



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 2015**

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 12, 2015. 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 five 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, and Andrew Betterton. Blake Edwards was absent.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation
 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 5, 2015, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Consultant Services Agreement with Custom Engineering Solutions, Inc., to provide engineering services for the Florence Electricity Department, to be paid according to a fee schedule from budgeted funds, Account #923.00 Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Professional Consulting Agreement with Payne Management, Inc., to provide DOT Pipeline Regulatory Compliance services for the Florence Gas Department, to be paid according to a fee schedule from budgeted funds, Account #928.00 Regulatory Commission Expense, sponsored by Mike Doyle
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement for Utility and Construction, Project No. STPOA-3915(), with the Alabama Department of Transportation for Widening Rickwood Road from Railroad to Chisholm Road, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Kennedy-Douglass Volunteers, Inc., to conduct the Arts Alive Festival in Wilson Park during the month of May 2015, in the amount of \$1,500.00, \$750.00 to be paid from the Mayor's Special Projects Account #398-41111 and \$750.00 to be paid from the Council's Special Projects Account #398-41112, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (g) Resolution to reappoint Betty M. Robertson to the Riverbend Center for Mental Health - Board of Directors, sponsored by the City Council.
- (h) Resolution to reappoint Margaret Lobo to the Lauderdale County Regional Library Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (i) Resolution to appoint James Thompson to the Florence Parks and Recreation Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (j) Resolution to appoint Debra Bell Paseur to the Civil Service Board, sponsored by the City Council.

12. Regular 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>
Beautification	Vacancy		
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
Zoning	Brad Dethero	06/21/11	05/17/15
	Ry Griffin	12/18/12	05/17/15
	Morris Cracraft	05/07/13	05/17/15

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

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

- Council member Edwards
- Council member Betterton
- Council member Smith
- Council member Graham
- Council member Morris
- Council member Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Graham moved for approval of the agenda. 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
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock noted the “Front Porch Storytelling” festival is happening this week. Mayor Haddock further noted that “Arts Alive” will take place on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 and that “Armed Forces” day is also Saturday, May 16.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the week of May 16 thru May 22, 2015 as “Safe Boating” week. The Proclamation was presented to Mr. Ray Styles, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing: None

Business from the Floor Pertaining to Items on the Consent Ordinance 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
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

General Business:

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

Mr. Ray Grissom, Downtown Florence Unlimited, appeared and thanked Mayor Haddock and the City Council for the recent improvements in the Florence Parking Deck.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Smith had no comments.

Councilmember Graham had no comments.

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding charities. Councilmember Morris stated that he had recently received a request to support the National Breast Cancer Research Center. Councilmember Morris noted that he checked online with Charity Navigator and that only 3.9 percent of the money collected last year actually went to research. Councilmember Morris encouraged everyone to check out any charity before sending them money.

President Jordan thanked Mr. Ray Styles for his attendance to tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Graham presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK