

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
May 7, 2013**

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 7, 2013. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Graham 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: Dave Smith, William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

AMENDED AGENDA
CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 7, 2013
5:00 P.M.

1. Meeting called to order - President
2. Invocation - Councilmember Graham
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 April 16, 2013 Meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with North Alabama Paving, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to seal and stripe the parking lot at Royal Avenue Recreation Center, in the amount of \$7,525.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, Municipal Capital Improvements, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Evans Awning Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to recover the existing canvas awning at the Pro Shop at Blackberry Trail Golf Course, in the amount of \$2,600.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117 Municipal Capital Improvements.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Rehrig Pacific Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to assemble and distribute 1200 recycling carts with the RFID system to City residents, in the amount of \$7,200.00, paid with ADEM Grant funds, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional services necessary to provide CE&I oversight to insure all requirements of the Alabama Department of Transportation are met for the Gerrard Drive Extension, in the amount of \$38,000.00, plus \$300.00 per day for every calendar day in excess of 75 contract calendar days, cost to be 100% reimbursed from SEDA, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with B. H. Craig Construction Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Wilson Lake Water Treatment Plant Improvements, in the amount of \$9,144,00.00, to be paid from the 2011 Warrant Issue funds, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (h) Resolution to approve a Release and Assignment to Capitol Insurance Companies in consideration of \$4,300.00, relative to Christopher Scott Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a America's Car Wash, sponsored by Vance Young.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the YMCA of the Shoals, Inc., to provide swimming lessons at the Royal Avenue swimming facility, YMCA will pay the City a \$5.00 per student facility use fee at the end of the term, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals Radio Group, Inc., to advertise and promote the City on the Fourth of July, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds 398-41112, sponsored by the City Council.
- (k) Resolution to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the University of North Alabama to support the Front Porch Storytelling Festival, in the amount of \$1,250.00 to be paid from the Mayor's Special Projects Fund 398-41111 and \$1,250.00 to be paid from the City Council's Special Projects Fund 398-41112, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (l) Resolution to appoint Morris Cracraft as a supernumerary member to the Board of Zoning Adjustments, sponsored by the City Council.
- (m) Resolution to appoint Robbie Hillis as a regular member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, sponsored by the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to appoint Deborah Coslow to the Florence Beautification Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to appoint Larry Coslow to the Florence Beautification Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Golden Construction Company to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for water main and sanitary sewer extensions for Gerrard Drive in the amount of \$140,725.80, sponsored by Mike Doyle. **(This item was added to the agenda)**

13. General Business:

(a) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Agri-Business Center	Vacant		
Civil Service Board	Vacancy		04/15
Riverbend Center	Vacancy	05/15/01	04/01/13

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

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

Councilmember Smith
Councilmember Graham
Councilmember Morris
Councilmember Edwards
Councilmember Betterton
Councilmember Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session today to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Golden Construction Company to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for water main and sanitary sewer extensions for Gerrard Drive in the amount of \$140,725.80, sponsored by Mike Doyle.

There being no further changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith
Hermon T. Graham
William D. Jordan
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock's comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing: None

Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent or Regular Agenda:

Mr. John Crowder, 421 Nottingham Road, appeared and made comments in support of Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Golden Construction Company to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for water main and sanitary sewer extensions for Gerrard Drive in the amount of \$140,725.80. Mr. Crowder asked for more details regarding the resolution since it was added to the agenda during the work session. City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, read the resolution in its entirety. Mr. Crowder stated that he is in approval of this item.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 721 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding board openings.

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 Graham seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Golden Construction Company to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for water main and sanitary sewer extensions for Gerrard Drive in the amount of \$140,725.80, sponsored by Mike Doyle. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

General Business:

(a) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

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

Mr. John Crowder, 421 Nottingham Road, appeared and made comments regarding phone solicitors that are associated with police and firefighters. Mr. Crowder stated that phone solicitor is usually a professional fund raiser. Mr. Crowder further stated that the public needs to do their

homework when making donations over the telephone.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 721 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding funds that the Mayor and Council appropriate to organizations. Mr. Simpson stated that Mayor Haddock and the City Council needs to make sure that the funds are going to worthwhile causes.

Mr. David Dorrah, 624 North Poplar Street, appeared and made comments in opposition to the Mayor and City Council appropriating funds to the University of North Alabama. Mr. Dorrah stated that he is opposed to appropriating funds to UNA, especially since the City would have to borrow the funds. Mr. Dorrah further stated that the City needs to take care of its own affairs and let UNA raise their own funds to build a new science building.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Smith stated that we need to keep moving forward.

Councilmember Graham stated that education is our number one tool for economic development. Councilmember Graham further stated that giving money to UNA is an investment not only in our community but also in our young people.

Councilmember Morris echoed Mr. Crowder's comments regarding telephone solicitors.

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding an open dialogue with the Lauderdale County Commission.

Councilmember Edwards echoed Councilmember Morris' comments regarding the City and County working together. Councilmember Edwards stated that there has been a lot of discussion regarding capital projects and that these decisions have not been taken lightly.

Councilmember Betterton thanked Shaler Roberts, Florence Housing Authority Director, and Shoals Community Clinic for their service to our citizens.

President Jordan noted that the Council decided to move the May 21 meeting to Tuesday, May 14 due to several Councilmembers attending an Alabama League of Municipalities meeting in Montgomery. President Jordan further noted that the work session will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the Council meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK