



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 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, June 21, 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, Blake Edwards, Barry Morris and Andrew Betterton.

AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 21, 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 304 West Alabama Street from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District) as requested by Charles J. Kelley.
 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 7, 2016, meeting.
 - (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
 - (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with JC Hamm & Sons, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to replace the existing 10 ton split air conditioning system at Cypress Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$10,019.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #354.00 - Structures & Improvements, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
 - (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Jakoby-Cor Measurement & Control, LLC, to provide installation and startup services of natural gas odorizer equipment for Florence Utilities Gas Department, in the amount of \$5,650.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #398.00 - Miscellaneous Equipment, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
 - (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shotcrete of America, LLC, to provide labor and equipment necessary to replace 1,900 feet of failing galvanized water main pipe on Leona Drive at the Transmission and Distribution Plant, in the amount of \$35,000.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #331.10 - Transmission and Distribution Plant, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
 - (f) Resolution to approve the contract with Muscle Shoals, Alabama Plumbers and Steamfitters, to provide required testing for welders in the Florence Utilities Gas Department, in the amount of \$414.48 per test, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #880.00 - Other Expenses, sponsored by Mike Doyle.
 - (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Simpson's Heating & Air, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to make repairs on Goodman Unit located at Florence Fire Station Number 2, in the amount of \$1,066.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-42200 - Repairs & Maintenance, sponsored by Jeffrey Perkins.
 - (h) Resolution to approve an Agreement for Petpoint Application Service Provider between the City of Florence and Pethealth Services, Inc., sponsored by Leah Fox.
 - (i) Resolution to approve a license agreement with the University of North Alabama for 177 parking spaces on Levels J, K, L and M in the Downtown Parking Deck for additional UNA student parking, in the amount of \$6.00 per space per month, from August 13, 2016 through May 14, 2017, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. **(This item was removed)**
 - (j) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City of Florence and the Shoals Industrial Development Committee to reimburse the City up to \$25,000.00 for funds used to provide fiber service at two locations of the Shoals Entrepreneurial Center, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
 - (k) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Mike O'Steen Contractors, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to make alterations to the new City of Florence Health & Wellness Center, in the amount of \$13,861.00, to be jointly funded by the General Fund and Utility Departments, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
 - (l) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
12. Regular Agenda:
- (a) Ordinance to set a fee of \$50.00 to qualify as a candidate for Mayor, City Council, or Board of Education of the City of Florence in 2016, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
 - (b) Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to publish a list of qualified voters for the municipal election to be held on August 23, 2016, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
 - (c) Resolution to set the sum of \$50.00 per day for each day absentee election services are performed, said sum shall be paid from the City treasury to the Absentee Elections Manager, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

- (d) Ordinance to rezone 304 West Alabama Street from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District) as requested by Charles J. Kelley, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Grocery Store with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by FRED'S STORES OF TENNESSEE, INC., d/b/a FRED'S #1675, located at 4150 FLORENCE BOULEVARD, FLORENCE, AL 35634, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (b) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Grocery Store with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by FRED'S STORES OF TENNESSEE, INC., d/b/a FRED'S #1670, located at 321 NORTH COURT 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			
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
Parks & Rec	Mike Williams	12/01/09	10/30/14
Port Authority Darlene Ballard (Joint)		08/02/11	07/21/16
SCOPE 310	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16
	Vacancy		

- 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 remove Consent Agenda Item 11 (I) Resolution to approve a license agreement with the University of North Alabama for 177 parking spaces on Levels J, K, L and M in the Downtown Parking Deck for additional UNA student parking, in the amount of \$6.00 per space per month, from August 13, 2016 through May 14, 2017, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

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 Graham seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

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

Noes: None

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Haddock congratulated the teams that were in the playoffs this past at weekend the Sportsplex. Mayor Haddock noted that this weekend there will be a State Baseball Tournament in the seven to ten-year-old boys' division. Mayor Haddock further noted that there will be a high school boy's fishing tournament next week with 117 teams that have signed up. Mayor Haddock stated that it is very exciting to see all these people come from out of town to spend money in our City.

Mayor Haddock noted that he had recently visited with the manager of Tarkett Flooring, a manufacturer that employs 400 people. Mayor Haddock further noted that he had also visited with Shoals Extrusion Company that employs 40 people.

Mayor Haddock expressed his appreciation for the Florence Parks & Recreation Department for their hard work. Mayor Haddock also expressed his appreciation to the Florence Electricity Department.

Report of Department Heads:

Melissa Bailey, Planning & Community Development Director, appeared and her report follows, to wit:

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Graham, Chairperson of the Utility Committee, report follows, to wit:

Public Hearing:

President Jordan stated that this is the date and time advertised for a Public Hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of property located at 304 West Alabama Street from R-2 (Single Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District) as requested by Charles J. Kelley.

Melissa Bailey, Planning Director, appeared and noted that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the proposed rezoning to the City Council. Ms. Bailey further noted that this is the last remaining property along this street that is not zoned R-B.

Mr. Charles J. Kelley, property owner, appeared and stated that for right now he will continue to keep the property residential.

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 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
Blake Edwards
Barry Morris
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented an Ordinance to set a fee of \$50.00 to qualify as a candidate for Mayor, City Council, or Board of Education of the City of Florence in 2016, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

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 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
Barry Morris
Blake Edwards
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to publish a list of qualified voters for the municipal election to be held on August 23, 2016, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. 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.

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 set the sum of \$50.00 per day for each day absentee election services are performed, said sum shall be paid from the City treasury to the Absentee Elections Manager, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham 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 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 an Ordinance to rezone 304 West Alabama Street from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-B (Residential Business District) as requested by Charles J. Kelley, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton 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.

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 Beverage License Application for the operation of a Grocery Store with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by FREDS STORES OF TENNESSEE, INC., d/b/a FREDS #1675, located at 4150 FLORENCE BOULEVARD, FLORENCE, AL 35634, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham 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 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 - Alcohol Beverage License Application for the operation of a Grocery Store with Off-Premises Beer & Wine by FRED'S STORES OF TENNESSEE, INC., d/b/a FRED'S #1670, located at 321 NORTH COURT STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. 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 Smith moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan noted that Fred Stores are adding beer and wine to their stores throughout the State.

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):

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and made comments regarding City Employees bringing their pets to work. Mr. Simpson stated that pets need to stay home.

Mr. Andy Sorrell, 1539 Helton Drive, appeared and expressed his concerns regarding the new fireworks ordinance that was recently passed by the City Council. Mr. Sorrell noted that some of the members of the Council and Mayor Haddock have taken campaign contributions the from Anderson family.

Mr. John Hargett, 1406 North Wood Avenue, appeared and also expressed his concerns regarding the recent fireworks ordinance that was adopted by the Council on May 17, 2016. Mr. Hargett stated all businesses should play on a level playing field. Mr. Hargett further stated that the Council needs to repeal the ordinance.

Mr. Ray Stiles, 1308 Athens Street, appeared and asked the City Council to repeal the fireworks ordinance that was adopted on May 17, 2016.

Mr. Matthew Sorrell appeared and he also asked the City Council to repeal the fireworks ordinance that was adopted on May 17, 2016.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Betterton asked everyone to keep Councilmember Morris' granddaughter, Ragan Morris, in their prayers.

Councilmember Smith also expressed his concern for Ragan Morris.

Councilmember Graham expressed his concern and asked for prayers for Ragan Morris.

Councilmember Graham congratulated Florence's All Star teams.

Councilmember Morris expressed his appreciation for all the prayers and cards for Ragan Morris.

Councilmember Edwards also expressed his concern and asked for continuing prayers for Ragan Morris. Councilmember Edwards noted that the City will have several events in the July.

President Jordan also expressed his concern and asked for continuing prayers for Ragan Morris and her family.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK