



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 6, 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, October 6, 2015. 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

OCTOBER 6, 2015

5:00 P.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 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 September 15, 2015, meeting.

- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
 - (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with CJF Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace approximately 1100 linear feet of failing water main in the 200 block of Burgess Street and the 100-200 blocks of Burrell Street, in the amount of \$34,230.00, to be paid from budgeted FY 16 funds, Account #331.10 - Distribution of Mains and Appurtenances, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
 - (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Garver, LLC, for professional inspection services related to the natural gas line during the blasting and repainting operations for the O'Neal Bridge repair and rehabilitation project, in the estimated amount of \$25,000.00, to be paid from the Gas Department's budgeted expense funds, Account #923.00 - Outside Services, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
 - (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair and/or replace light switches, EXIT and EMERGENCY signs, and perform other necessary work in the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$2,250.70, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810 - Building Maintenance Fund, sponsored by Gary Williamson. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d))**
 - (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Hugh L. Coffee for professional tactical combatant casualty care training for the Florence Police Department personnel, in the amount of \$1,000.00, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
 - (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Robert W. Whitten Architect, LLC, for full architectural design services for a new metal shelter at the Recycling Center, at a cost of 8% of the construction cost, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-43125, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (e))**
 - (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Ozark Museum of Natural History to design, fabricate, deliver and install natural history models and exhibits at the proposed Indian Mound Museum, in the amount of \$300,000.00, to be paid with General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013 funds, sponsored by Todd Nix.
 - (i) Resolution to approve the attached State of Alabama Home Energy Supplier Agreement between the City of Florence and ADECA, to participate in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, sponsored by Vance Young.
 - (j) Resolution to approve the attached Agreement between the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments, Area Agency on Aging and the City of Florence, to provide meals for senior citizens, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
 - (k) Resolution to reappoint Brad Haddock to the Shoals Economic Development Authority, sponsored by the City Council.
 - (l) Resolution to reappoint Bud Ward to the Shoals Economic Development Authority, sponsored by the City Council.
 - (m) Resolution to appoint Billy Ray Simpson to the Florence Parks and Recreation Board, sponsored by the City Council.
 - (n) 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, as amended, Article IV of Chapter 4 - Licensing, regarding pet licenses, sponsored by Vinny Grosso. **(This item was removed)**
 - (b) Ordinance to amend the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, to add Chapter 4, Section 4-78 - Tethering, regarding tethering of dogs and/or cats, sponsored by Vinny Grosso. **(This item was removed)**
 - (c) Resolution to approve animal adoption fees and regulations for the Florence - Lauderdale Animal Shelter, sponsored by Vinny Grosso. **(This item was removed)**

- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair and/or replace light switches, EXIT and EMERGENCY signs, and perform other necessary work in the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$2,250.70, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810 - Building Maintenance Fund, sponsored by Gary Williamson. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (e))**
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Robert W. Whitten Architect, LLC, for full architectural design services for a new metal shelter at the Recycling Center, at a cost of 8% of the construction cost, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-43125, sponsored by David Koonce. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (g))**
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Smith General Contractors, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the construction of the Indian Mound Museum, in the amount of \$1,279,000.00, to be paid from General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013-B Funds, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to approve the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.
- (b) Resolution to approve the Solid Waste Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.
- (c) Resolution to approve the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger.
- (d) Resolution to approve the Electricity Department Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Vance Young, and Richard Morrissey.
- (e) Resolution to amend the General Obligation Warrant Series 2013-B capital budget adopted on May 14, 2013 and amended February 17, 2015, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (f) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Beautification Vacancy	Scott Townsend	12/07/10	11/01/15
	Susan Burdine	12/01/09	11/01/15
	Virginia Reed Gooch	12/18/12	11/01/15
	Susan Williams	12/18/12	11/01/15
Historical Board	Vacancy		
Housing/Const	Adam Burchell	06/19/12	09/30/15
	Jack Reid	09/06/05	09/30/15
	William Wynne	09/06/05	09/30/15
	Thomas Pigg	09/06/05	09/30/15
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster Vacancy	08/21/12	07/21/15
Tree Commission	Lavetta Adams	01/02/07	11/03/15
	Nancy Muse	05/01/07	11/03/15
	Kevin Jangaard	09/16/08	11/03/15

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to make the following changes to tonight's agenda:

Consent Agenda Item 11 (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair and/or replace light switches, EXIT and EMERGENCY signs, and perform other necessary work in the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$2,250.70, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810 - Building Maintenance Fund was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (d).

Consent Agenda Item 11 (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Robert W. Whitten Architect, LLC, for full architectural design services for a new metal shelter at the Recycling Center, at a cost of 8% of the construction cost, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-43125 was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (e).

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Smith General Contractor, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to construct the Indian Mound Museum, in the amount of \$1,279,000.00, to be paid from General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013-B funds was added to the Regular Agenda Item 12 (f).

Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) Ordinance to amend the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, Article IV of Chapter 4 - Licensing, regarding pet licenses, Regular Agenda Item 12(b) Ordinance to amend the Code of Florence, Alabama, as amended, to add Chapter 4, Section 4-78 - Tethering, regarding tethering of dogs and/or cats and Regular Agenda Item 12(c) Resolution to approve animal adoption fees and regulations for the Florence - Lauderdale Animal Shelter was removed from tonight's agenda.

There being no further changes, President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Betterton moved for approval of the amended agenda. 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

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock's comments follow, to wit:

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Graham's Utility Committee report follows, to wit:

President Jordan, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, noted that the Finance Committee met on September 20 and in attendance were Mayor Haddock, Dan Barger, Councilmember Morris, Councilmember Edwards and Robert Palmer. President Jordan further noted that Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger presented the general fund budget to the committee. President Jordan stated that after reviewing the budget and much discussion, it was decided to recommend the budget to the full Council for approval. President Jordan extended his appreciation to Dan Barger and Mayor Haddock for their hard work.

Councilmember Smith, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, noted that the committee recently met to discuss changes regarding pet licenses. Councilmember Smith noted that the committee will meet again to make further clarifications to the ordinance.

Public Hearing: None

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

Mr. James Bankston, 1870 Randolph Street, appeared and made comments in opposition to building the new animal shelter on Fairgrounds Road. Mr. Bankston comments follow, to wit:

Consent Agenda:

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items. Councilmember Smith 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 Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair and/or replace light switches, EXIT and EMERGENCY signs, and perform other necessary work in the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$2,250.70, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810 - Building Maintenance Fund, sponsored by Gary Williamson. 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 Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Edwards 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

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Robert W. Whitten Architect, LLC, for full architectural design services for a new metal shelter at the Recycling Center, at a cost of 8% of the construction cost, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-43125, sponsored by David Koonce. 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 Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris made comments in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Morris stated that he moved the resolution from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda so that he may vote against 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
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: Barry Morris

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Smith General Contractors, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the construction of the Indian Mound Museum, in the amount of \$1,279,000.00, to be paid from General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013-B Funds, sponsored by Todd Nix. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Edwards 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.

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 to approve the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham 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 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 to approve the Solid Waste Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger. 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.

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris comments follow, to wit:

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

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

Noes: Barry Morris

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented Resolution to approve the Special Fund Budgets for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and Dan Barger. 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 Smith 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the Electricity Department Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock, Vance Young, and Richard Morrissey. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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 Betterton 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 to amend the General Obligation Warrant Series 2013-B capital budget adopted on May 14, 2013 and amended February 17, 2015, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. 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 moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Morris made comments in support of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Morris stated that this resolution is amending funds so some projects can be completed. Councilmember Morris further stated that the Streetscape project is over budget due to engineering costs and designs. Councilmember Morris stated that the City negotiated with the engineering firm and were able to reduce the cost so that the Streetscape project came in within the budget so far. Councilmember Morris further stated that he supports amending the Streetscape budget so that the Indian Museum can proceed. Councilmember Morris stated that there are still funds to proceed with the building of the new Animal Shelter.

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

Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
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	Susan Williams	12/18/12	11/01/15
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	Jack Reid	09/06/05	09/30/15
	William Wynne	09/06/05	09/30/15
	Thomas Pigg	09/06/05	09/30/15
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Vacancy		
Tree Commission	Lavetta Adams	01/02/07	11/03/15
	Nancy Muse	05/01/07	11/03/15
	Kevin Jangaard	09/16/08	11/03/15

President Jordan noted that the four members of the Beautification Board and Housing and Construction Board whose terms are expiring have been reappointed to those boards. President Jordan further noted that at the previous work session Mr. Uhland Redd was nominated for the Historical Board and his appointment will be on the next City Council Agenda.

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

Mr. Dan Summy, Vice-President of Paws, 124 County Road 28, appeared and made comments regarding the construction of a new animal shelter. Mr. Summy stated that the Florence/Lauderdale Public Library and the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Office shows that our community places great importance to the services that they provide our citizens and visitors. Mr. Summy further stated that the City must build a new shelter that would provide programs and education for all pet owners in the City and Lauderdale County. Mr. Summy stated that in order to have a successful animal shelter, it must begin with the City Council and the Lauderdale County Commission. Mr. Summy further stated that a new shelter will bring about new areas of progress regarding the treatment and care of animals in our community.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Morris noted that October is “Breast Cancer Awareness” month. Councilmember Morris encouraged everyone who donates to charitable organizations to check charitynavigator.com to make sure the charity is legitimate.

Councilmember Morris congratulated Florence/Lauderdale Tourism and Alison Stanfield for their recent awards.

Councilmember Edwards noted that Florence is a special place to live. Councilmember Betterton stated that the new Indian Mound Museum will be something that the citizens can be very proud of. Councilmember Edwards further stated that we sometimes take for granted the services that are provided in Florence.

Councilmember Betterton stated that the City is building an “animal shelter not a “dog pound”.

Councilmember Smith also noted that October is “Breast Cancer Awareness” month.

Councilmember Smith thanked citizens for their input and also thanked City employees for their hard work.

Councilmember Graham thanked everyone for being here tonight. Councilmember Graham also thanked Councilmember Smith for his leadership dealing with Animal Control issues.

Councilmember Graham congratulated everyone who was honored tonight. Councilmember Graham encouraged everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

President Jordan noted that Fire Chief Jeff Perkins and others from the Florence Fire Department were in attendance tonight.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK