenances, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with Gillespie Construction, LLC, for the completion of water and sewer improvements for the North Alabama Medical Center site, EDA Project #4-01-07142, in the amount of \$488,625.00, to be paid with a 50% grant with the 50% match being reimbursed to the Water/Wastewater Department, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with Thompson Tractor Company, Inc., to provide onsite installation for new tips on the 826H Landfill Compactor, in the amount of \$9,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #261-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with Keeton Electric Company to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a transfer switch for two (2) generators at the Street Department, in the amount of \$1,180.00, to be expensed to Account #110-1047-41810, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (e))**
- (h) Resolution to approve the contract with Hill & Jangaard Architects, P.C., to provide architectural services for the repair of the City's 6180 square foot competition pool and 400 square foot Wading Pool at the Royal Avenue Recreation Center, in the amount of \$4,500.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, Account #1147-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (i) Resolution to approve the contract with Tim Rhodes Electric, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the lights, fixtures and replace the bulbs in the fountain pad at River Heritage Park, in the amount of \$1,209.65, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (f))**
- (j) Resolution to approve the contract with John Johnson, d/b/a Johnny's Home Restorations, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the replacement of the plaster ceiling in the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, in the amount of \$5,041.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-43600, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (k) Resolution to approve the contract with Chandler Painting Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the exterior painting of the barn at Deibert Park, in the amount of \$7,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (l) Resolution to approve the contract with The Wood Floor Store, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the installation of carpet and tile floor covering in the Police Department building, in the amount of \$17,983.45, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-42100, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (m) Resolution to approve the contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide civil engineering services for the repair and/or replacement of exterior sidewalks and ramps at the Police Department, in the amount of \$2,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-42100, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (n) Resolution to approve the contract with Jones Fence Enterprises, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair and cut in a 20 (twenty) foot double gate at the Police Firing Range, in the amount of \$1,530.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #265-42100, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (o) Resolution to approve the contract with Patterson & Dewar Engineers, Inc., to provide engineering services to the Electricity Department to be used for field visits and office work, to be paid according to a schedule of fees for general engineering services from Account #923 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.

- (p) Resolution to apply to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) FY2018 funds, to continue to provide assistance to the homeless, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (q) Resolution to approve the Lease between the City and the North Alabama Medical Center, to lease space on top of the water tank and inside the concrete block building at the O'Neal Water Tower, sponsored by George Grabryan.
- (r) Resolution to approve the construction of beach volleyball courts at a location in Cox Creek Park approved by the Community Services Director, by the University of North Alabama, sponsored by Mayor Holt and Bill Musgrove.
- (s) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to lease the property at 102 South Court Street, Suite 533, to Cindy Jackson for a period of one year, commencing on July 1, 2018, and ending on June 30, 2019, in the amount of \$4,500.00 per year, sponsored by Shannon Olive.
- (b) Resolution to vacate a public right-of-way in favor of the North Alabama Medical Center, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (c) Resolution to vacate a public right-of-way in favor of Murphy Oil, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (d) Resolution to approve a contract between the City of Florence, AL and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce to advertise and promote the City of Florence through the Chamber's Keep the Shoals Beautiful program, sponsored by Mayor Holt and City Council
- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with Keeton Electric Company to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a transfer switch for two (2) generators at the Street Department, in the amount of \$1,180.00, to be expensed to Account #110-1047-41810, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (g))**
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with Tim Rhodes Electric, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the lights, fixtures and replace the bulbs in the fountain pad at River Heritage Park, in the amount of \$1,209.65, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (I))**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to approve the operating budgets of the Gas Department and the Water and Wastewater Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, sponsored by Mayor Holt, Mike Doyle and Mark Lovejoy.

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 (d) Resolution to approve a contract between the City of Florence, AL and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce to advertise and promote the City of Florence through the Chamber's Keep the Shoals Beautiful program, sponsored by Mayor Holt and City Council. President Jordan further noted that it was decided to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (g) Resolution to approve the contract with Keeton Electric

Company to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a transfer switch for two (2) generators at the Street Department, in the amount of \$1,180.00, to be expensed to Account #110-1047-41810, sponsored by David Koonce to Regular Agenda Item 12 (e) and to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (i) Resolution to approve the contract with Tim Rhodes Electric, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the lights, fixtures and replace the bulbs in the fountain pad at River Heritage Park, in the amount of \$1,209.65, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix to Regular Agenda Item 12 (f).

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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Holt noted that the City recently hired Ms. Sandy Preedom as the new Customer Service Manager. Mayor Holt further noted that the District Masters' games started today and that a number of seniors representing the "Club" are participating.

Mayor Holt made comments regarding the Florence/Lauderdale Animal Shelter. Mayor Holt noted that the shelter will be closed for any animal intake beginning Saturday, June 23 through Wednesday, July 4. Mayor Holt also noted that during this time the building will be cleaned inside and out. Mayor Holt further noted that the shelter will be open for adoptions.

President Jordan made comments regarding the fire last week that destroyed the office building of the Potts and Young Law Firm. President Jordan thanked the Fire, Police and Utility Departments for their work during the fire.

**Report of Department Heads: None**

**Report of Standing Committee:**

Councilmember Bradley, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, noted that a meeting took place on June 14 to discuss issues with the Florence/Lauderdale Animal Shelter. Councilmember Bradley further noted that in attendance were Councilmember Betterton, Councilmember Eubanks and Leah Fox, Director of the Animal Shelter. Councilmember Bradley stated that some of the issues that were being

addressed was the abnormally large number of animals that were turned into the shelter. Councilmember Bradley further stated that it was decided to restructure how animals are taken in so that fewer animals will be euthanized.

**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 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  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to lease the property at 102 South Court Street, Suite 533, to Cindy Jackson for a period of one year, commencing on July 1, 2018, and ending on June 30, 2019, in the amount of \$4,500.00 per year, sponsored by Shannon Olive. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks 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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Simmons moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Eubanks 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  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to vacate a public right-of-way in favor of the North Alabama Medical Center, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Simmons 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  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Bradley moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Bradley made comments in support of the proposed Resolution.

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

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to vacate a public right-of-way in favor of Murphy Oil, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. 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  
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  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
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:

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William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
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Andrew Betterton

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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  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Simmons 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

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

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David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding the hiring of minorities in City government and corruption in the Police Department. Mr. Simpson noted that nickel bag drug sellers are being arrested and not the dealers.

Mr. Norman Allen, 1025 Pruitt Street, appeared and made comments regarding prostitution in Florence and condemned houses that need to be torn down.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Eubanks encouraged everyone to visit the Kennedy Douglas Art Center and the Florence/Lauderdale Public Library.

Councilmember Betterton thanked all the City departments that were involved with the fire that destroyed the Potts & Young Building. Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding the Animal Shelter. Councilmember Betterton stated that we need to do more educating.

Councilmember Simmons also thanked the City departments that assisted with the fire that destroyed the Potts & Young Building. Councilmember Simmons asked the citizens of Florence to let the Police Department know of any illegal activity that is taking place in West Florence.

Councilmember Bradley thanked Mr. Simpson and Mr. Allen for their comments.

President Jordan noted that the July 3 Council meeting has been moved to July 10.

Mayor Holt presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK