



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 19, 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 19, 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.

**AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**APRIL 19, 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:
  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 April 5, 2016, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution approving an Agreement for Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement between the City and the Alabama Department of Transportation for Project ACBR61358-ATRP (014); ATRIP No. 39-05-10, Bin No. 011874, for bridge rehabilitation on Jackson Road over Cox Creek, to be paid with 80% federal funds and 20% city funds, from budgeted Fund 188, Account #954-48141, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Lawson Construction Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the installation of a metal overhang for the Florence Landfill Garage, in the amount of \$4,510.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #1053-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Certified Alarm Co. of Alabama, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the installation of access control for three exterior doors, one interior tool room door and intercom door station with one master station in the Electricity Department Shop Supervisors Office, in the amount of \$8,825.65, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account # 923.00 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Trane U.S., Inc., in the amount of \$1,354.57, to provide an onsite QS ESC Tracer Inspection E10C53956 for the Building Department, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810 - Building Maintenance, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Champion Roofing, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the roof located on City Hall Building, in the amount of \$2,350.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810 - Building Maintenance, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with C&H Cooling & Heating, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove and replace a TXV on circuit #2 on the Trane chiller in the Municipal Building, in the amount of \$3,511.51, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810 - Building Maintenance, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (I) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Scott Palmer, d/b/a H2Oarts, to convert the show computer system at River Heritage Park to a live audio phase program, in an amount not to exceed \$19,910.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #44725-00260, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Irons Electric Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the installation of a new ITE combination disconnect/master starter for the competition pool at the Royal Avenue Recreation Center, in the amount of \$3,320.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account # 260-44410 - Repairs and Maintenance, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (k) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with John Johnson, d/b/a Johnny's Home Repair, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to make repairs and add additional support for the floors at the Kennedy/Douglass Art Center, in the amount of \$2,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #117, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Jean Dove to teach ballroom dance lessons at Broadway Recreation Center and possibly at Royal Avenue Recreation Center, with payment being based on a 80%/20% split with the City retaining 20%, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (m) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with General Sign Company, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to make, remove, refurbish and/or erect new Wayfinding signs, in the amount of \$33,525.00, to be paid from the 1995 One Cent Sales Tax Fund 188-939-48119, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (n) Resolution to approve an Agreement between the City of Florence and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, in the amount of \$5,000.00, to advertize and promote the City through the Chamber's Keep the Shoals Beautiful (KTSB) Program, sponsored by the Mayor and the City Council.

- (o) Resolution to approve the Real Estate Sales Agreement between the City of Florence and the Sak Family Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust for the purchase of the property located at 311 West College Street, in the amount of \$235,000.00, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (p) Resolution to approve recommendations for the City's Retirement Plan made by Morgan Stanley through its Graystone Consulting business, sponsored by Alanna Sullivan.
- (q) Resolution to reappoint Lindsey Mussleman Davis to the Civil Service Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (r) Resolution to reappoint Robbie Hillis to the Board of Zoning Adjustments, sponsored by the City Council.
- (s) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to accept and maintain the existing improvements for Crosspoint Estates, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (b) Resolution to accept and maintain the existing improvements for a Resurvey of Lot 1 of a Resurvey of Tract 1 Crosspoint Estates, sponsored by Bill Batson.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for a Special Event with On-Premises Beer & Wine by CALLUNA LOPEZ., d/b/a FAMILY BIRTHDAY PARTY, located at 702 VETERANS DRIVE - FLORENCE COLISEUM, to take place on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of an Automobile Self-Service Station & Conveniences foods with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by SINGH INC., d/b/a SHAN'S VICTORY MARKET, located at 2411 DARBY DRIVE, 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                 |                  |                |
| Civil Service Board | Lindsey Mussleman 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/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 Dev      | 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       |
| 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 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 made comments in support of the Sportsplex. Mayor Haddock encouraged everyone to pay a visit to the Sportsplex. Mayor Haddock stated that the playing fields are utilized during the week for leagues and for tournaments on the weekend.

Mayor Haddock made comments regarding a recent Florence Police Officer involved shooting. Mayor Haddock noted that Officer Berry who was shot in the face is very fortunate to still be with us.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the month of April as "Donate Life" month. Mayor Haddock noted that this Proclamation was requested by the Alabama Organ Center. The Proclamation was received by Ms. Marti Rich who is a kidney recipient, Mr. Phil Aldridge who is a double lung recipient and Mr. Charles Young who is also a double lung recipient.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the month of April as "Fair Housing" month. The Proclamation was received by Melissa Bailey, Planning and Community Development Director.

Mayor Haddock presented a Proclamation designating the week of April 19-25, 2015 as "Parental Alienation Prevention" week.

Mayor Haddock announced that Mr. Robert Redd has been reappointed to the Florence Housing Authority. Mayor Haddock noted that Mr. Redd's new term will run from June 14, 2016 to June 14, 2021.

**Report of Department Heads:** None

**Report of Standing Committee:** None

**Public Hearing:** None

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

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments in opposition to Consent Agenda Item 11 (o) Resolution to approve the Real Estate Sales Agreement between the City of Florence and the Sak Family Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust for the purchase of the property located at 311 West College Street, in the amount of \$235,000.00, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. Mr. Simpson stated that he disagrees with this purchase and also with the plans that the City has for this property.

**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 a Resolution to accept and maintain the existing improvements for Crosspoint Estates, sponsored by Bill Batson. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Smith 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 Ordinance.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

President Jordan made comments in support of 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  
Barry Morris  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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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 Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. 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  
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Noes: None

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Councilmember Jordan 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 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  
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Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

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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 Smith seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

President Jordan noted that the proposed resolution is a transfer of ownership.

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. Eva Knight, 2810 Waldridge Street, appeared and stated that she is representing the Senior Citizens Center. Ms. Knight stated that she has a meeting tomorrow morning with Todd Nix, Community Services Director. Ms. Knight further stated that the Seniors have a general list of wants and needs that they plan to present to Mr. Nix.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Smith thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. Councilmember Smith also thanked Mayor Haddock, the City Council and City Employees for their hard work.

Councilmember Smith asked that everyone keep Ms. Patricia Butler's family in their prayers. Councilmember Smith noted that Ms. Butler passed away yesterday.

Councilmember Graham made comments in appreciation to the Florence Police Department. Councilmember Graham noted that the District 3 Community Meeting will be held on April 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Broadway Recreation Center.

Councilmember Morris echoed Councilmember Smith comments regarding Ms. Butler. Councilmember Morris also expressed his appreciation to the Florence Police Department.

Councilmember Edwards also expressed his condolences to Ms. Butler's family. Councilmember Edwards asked that everyone remember the McCravey family. Councilmember Edwards also made comments in support of Officer Berry and the Florence Police Department.

Councilmember Betterton thanked Ms. Knight for her comments regarding the Senior Center.

Councilmember Betterton encouraged everyone to continue to utilize the Senior Center.

Councilmember Betterton expressed his appreciation to organ donors and receivers.

Councilmember Betterton also expressed his appreciation for the Florence Police Department.

President Jordan also expressed his condolences to Ms. Butler's family. President Jordan noted that Ms. Butler served on the Florence/Lauderdale Library Board.

President Jordan expressed his appreciation to the Florence Police Department. President Jordan thanked the Seniors for attending tonight's meeting. President Jordan noted that the plan for the new Animal Shelter is moving forward.

Councilmember Morris presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK