



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 20, 2019**

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, August 20, 2019. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Betterton 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

August 20, 2019

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: 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 August 6, 2019, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve a contract with C&M Testing, LLC, to provide professional services necessary for independent construction materials testing services for the Singing River Statue project, in the estimated amount of \$1,185.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #939-48100, sponsored by Bill Batson.

- (d) Resolution to approve a contract with J. C. Hamm & Sons, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to replace a 20 ton HVAC cooling coil and condenser unit at the main office/lab building of the Wastewater Treatment Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$21,402.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #354.00 Structures and Improvements, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution to approve a contract with Stephen Matthews, d/b/a Matthews Tree Trimming Service, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove an oak tree at or near 909 Sherrod Avenue, in an amount not to exceed \$4,750.00, to be expensed to account #110-256-48100, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (f) Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the Chamber's Keep the Shoals's Beautiful Program, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (g) Resolution to appoint Shaler Roberts as a supernumerary member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments.
- (h) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to approve a purchase agreement between the City of Florence and TVA, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. **(This item was added to the regular agenda)**
- (b) Resolution to approve a vacation of a 10ft strip of land along Darby Drive, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. **(This item was added to the regular agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Grocery Store with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by ARAM GHASEMI POUR., d/b/a FLORENCE FOOD CENTER, located at 929 WEST COLLEGE STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution – Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a MICRO-DISTILLERY with on and off premises liquor by HIGH RIDGE SPIRITS LLC., d/b/a HIGH RIDGE SPIRITS, located at 1401 HUNTSVILLE ROAD, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (c) Board openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Scope 310	Reginald Owens	10/03/06	07/21/19
Tree Commission	2 - Vacancies		

14. Business from the public (5-minute time limit).

15. Council Members reports and/or comments (5-minute time limit).

- Council member Bradley
- Council member Edwards
- Council member Betterton
- Council member Simmons
- Council member Eubanks
- Council member Jordan
- Mayor Steve Holt

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to add Regular Agenda

12 (a) Resolution to approve an purchase agreement between the City of Florence and TVA, sponsored by Richard Morrissey and Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) Resolution to approve a vacation of a 10ft strip of land along Darby Drive, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.

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 presented a Commendation to John David Bailey. Commendation follows, to wit:

Mayor Holt noted that the unemployment rate in Florence is at 3.5%, which is an all-time low. Mayor Holt thanked the utility employees for work on the traffic light located at Mall Drive and Hough Road.

Mayor Holt reminded everyone that the Billy Reid Shindig is this weekend. Mayor Holt also noted that the City has seven new brick and mortar businesses.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

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 Eubanks 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 approve an purchase agreement between the City of Florence and TVA, sponsored by Richard Morrissey. 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 Edwards 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

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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 Bradley 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
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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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 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
Michelle Eubanks
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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

Ms. Karen Craft, 305 Regency Place, appeared and made comments regarding racism in Florence. Ms. Craft stated that she and her mother were leaving a local business when a greeter for the store asked to check a young black man's receipt. Ms. Craft further stated that her mother preceded to show the greeter her receipt and the greeter stated that she did not need to see her receipt. Ms. Craft also stated that she believes the greeter did not check her mother's receipt because they are white. Ms. Craft noted that racism still exists in our City.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Bradley thanked everyone for their attendance to tonight's meeting. Councilmember Bradley also thanked Ms. Craft for her comments. Councilmember Bradley noted that the roundabout in East Florence has worked out well.

Councilmember Edwards congratulated John David Bailey on his achievement.

Councilmember Betterton also congratulated John David Bailey.

Councilmember Simmons also thanked Ms. Craft for her comments. Councilmember Simmons expressed her appreciation to the Building, Street Departments and Parks & Recreation for their hard work.

Councilmember Eubanks welcomed UNA students coming in. Councilmember Eubanks also congratulated John David Bailey.

President Jordan also congratulated John David Bailey.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK