

**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
October 1, 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, October 1, 2013. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Morris 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

October 1, 2013

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Morris
 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 September 17, 2013 meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins & Associates, Inc., to provide professional civil engineering services to provide a boundary and topographic survey of the proposed garage addition to the Electricity Warehouse Complex, in the amount of \$3,700.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #360 Land and Land Rights, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with United Power Services, Inc., to provide professional services to provide laboratory testing of transformer insulating fluids and on-site sampling for the Electricity Department, to be paid according to a fee schedule from budgeted funds, Account #923 Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.

- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with WPI Roofing & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to perform general demolition, concrete and asphalt, framing and rough carpentry, landscaping, window reglazing and repair, window replacement, and soffit, fascia, and gutter work for the property located at 1101 Bellmeade Avenue, in the amount of \$10,320.48, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Program funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
 - (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with WPI Roofing & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to perform general demolition, drywall, finish carpentry/trim work, insulation, light fixtures, painting, roofing, and window replacement for the property located at 678 Sannoner Avenue, in the amount of \$11,403.26, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Program funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
 - (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with WPI Roofing & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to perform general demolition, finish carpentry/trim work, framing and rough carpentry, painting, roofing, and soffit, fascia, and gutter work for the property located at 317 Enterprise Street, in the amount of \$5,299.92, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Program fund, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
 - (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with MPE, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace the sanitary sewer from the City main with Schedule 40 PVC to the house for the property located at 104 White Street, in the amount of \$4,500.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant Program funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
 - (i) Resolution to approve an Amendment to Business Associate Agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama regarding new privacy and security rules and regulations, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
 - (j) Resolution authorizing the City to settle the claim filed against the City by State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company for an amount not to exceed \$22,885.61, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
 - (k) Resolution authorizing the City to submit a grant application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Law Enforcement Planning, under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (P.O. 90-351 as amended), for financial aid to combat rising crime, improve the criminal justice system, and assist victims of crime and assist in the problems of juvenile justice, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
 - (l) Resolution to advance and reimburse Travel Expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
12. Regular Agenda:
- (a) Ordinance to approve the partial vacation of an easement on Lot 4, Florence Mall Subdivision, as requested by Hull Storey Florence, LLC, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
13. General Business:
- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the following sums for the General Fund Budget, reflecting projected revenues of \$53,533,195 and projected expenses of \$53,509,927 for fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.
 - (b) Resolution approving the seventeen (17) various Special Fund Budgets, in the amount of \$38,965,025, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the following sums for the Solid Waste Fund Budget, reflecting projected revenues of \$6,017,458 and projected expenses of \$5,677,533 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.
- (d) Resolution approving an amendment to the 2013-14 Electricity Department budget to conform to the proposed General Fund budget, sponsored by Richard Morrissey and Vance Young.
- (e) Resolution approving an amendment to the 2013-14 Gas Department budget to conform to the proposed General Fund budget, sponsored by Mike Doyle and Vance Young.
- (f) Resolution approving an amendment to the 2013-14 Water Department budget to conform to the proposed General Fund budget, sponsored by Mike Doyle and Vance Young.
- (g) 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		
Beautification Board	Dee Hubbert	07/17/01	11/01/13
	Eva Scull	05/20/08	11/01/13
	3- Vacancies		
Housing & Construction Codes Appeal Board	E. B. Norton	09/06/05	09/30/13
	Jason B. Lenz	09/06/05	09/30/13
Parks and Recreation	Randy Chapin	12/19/06	10/30/13
	Rick Collins	02/02/93	10/30/13
Regional Library Board	Vacant		
Scope 310	Reginald Owens	04/03/01	07/21/13
	Karen Kennedy	12/07/10	07/21/13
Tree	Bryan Miller	08/21/07	11/03/13
	1- Vacancy		

- 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 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 presented a Proclamation to Mr. Don Rohling of N.A.M.I. designating October 6-12 as “Mental Illness Awareness” week.

Mayor Haddock invited everyone to come out this Friday, October 4th, for “First Friday”.

Report of Department Heads:

Melissa Bailey, Planning/Community Development Director, appeared and stated that the second phase of the West Florence Sidewalk Improvement program will begin next Monday, October 7th.

Fire Chief Willett appeared and stated that in honor of October being “Breast Cancer Awareness” month, the Fire Department is selling pink t-shirts to raise money for breast cancer research.

Report of Standing Committee:

President Jordan, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, and Councilmember Smith, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, reports 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 Graham 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: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to approve the partial vacation of an easement on Lot 4, Florence Mall Subdivision, as requested by Hull Storey Florence, LLC, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Graham 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 Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Councilmember Smith 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the following sums for the General Fund Budget, reflecting projected revenues of \$53,533,195 and projected expenses of \$53,509,927 for fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Graham 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 Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham thanked Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger, Chief Accountant/Treasurer, for their hard work on this budget. Councilmember Graham stated that he was glad that a two percent raise was included for all City employees.

President Jordan stated that Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger had spent several months working on this budget.

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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution approving the seventeen (17) various Special Fund Budgets, in the amount of \$38,965,025, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Betterton 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 Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan made comments in support of the proposed resolution.

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
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Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the following sums for the Solid Waste Fund Budget, reflecting projected revenues of \$6,017,458 and projected expenses of \$5,677,533 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Betterton 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 Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan made comments in support of the proposed resolution.

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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution approving an amendment to the 2013-14 Electricity Department budget to conform to the proposed General Fund budget, sponsored by Richard Morrissey and Vance Young. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Morris 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 Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham stated that the purpose of the amendments are to provide 2 percent raise for all Utility Department employees.

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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution approving an amendment to the 2013-14 Gas Department budget to conform to the proposed General Fund budget, sponsored by Mike Doyle and Vance Young. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Graham 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 Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Smith 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution approving an amendment to the 2013-14 Water Department budget to conform to the proposed General Fund budget, sponsored by Mike Doyle and Vance Young. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Betterton 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
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Noes: None

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding the Federal Government shut down. Mr. Simpson stated that City Government must carry on.

Ms. Autumn Blasingame, 9811 County Road 15, volunteer at the Senior Citizen Center, appeared and made comments in support of constructing a new Senior Center.

Mr. Roderick Shephard, 121 Whisperwood Trail, appeared made comments regarding the Cox Creek Parkway & Jackson Road intersection. Mr. Shephard stated that his concern was for safety and ask if a traffic light could be installed at this intersection.

Ms. Anna Broadfoot, 102 East Oakhill Drive, appeared and made comments regarding an editorial written by Charlotte Manis.

Mr. Gary Brown, 3271 Old Chisholm Road, appeared and made comments in support of a new Senior Center. Mr. Brown stated that the City needs to build a new facility.

Council Reports and/or Comments:

Councilmember Smith reiterated the minutes from the Safety Committee meeting.

Councilmember Graham thanked the Fire Department for their efforts.

Councilmember Morris had no comments.

Councilmember Edwards noted that the Shoals Community Clinic will have a community health fair on November 4th and 6th.

Councilmember Edwards stated that the City of Florence has been recognized as a top ten small town to live. Councilmember Edwards further stated that this Council needs to do the right thing for our Seniors.

Councilmember Betterton thanked Mr. Shepard for his comments regarding a traffic light at the corner of Cox Creek Parkway/Jackson Road. Councilmember Betterton also thanked Ms. Beth Haynes, American Cancer Society, for her hard work regarding the fight against cancer. Councilmember Betterton stated that his wife has been cancer free for a number of years now.

Councilmember Smith made comments regarding the closing of W. C. Handy Head Start program due to the Government shut down.

Councilmember Graham thanked members of the Florence Police Department for taking care of us.

President Jordan had no comments.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

