

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
May 14, 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 14, 2013. 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: Dave Smith, William D. Jordan, Hermon T. Graham, Barry Morris, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 2013

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President
 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 May 7, 2013 Meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with North Alabama Glass & Interiors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a glass wall and door at the north entrance of the Mayor/Council offices, in the amount of \$1,950.00, to be paid from budgeted Capital Municipal Improvements Fund, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to settle the claim filed by Roosevelt Carter in the amount of \$26,745.15, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (e) Resolution to appoint Elaine Gallien to the Riverbend Center for Mental Health-Board of Directors, sponsored by the City Council.

- (f) Resolution to appoint Roderick Dewayne Sheppard as a member of the Civil Service Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (g) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution establishing proposed capital projects and estimated costs to be funded by the proceeds of the City's proposed General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Council President Jordan.

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		
Scope 310	Reginald Owens	4/03/01	07/21/13
Scope 310	Karen Kennedy	12/07/10	07/21/13

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 asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Graham 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:

Utility Committee report follows, to wit

Public Hearing: None

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

Dr. William Cale, President University of North Alabama, appeared and made comments in support of the City appropriating three million dollars to UNA's new science and technology building. Dr. Cale's comments follow, to wit:

Mr. Andy Mann, Downtown Florence Unlimited, appeared and made comments in support Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution establishing proposed capital projects and estimated costs to be funded by the proceeds of the City's proposed General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Council President Jordan.

Mr. Norman Ross, 133 Cypress Bend Place, appeared and made comments in opposition to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution establishing proposed capital projects and estimated costs to be funded by the proceeds of the City's proposed General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Council President Jordan. Mr. Ross stated that he was opposed to the three million dollar appropriation to the University of North Alabama Science and Technology building.

Mr. Chip Flurnoy, Chairman of the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, appeared and presented a resolution encouraging the City Council to support the appropriation to UNA's Science and Technology Building. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Mr. John Hargett, 1406 North Wood Avenue, appeared and made comments in opposition to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution establishing proposed capital projects and estimated costs to be funded by the proceeds of the City's proposed General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Council President Jordan. Mr. Hargett presented Mayor Haddock and the City Council with a book entitled "The Law." Mr. Hargett encouraged the Council to vote against the appropriation to UNA.

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and made comments in opposition to Regular Agenda Item 12(a) Resolution establishing proposed capital projects and estimated costs to be funded by the proceeds of the City's proposed General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Council President Jordan. Mr. Smoak stated that the Alabama House of Representatives added eight hundred thousand dollars to UNA. Mr. Smoak asked was this addition taken into consideration when the decision was made to appropriate three million dollars to UNA. Mr. Smoak further stated that he feels strongly that President Jordan should abstain from voting on this issue due to Mrs. Jordan being a member of the Board of Directors at UNA.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 721 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments in support of Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Resolution establishing proposed capital projects and estimated costs to be funded by the proceeds of the City's proposed General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Council President Jordan. Mr. Simpson stated that the appropriation to UNA is an investment in our City.

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 Smith 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 establishing proposed capital projects and estimated costs to be funded by the proceeds of the City's proposed General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Council President Jordan. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Morris 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 Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Betterton made comments in favor of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Morris made comments in favor of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Morris' comments follow, to wit:

Councilmember Graham stated that if you don't try, then you will not gain.

Councilmember Edwards made comments in support of the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Edwards stated that he put a lot of thought into these projects and that the pros far outweigh the cons regarding UNA.

President Jordan made comments in support of the proposed resolution. President Jordan stated that this Council gave a lot of thought to all of these projects. President Jordan further stated that these projects will have a tremendous economic impact on our City and so much more.

There being no further 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. Norman Ross, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and made comments in opposition to the appropriation to the UNA Science and Technology Building.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 721 West Alabama Street, appeared and thanked the Council for their approval of the Capital projects and for moving this City forward.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Smith noted that a Memorial Day program honoring our Service men and women will be May 27th at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Park.

Councilmember Graham thanked everyone in attendance. Councilmember Graham again stated that if we don't try, we will not gain.

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding General Eisenhower.

Councilmember Edwards stated that he is excited about seeing each one of these projects come to fruition and that it is an exciting time for our City.

Councilmember Betterton thanked Dr. Womack and the Board of Education for hosting the Mayor and City Council last week in their new offices on the 6th floor of the Government Building.

Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding the capital projects. Councilmember Betterton stated that this was not his decision but it was our decision. Councilmember Betterton thanked the Downtown Florence Unlimited, the University of North Alabama and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce for their attendance tonight.

President Jordan reminded everyone that "Arts Alive" is this weekend along with the UNA Storytelling Festival. President Jordan invited everyone to come out for the festivities.

President Jordan also reminded everyone that the next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 4th.

Councilmember Graham noted that three local area baseball teams are competing for State Championships. Councilmember Graham further noted that the teams are from Brooks High School, Shoals Christian School and Mars Hill School.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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