



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 10, 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, July 10, 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 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 Blake Edwards. Councilmember Andrew Betterton was absent

**AMENDED AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 10, 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 June 19, 2018, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution to approve the contract with Nelson Service Group, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to paint two (2) lime silos and the maintenance building at the Cypress Creek Wastewater Plant, in the amount of \$37,741.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #651.00 - Structure Maintenance, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with Maintenance Plus, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace a 4 ton HVAC unit at the Gas Department Engineering Building, in the amount of \$5,300.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390.00 - Structures and Improvements, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution to approve the Water Purchase Contract between the City and Chisholm Heights Water and Fire Protection Authority, to provide water within its service area, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with Johnson & Associates, Inc., to provide design support services during the construction phase of the Florence Roundabout Project at the intersection of Royal Avenue and Huntsville Road, ALDOT Project No. ACOA61359-ATRP (014), in the amount of \$6,000.00, to be paid from Fund 188, Account # 954-48128, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with Jagris, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a metal roof with insulation on the maintenance building at Veterans Park, in the amount of \$12,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution to support Lauderdale County applying for grant funds to be used for widening of U.S. Highway 72/State Route 2/Florence Boulevard from Indian Springs Subdivision to Harris Drive, sponsored by Mayor Holt. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b))**
- (i) Resolution to approve the Proposal from Create Architects, Inc., to provide schematic planning for a new downtown parking deck, in the amount of \$2,800.00, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (j) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to amend the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, Section 4. Animals, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (b) Resolution to support Lauderdale County applying for grant funds to be used for widening of U.S. Highway 72/State Route 2/Florence Boulevard from Indian Springs Subdivision to Harris Drive, sponsored by Mayor Holt. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (h))**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Liquor-Beer-Wine by BRENDA REEDER, d/b/a HIGH SCHOOL REUNION, located at 702 VETERANS DRIVE - FLORENCE COLISEUM, to take place on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Package Liquor Store with Off-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by KHUSHI MANAGEMENT III INC., d/b/a SK MINI MART, located at 3323 HUNTSVILLE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (c) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an automobile service station & convenience foods with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by JAY SHRI UMIYA INC., d/b/a D & D MARKET, located at 29255 COUNTY ROAD 14, FLORENCE AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

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 move Consent Agenda Item 11 (h) Resolution to support Lauderdale County applying for grant funds to be used for widening of U.S. Highway 72/State Route 2/Florence Boulevard from Indian Springs Subdivision to Harris Drive, sponsored by Mayor Holt to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b).

There being no further changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Bradley 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  
Blake Edwards

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Holt made comments regarding the ten-day closure of the Animal Shelter. Mayor Holt stated that a lot of work took place during the closure. Mayor Holt commended the other City departments that help with the cleaning of the shelter. Mayor Holt stated that the shelter now has a manageable number of animals. Mayor Holt further stated that new policies will be implemented to make the intake of animals harder and adoptions easier.

Mayor Holt noted that the Freedom Celebration that took place at McFarland Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was a huge success. Mayor Holt stated that the rain held off until the fireworks had ended.

Mayor Holt noted that the organization "World Changers" are in Florence this week to complete various rehab projects in our City.

**Report of Department Heads:** None

**Report of Standing Committee:**

President Jordan, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, noted that at the earlier work session he had made comments regarding a Finance Committee meeting that took place on June 29, 2018.

**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 Edwards 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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to amend the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, Section 4. Animals, sponsored by Mayor Holt. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Simmons moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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

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

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Edwards made comments in favor of the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Edwards stated that this is an adoption of the State Code of Alabama.

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

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to support Lauderdale County applying for grant funds to be used for widening of U.S. Highway 72/State Route 2/Florence Boulevard from Indian Springs Subdivision to Harris Drive, sponsored by Mayor Holt. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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

Noes: Michelle Eubanks

**This proposed resolution did not receive immediate consideration. Therefore, it will be carried over until the next City Council meeting.**

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Councilmember Bradley 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

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

Noes: None

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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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards

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  
David Bradley  
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Noes: None

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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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards

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  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards

Noes: None

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

Mr. Norman Allen, 1025 Pruitt Street, appeared and made various comments regarding crime and corruption that is taking place in the City of Florence.

Mr. Dan Summy, 124 County Road 28, appeared and made comments regarding the treatment of animals. Mr. Summy commended the Council for adopting the State of Alabama procedures for the treatment of animals. Mr. Summy stated that the City Council and Mayor Holt are working toward making Florence a more animal friendly city. Mr. Summy further stated that he is looking forward to the completion of the new animal shelter.

Ms. Eva Knight, 2810 Waldrige Street, appeared and noted that Ms. Harriet Edwards, a long time supporter of the City passed away last month. Ms. Knight noted that she was a great contributor to our and she would like for Ms. Edwards recognized in the Council minutes.

Ms. Sadie Russell, 513 Marrietta Street, appeared and made comments regarding a new apartment complex that is being built next door to her residence. Ms. Russell asked Councilmember Bradley and Mayor Holt to take look at her property.

Ms. Peggy Patterson, 522 Hazelwood Drive, appeared and made comments regarding an illegal business that is operating in her neighborhood.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made general comments regarding police corruption and the disparity of minority employment.

Ms. Caroline Craig, 542 Riverview Drive, appeared and made comments regarding the Animal Shelter. Ms. Craig stated that she is a volunteer at the animal shelter and there are numerous problems with the management of the shelter. Ms. Craig further stated that the cat area needs immediate consideration.

Ms. Diane Letson, 2921 Alexander Street, appeared and thanked the Florence Electricity Department for restoring power to the animal shelter during last week's power outage.

Ms. Janet Spencer, 518 Riverview Drive, appeared and made numerous comments regarding the conditions at the animal shelter.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Edwards thanked everyone for their attendance tonight. Councilmember Edwards also thanked the Electricity Department for their attendance tonight and for their service to our citizens. Councilmember Edwards recognized Ms. Knight for her comments regarding Ms. Harriet Edwards.

Councilmember Simmons thanked everyone for their attendance and for those who spoke tonight. Councilmember Simmons also thanked "World Changers" for providing a service to our community.

Councilmember Simmons thanked everyone for their comments tonight. Councilmember Simmons noted that she is in regular contact with Chief Tyler regarding incidents that are happening in District 1. Councilmember Simmons also thanked those who volunteer at the Animal Shelter.

Councilmember Bradley also thanked Ms. Knight for her kind comments regarding Ms. Edwards. Councilmember Bradley thanked Mr. Summy, Ms. Craig and others for their dedication to our animals.

Councilmember Eubanks thanked the Electricity Department for all of their hard work especially on holidays. Councilmember Eubanks also thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for their work at McFarland Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilmember Eubanks thanked everyone who spoke tonight.

President Jordan also thanked everyone who spoke tonight and Ms. Knight for her comments regarding Ms. Harriet Edwards. President Jordan noted that the Building Official and the Planning Director will be meeting to work out a solution for Air B-N-B.

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