



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 15, 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, December 15, 2015. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Edwards 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

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5:00 P.M.

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

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with The Lamar Companies, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the renewal of two billboards and vinyl's that are utilized for the dissemination of information to the public by the Florence Utilities Gas Department, in the amount of \$72,3305.00 for a thirty nine (39) month period, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #913.00 - Information/Educational Expense, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution to approve the attached Water Purchase Agreement between the City of Florence and Greenhill Water & Fire Protection Authority for a contract term beginning December 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Johnson & Associates, Inc., for additional professional engineering services for the Sweetwater Roundabout Project area, in the amount of \$5,670.00, to be paid from Fund 193-2013-B G.O. Warrant Fund (939-48128 Streetscape Royal Avenue/Huntsville Road), sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City enter into a contract with AT&T, Inc., for At&T Switched Ethernet Network Service, SIP Trunking Service (IP Flexible Reach Service) and Managed Internet Service, in the amount of \$13, 460.30, to be paid by Utilities and General Fund, sponsored by Steve Price.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Bagby Elevator Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a new hydraulic flex hose on the elevator in the Downtown parking Deck, in the amount of \$1,400.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-48101 - Repairs & Maintenance, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (h) Resolution to approve the attached contract between the City of Florence and Thomson Reuters to provide Code of Alabama updates and replacement volumes and computer legal research services, in the amount of \$5,699.28 annually, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (i) Resolution to approve the Release and Assignment from the City of Florence to Old Republic Surety Company, in consideration of the payment to the City in the amount of \$3,409.48, relative to Daigle's Dine & Drive, sponsored by Vance Young.
- (j) Resolution to approve the attached proposal for a one year health insurance policy covering excess loss, Option 2, said coverage to be effective January 1, 2016, from Blue Cross of Alabama, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (k) Resolution to settle the claim filed against the City by Tennessee Farmers Mutual Insurance Company (subrogation for Mayren Jean Reed) for an amount not to exceed \$11,985.36, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (l) Resolution to approve a contract with Cramer Children's Center, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (m) Resolution to approve a contract with Downtown Florence Unlimited, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by Mayor Haddock and the City Council.
- (n) Resolution to reappoint Virginia Reed Gooch as a member of the Beautification Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to reappoint W. Scott Townsend as a member of the Beautification Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to reappoint Susan Williams as a member of the Beautification Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (q) Resolution to reappoint Robert S. Steen as a member of the Historical Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (r) Resolution to reappoint Lavetta Adams as a member of the Tree Commission, sponsored by the City Council.

- (s) Resolution to reappoint Kevin Jangaard as a member of the Tree Commission, sponsored by the City Council.
- (t) Resolution to reappoint Nancy Muse as a member of the Tree Commission, sponsored by the City Council.
- (u) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol License Application for a Special Event called an evening with Chris Tompkins and guests, with On-Premises Liquor-Beer-Wine, by On The Rocks, LLC, to take place on Saturday, January 9th, 2016, located at 310 N. PINE STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution - Alcohol License Application for a Microbrewery/Winery (Manufacturer, for State Purposes) with On-Premises Beer-Wine and Off - Premises Wine, by SINGIN' RIVER BREWING COMPANY LLC, d/b/a SINGIN' RIVER BREWING COMPANY, located at 526 EAST COLLEGE STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (c) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Beautification Vacancy			
Historical	Kenneth Johnson	03/24/09	12/17/15
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
Parks & Rec	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster Vacancy	08/21/12	07/21/15

- 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 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
 William D. Jordan
 Hermon T. Graham

Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock made comments regarding the Harlon Hill Trophy. Mayor Haddock noted that efforts are being made to keep the Harlon Hill Trophy Presentation in Florence. Mayor Haddock thanked the City employees for their hard work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

President Jordan, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, made comments regarding Consent Agenda Item 11 (j) Resolution to approve the attached proposal for a one year health insurance policy covering excess loss, Option 2, said coverage to be effective January 1, 2016, from Blue Cross of Alabama, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan. President Jordan stated that the City has reached an agreement with Blue Cross for a policy covering excess loss.

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 Betterton moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

Discussion:

President Jordan made general comments regarding the agreement with Blue Cross.

Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
Barry Morris
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Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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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 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 - Alcohol License Application for a Microbrewery/Winery (Manufacturer, for State Purposes) with On-Premises Beer-Wine and Off-Premises Wine, by SINGIN' RIVER BREWING COMPANY LLC, d/b/a SINGIN' RIVER BREWING COMPANY, located at 526 EAST COLLEGE STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton 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 Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Morris seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan

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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	Vacancy		

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

Ms. Susan Goode, 1025 Olive Street, appeared and made comments regarding a tennis complex. Ms. Goode stated that she has concerns regarding the City giving two million dollars to a Holding Company to update the Conference Center. Ms. Goode further stated that she would like to see the money put toward building a tennis complex.

Mr. Marty Abrams, 1025 Olive Street, appeared and also made comments regarding the need for a new tennis complex. Mr. Abrams stated that he would like to see Tourism, the City and UNA sit back down and revisit the Veterans Park project.

Mr. Mark Spry, Nottingham Road, appeared and also made comments in favor of the City building a tennis complex.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Morris made comments regarding the building of a new tennis complex. Councilmember Morris noted that he would need to do a lot research before agreeing to spend six million dollars for a tennis complex. Councilmember Morris further noted that Dr. Bronner, RSA, did not want to build tennis courts in Veterans Park.

Councilmember Morris wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Councilmember Edwards asked that everyone remember the true meaning of this holiday season. Councilmember Edwards also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Councilmember Betterton made comments regarding Veterans Park. Councilmember Betterton stated that he wants two million dollars to go into Veterans Park.

Councilmember Betterton thanked Mr. McCollum and Mr. Hargrove with AT&T for their work bringing fiber optics to the Lauderdale Industrial Park, Colbert Industrial Park and Rogersville Industrial Park.

Councilmember Betterton asked everyone to be careful during this holiday season.

Councilmember Smith wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Councilmember Graham thanked those in attendance tonight. Councilmember Graham stated that he does not want money to be taken from Veterans Park and that he is in full support for a development in the park.

President Jordan also thanked everyone in attendance tonight. President Jordan noted that the City, Florence/Lauderdale Tourism and thr University of North Alabama need to work together.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK