



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 2016**

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, April 5, 2016. 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

APRIL 5, 2016

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:
 - (a) Proposed rezoning of 2.3 acres located on Sweetwater Avenue South of the Residence Inn from B-2/CO (General Business District with conditions) to B-2 (General Business District) as requested by New Birth Ministries.
 - (b) Proposed rezoning of 3327 Florence Boulevard from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-1H (Neighborhood Business High Impact District) as requested by Henry King.
 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 March 15, 2016, meeting.

- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with The Carpet Store, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace flooring in designated offices on the second and third floors of the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$20,280.30, to be paid from Gas Department's budgeted funds, Account #390.00 - Structures & Improvements, with the Water Department, Utility Controller Department and IS Department reimbursing their prorated share to the Gas Department, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shotcrete of America, LLC, to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to replace approximately 1600 (sixteen hundred) linear feet of failing water main with 3" PVC and the transfer of all affected side lines or service connections in the 600-700 block of South Plum Street, 1100-1200 block of East Bluff Street and 600 block of South Sycamore Street, on distribution mains and appurtenances, in the amount of \$38,100.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #330.00 - Distribution Mains and Appurtenances, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to apply for grant funding under EDA's FY 2016 Economic Development Assistance Program for installation of water and sewer infrastructure to serve the new North Alabama Medical Center, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Alabama Cleaning Service, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the janitorial service for the Electricity Department Office/Warehouse Complex, in the amount of \$2,075.00 per month, \$0.30 per square foot to strip and wax vinyl floors, and \$0.20 per square foot to steam clean carpets, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Bigbee Steel Buildings, Inc., to provide labor, materials and other incidentals necessary for the installation of a metal overhang for the landfill garage, in the amount of \$12,910.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (h) Resolution to approve the donation of four recycling trailers to Pickens County, Alabama, for use in its recycling program, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with James E. Alexander Land Surveying, LLC, to provide GPS and Robotic surveying technologies for dedicating approximately 1/4 mile right of way and producing a topographic map at the Florence/Lauderdale County Port, in the amount of \$6,790.00, to be paid from budgeted Special Project Fund 398-43110 and reimbursed by SEDA, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with White, Lynn, Collins and Associates, Inc., to provide the necessary construction engineering and inspection on the ALDOT Project No. ACBRZ61358-ATRP(014)(BIN 11874) Bridge Rehabilitation on Jackson Road, in the amount of \$35,604.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 188, Account #954-48141 with 80% reimbursement from Federal Funds, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with TerraXplorations, Inc., to provide additional archaeological investigations to the Phase I Cultural Resources Survey for the proposed Florence Roundabout Project (ACAA61359-ATRP(014), for the mitigation of the trolley tracks on Huntsville Road, to be paid from budgeted Fund 193, Account #954-48128, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with The Carpet Store, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace flooring in two (2) designated offices of the Police Department, in the amount of \$1,398.54, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #42100-266 - Building Maintenance, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (m) Resolution to approve the contract among the City of Florence, Lauderdale County, and Shoals Ambulance, Inc., to provide ambulance services in accordance with the specifications of the bid, sponsored by George Grabryan and Phil Stevenson.
- (n) Resolution authorizing the City to appropriate the sum of \$21,500.00 from the City's Workers' Compensation Fund to settle a workers' compensation claim filed by Mark Greene, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (o) Resolution authorizing the city to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 from the City's Liability Insurance Fund to settle the lawsuit filed against the City by Richard and Freda Olive, sponsored by Bill Musgrove.
- (p) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to rezone 2.32 acres located on Sweetwater Avenue South of the Residence Inn from B-2/CO (General Business District with conditions) to B-2 (General Business District), sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (b) Ordinance to rezone 3327 Florence Boulevard from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-1H (Neighborhood Business High Impact District), sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (c) Resolution appointing Christopher A. Smith as Municipal Judge beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2016, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. **(This item was added to the 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			
Civil Service Board	Lindsey Musselman Davis	04/19/11	04/16
Historical	Kenneth Johnson	03/24/09	12/17/15
Hospital Board	Thelma Robinson	07/01/86	06/25/16
Housing Authority (App)	Robert Redd	06/14/91	06/14/16
Housing/Const	Adam Burchell	06/19/12	09/30/15
	Jack Reid	09/06/05	09/30/15
	William Wynne (alt)	09/06/05	09/30/15
	Thomas Pigg (alt)	09/06/05	09/30/15
Industrial Development	Rusty Carbine	06/02/92	04/05/16
	John Van Sandt	06/02/92	04/05/16
Parks & Rec	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14
Planning Commission (App)	Ben Graves	08/21/12	06/16
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Vacancy		
Zoning Adjustments	Robbie Hillis	05/07/13	05/17/16

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

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

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

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to add Regular Agenda Item 12 (c) Resolution to appoint Chris Smith as Municipal Judge.

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

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock introduced Leah Fox as the new Animal Control Director. Mayor Haddock noted that Ms. Fox was recently employed as a Veterinary Technician with West Lauderdale Animal Hospital.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the week of April 10 thru 16 as “Public Safety telecommunications” week. The Proclamation was received by Melissa Hearn, E-911 Communications Manager.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the month of April as “Earth” month. The Proclamation was received by Nancy Muse, Shoals Earth Month Committee.

Mayor Haddock noted that Saturday, April 9 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. will be the “City-Wide Cleanup” day in the City of Florence. Mayor Haddock further noted that anyone interested in participating will need to meet at the Florence/Lauderdale Coliseum at 8:00 a.m.

President Jordan, member of the Natchez Trace Parkway Association, presented certificates to Boy Scout Troop #284. President Jordan noted that this Scout Troop has been working on a special project at the Rock Springs Park located on the Natchez Parkway.

Mayor Haddock noted that Mr. James Stanphill has been reappointed to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Betterton made comments in support of the E-911 Dispatchers.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee: None

Public Hearing:

President Jordan stated that this is the date and time advertised for a Public Hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of property located on Sweetwater Avenue South of the Residence Inn from B-2/CO (General Business District with conditions) to B-2(General Business District) as requested by New Birth Ministries.

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, appeared and noted that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the proposed rezoning to the City Council.

There were no public comments regarding the proposed rezoning.

President Jordan stated that this is the date and time advertised for a Public Hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of property located at 3327 Florence Blvd from R-1(Single-Family Residential District) to B-1H(Neighborhood Business High Impact District) as requested by Henry King.

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, appeared and noted that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the proposed rezoning to the City Council.

There were no public comments regarding the proposed rezoning. President Jordan closed the Public Hearing portion of the Council Meeting.

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:

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 an Ordinance to rezone 2.32 acres located on Sweetwater Avenue South of the Residence Inn from B-2/CO (General Business District with conditions) to B-2 (General Business District), sponsored by Melissa Bailey. 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 Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Graham made comments in support of the proposed rezoning.

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

Ayes: Dave Smith
William D. Jordan
Hermon T. Graham
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Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to rezone 3327 Florence Boulevard from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-1H (Neighborhood Business High Impact District), sponsored by Melissa Bailey. 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 Morris moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. 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 appointing Christopher Smith as Municipal Judge, sponsored by William Musgrove. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham 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 Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan thanked Bill Musgrove and the search committee for their work.

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): None

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Betterton thanked Boy Scout Troop # 284 for being in attendance tonight.

Councilmember Smith also thanked the Boy Scout Troop. Councilmember Smith made comments regarding the Homeless Care Council located at the Richards Center.

Councilmember Graham also thanked the Boy Scout Troop. Councilmember Graham reminded everyone of the District 3 Community meeting on April 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Broadway Recreation Center. Councilmember Graham congratulated Leah Fox, Animal Control Director.

Councilmember Morris also thanked the Boy Scout Troop and the E-911 dispatchers.

Councilmember Morris' comments follow, to wit:

I want to thank the voters of District 4 for allowing me the opportunity to represent you on the Florence City Council. I have taken the responsibility you have given me seriously. I think you elected me because you believed I had the ability and desire to research and analyze each issue that would come before the council, weigh the facts and evidence, and then exercise good judgement before casting a vote. I have tried for the last seven years and will continue to try for the next seven months to live up to that expectation.

These last seven years have hurried by. One of the blessings of being a member of the city council is researching, reading, and learning about issues I would most likely never have taken the time to fully inform myself of. And the more I have read and the more I have researched, the more I am convinced Florence is a very special place. I am proud that you have allowed me to play a role in its being so.

As much as I have personally enjoyed and benefitted from the last seven years, I am announcing that I will not seek re-election to a third term. I have believed for a very long time in term limits for elected officials. I believe that I should practice what I preach. I want to leave before I fall victim to the trap of believing that I am indispensable to the future of Florence city government.

Again, I am very thankful for the encouragement and support I have received from so many of you and for everything you have done to help me make Florence a better place to live and work and play. May God bless you and our fair city.

And to you fellas; Godspeed as you continue working to improve the quality of life in Florence.

Councilmember Edwards thanked the Boy Scout Troop for their hard work. Councilmember Edwards noted that Florence is a great place to live.

President Jordan also thanked the Boy Scout Troop and the E-911 dispatchers. President Jordan noted that Florence is a great place to live and work and Councilmember Morris has made it better.

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK