



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
June 16, 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, June 16, 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 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

JUNE 16, 2015

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:
 - (a) Proposed amendment to the Code of Florence, Alabama, Appendix C. Zoning, Sec. III, District Regulations; Subsection (F) Chart of Permitted Uses, to add taxi and limousine service in the Sweetwater District (SD Zone).
 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 June 2, 2015, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Bee Brothers Builders to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the Garden Wall at the Frank Lloyd Wright/Rosenbaum House in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, to be paid from a grant awarded by the Alabama Historical Commission, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with JC Hamm & Sons, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the replacement of a second 1.5 ton split heat pump at the Frank Lloyd Wright/Rosenbaum House (Guest Room area) in the amount of \$2,697.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #43600-266, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Diversified Inspections/Independent Testing Labs, Inc., for inspection and nondestructive testing requirements for the Fire Department to include 3 aerial ladder/platform trucks and 571' of ground ladders in the amount of \$2,833.88, to be expensed to Account #1047-42200, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with CJF Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a storm sewer from Clearwater Drive to Nance Street, east of College Terrace, in the amount of \$92,362.36, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ronnie Gist, d/b/a Gist Excavating, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to demolish the structures, properly dispose of the debris and level the lots at 1124 East Bluff Street, 110 South Franklin Street and 306 South Magnolia Street in the amount of \$11,200.00, to be paid from budgeted Community Development Block Grant funds, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (h) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to amend the Code of Florence, Alabama, Appendix C. Zoning, Sec. III, District Regulations; Subsection (F) Chart of Permitted Uses, to add taxi and limousine service in the Sweetwater District (SD Zone).

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution approving the operating budgets of the Gas Department and the Water and Wastewater Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Mike Doyle and Vance Young.
- (b) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Beautification	Vacancy		
Riverbend	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 Smith
Council member Graham
Council member Morris
Council member Edwards
Council member Betterton
Council member 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 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

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock was out of town.

Report of Department Heads:

Chief Tyler presented a "Police Medal" to Officer Bill White in recognition for his hard work organizing fund-raising events for our community. Chief Tyler noted that Officer White has raised more than seventy thousand dollars for Special Olympics.

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing:

President Jordan noted that this is the date and time advertised for a public hearing regarding the proposed amendment to the Code of Florence, Alabama, Appendix C. Zoning, Sec. III, District Regulations; Subsection (F) Chart of Permitted Uses, to add taxi and limousine service in the Sweetwater District (SD Zone).

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, appeared and noted that the proposed amendment was unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission.

There being no comments from the public or the City Council, President Jordan closed the public hearing.

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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to amend the Code of Florence, Alabama, Appendix C. Zoning, Sec. III, District Regulations; Subsection (F) Chart of Permitted Uses, to add taxi and limousine service in the Sweetwater District (SD Zone). Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that the Florence Planning Commission had a public hearing previously for this proposed amendment and that there were no oppositions at that time.

Councilmember Graham made comments in support of the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Graham thanked Mr. Carbine for his improvements in East Florence.

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 operating budgets of the Gas Department and the Water and Wastewater Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Mike Doyle and Vance Young. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Morris 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 Ordinance.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that the proposed budgets have been reviewed by the Utilities Committee and recommended to the full Council for approval.

Councilmember Graham noted that the proposed budgets were very well prepared.

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

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

Ms. Paula Hammond, 15300 County Road 2, Florence, AL, appeared and made comments regarding the proposed building of a new animal shelter. Ms. Hammond stated that the workers and volunteers at the Animal Shelter are doing all they can to keep openings for new animals and that everyone is frustrated because the ground breaking for the new shelter has not taken place.

President Jordan stated that the City has budgeted two million dollars and Lauderdale County one million for a new animal shelter.

Mr. Jimmy Carbine, appeared and thanked the Council for approving the amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow taxis, limousine service in the Sweetwater District. Mr. Carbine expressed his appreciation for the Council working together.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Smith thanked the Utility Workers for their hard work during a recent thunderstorm.

Councilmember Graham commended Officer White for his fund-raising efforts. Councilmember Graham further noted that he appreciates the people who work at the Animal Shelter. Councilmember Graham also thanked Utility Workers, Street Department Employees and others for their hard work.

Councilmember Morris asked Ms. Hammond to keep holding this Council's feet to the fire regarding the building of a new animal shelter.

Councilmember Edwards also thanked the City Employees for their hard work during the recent storm that passed through our area. Councilmember Edwards also commended Officer White for his efforts.

Councilmember Edwards made comments regarding the proposed animal shelter. Councilmember Edwards stated that this Council is going to do it right.

Councilmember Betterton asked the citizens to be responsible and take care of your yards.

Councilmember Betterton stated that he is committed to a first-class animal shelter and that building a dog park is waiting on the new animal shelter.

President Jordan noted that there are discussions going on about the best location for a new animal shelter.

President Jordan thanked Mr. Carbine for what he is doing in Florence. President Jordan noted that there are a lot of good, positive things happening in Florence. President Jordan also thanked the Utility Workers and Street Department Employees for their hard work.

Councilmember Graham presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK