



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 20, 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, November 20, 2018. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Eubanks 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.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2018

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Eubanks
 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 November 6, 2018, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve the donation of a Water Department truck to the Mid-Lauderdale Volunteer Fire Department, sponsored by Mike Doyle.

- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with Maintenance Plus Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a HVAC unit at the Electricity Department Administrative Building, in the amount of \$4,800.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #390.00 - Structures & Improvements, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (e) Resolution to approve payment for Invoice #42415 to Professional Fire & Security, LLC, for the annual fire alarm inspection at the City Hall Municipal Building, in the amount of \$1,743.75, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (f) Resolution to approve payment for Invoice #44071 to Irons Electric Co., Inc., for repair work done to the lighting system at McFarland Park Harbor, in the amount of \$5,860.92, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and the Alabama Department of Transportation for the Cooperative Maintenance of Public ROW within the city limits, and for the City to maintain the sidewalks for the Oakley-Lindsey Commercial Subdivision, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (h) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and the Alabama Department of Transportation for the cooperative maintenance of public ROW within the city limits and to provide maintenance of a sidewalk along the west side of Route Alabama 157, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (i) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and the Alabama Department of Transportation for grading and/or landscaping on ROW within the city limits and to perform grading to build a sidewalk along the west side of Route Alabama 157, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (j) Resolution to accept the proposal for engineering services from Civil Group, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$11,560.00, for site work at the new Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services Building, sponsored by Melissa Beasley and Steve Eason.
- (k) Resolution to approve a Change Order in the amount of \$39,485.00, to the contract with Jabco, Inc., for repairs to the Royal Avenue pool, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (l) Resolution to approve Amendment Option 3A to the City of Florence Deferred Compensation Plan as presented by Nationwide Retirement Solutions, sponsored by Keith Owsley.
- (m) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Grocery Store with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by P AND M SHOALS INC., d/b/a JOHNS SHOP EZY, located at 2614 HUNTSVILLE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Board openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business	Michelle Jones	12/19/17	11/20/18
Beautification	Virginia Gooch	12/18/12	11/01/18
Historical Board	Charles Hyde	05/03/16	12/17/18
	Robert Steen	01/19/10	12/17/18
SEDA	Bud Ward	12/04/12	09/30/18
Tree Commission	Lavetta Adams	01/02/07	11/03/18
	Nancy Muse	05/01/07	11/03/18
	Kevin Jangaard	09/16/08	11/03/18

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
Mayor Steve Holt

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the 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 stated that the official opening of the North Alabama Medical Center took place on November 10. Mayor Holt further stated that we are so blessed to have such a wonderful medical facility in Florence.

Mayor Holt noted that the District 2 public meeting was held on November 13 and that the District 3 and District 4 meetings will be held on November 27 and November 29. Mayor Holt further noted that there have been a lot of ideas discussed in these meetings. Mayor Holt invited everyone to attend to discuss moving Florence forward.

Mayor Holt stated that the Sam's Club/Target access road and the East Florence Roundabout projects are currently underway and should be completed soon. Mayor Holt further stated that these projects have experienced delays due to rain. Mayor Holt wished everyone a safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Report of Department Heads: none

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Eubanks, Chairperson of the Public Works committee, comments follow, to wit:

Public Hearing: 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 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
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Grocery Store with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by P AND M SHOALS INC., d/b/a JOHNS SHOP EZY, located at 2614 HUNTSVILLE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. 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 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
David Bradley
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Noes: None

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President Jordan noted that several nominations were made at the earlier work session for a number of Board vacancies. President Jordan further noted that the Council meeting scheduled for January 1 has been moved to January 3.

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding love and hate. Mr. Simpson stated that we must learn to love our enemies and to forgive. Mr. Simpson further stated that love overcomes hate. Mr. Simpson stated that we need to keep on loving and growing. Mr. Simpson wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. Sam Pendleton, 1934 Maple Avenue, appeared and made comments in support of former Mayor Bobby Irons. Mr. Pendleton stated that Mayor Irons supported the opening of the West College Street Bridge. Mr. Pendleton further stated that Mayor Irons budgeted funds to provide engineering services to move the bridge construction forward. Mr. Pendleton further stated that Mayor Irons was instrumental in acquiring the former Country Club property, the former First Southern Bank building and the construction of the Sportsplex. Mr. Pendleton presented an article published in the TimesDaily Newspaper on March 30, 2010 regarding the revitalizing of West Florence. The article follows, to wit:

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Eubanks' comments follow, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards thanked Bill Batson, City Engineer, for his work on the East Florence Roundabout project and the sidewalk project on Cloverdale Road near Wal-Mart. Councilmember Edwards also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Betterton noted that Bill Batson, City Engineer, also worked on the sidewalk project on Hermitage Drive from the new bridge to Braly Stadium. Councilmember Betterton stated that he is very pleased with that project and it is an asset to that area. Councilmember Betterton asked everyone to be safe during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Councilmember Simmons thanked Reverend Simpson and Mr. Pendleton for their comments tonight. Councilmember Simmons also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Bradley also thanked Reverend Simpson and Mr. Pendleton for their comments. Councilmember Bradley noted that the East Florence Roundabout project seems to be going pretty well. Councilmember Bradley further noted that due to a lack of communication regarding how the streets would be closed, businesses have been negatively affected. Councilmember Bradley asked everyone to continue to patronize the businesses near the project. Councilmember Bradley encouraged everyone to attend the District 3 meeting to be held on November 27.

President Jordan made comments regarding the new hospital. President Jordan stated that the North Alabama Regional Care Hospital could have the biggest economic impact on our City along with excellent medical care for our citizens.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK