



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 2, 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, August 2, 2016. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Betterton 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**

**August 2, 2016**

**5:00 P.M.**

- 
1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
  2. Invocation - Councilmember Betterton
  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 28.79 acres located in Section 12, Township 3S, Range 11W, Lauderdale County, from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) and R-B (Residential Business District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), as requested by Little John Engineering.
  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 July 19, 2016, meeting.

- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) 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 \$2,500.00 per month, \$0.15 per square foot to strip and wax vinyl floors, and \$0.05 per square foot to steam clean carpets, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with 4Wall Nashville, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for repair work and trouble shooting at the River Heritage Interactive Fountain, in the amount of \$1,578.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals MPE Services, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install one 7 ½ ton compressor unit at the Broadway Recreation Center, in the amount of \$3,440.00, to be expensed to Account #1047-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Joe Pitts, d/b/a Joe Pitts Tree Service, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to remove a large limb that fell during a storm in the Florence Cemetery, in the amount of \$1,200.00, to be expensed to Account #265-43400, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to submit a grant application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Law Enforcement Planning, under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (P.O. 90-351 as amended), for financial aid to combat rising crime, improve the criminal justice system, and assist victims of crime and assist in the problems of juvenile justice, sponsored by Ron Tyler.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Jerry Hester to provide professional services necessary to test, deliver, set up and pick up voting machines for the upcoming election to be held August 23, 2016, in the amount of \$2,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #360-45000 - Election Expenses, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Don Harris to provide professional services necessary to test, deliver, set up, trouble shoot on election day and pick up voting machines for the upcoming election to be held August 23, 2016, in the amount of \$3,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #360-45000 - Election Expenses, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (j) Resolution to reappoint Darlene Ballard to the Florence-Lauderdale County Port Authority Board of Directors, sponsored by the City Council.
- (k) Resolution to appoint Gina Bailey to the Florence Beautification Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (l) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Ordinance to rezone 28.79 acres located in Section 12, Township 3S, Range 11W, Lauderdale County, from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) and R-B(Residential Business District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) as requested by Little John Engineering, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (b) Ordinance to authorize the use of DS 200 Precinct Scanner and Vote Tabulator(s) and the Automark Voter/87000 (Disability Voting Machine) for use in all elections, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (c) Resolution to appoint polling officers for the various polling locations for the August 23, 2016, municipal election, and for the October 4, 2016, run-off election, if necessary, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

- (d) Resolution to establish the rate of pay for poll workers in the August 23, 2016, General Municipal Election and all future Municipal Elections at \$125.00 per day for Inspectors and \$100.00 per day for Clerks, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #360-45000 - Election Expenses, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.
- (e) Resolution to declare William “Dick” Jordan duly elected to the office of City Council - District 2 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (f) Resolution to declare Vicky Kirkman duly elected to the office of Board of Education - District 1 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (g) Resolution to declare Bill Jordan duly elected to the office of Board of Education - District 2 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (h) Resolution to declare Bill Griffin duly elected to the office of Board of Education - District 3 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (I) Resolution to declare Bill Gullett duly elected to the office of Board of Education - District 4 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.
- (j) Resolution to declare Laura Hardeman duly elected to the office of Board of Education - District 5 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock.

3. General Business:

- (a) Resolution to amend the General Obligation Warrant Series 2013-B capital budget adopted on May 14, 2013 and amended October 6, 2015, sponsored by Dan Barger.
- (b) Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Beautification	Vacancy		
Tourism Board (Joint)	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
	E. B. Norton	09/06/05	09/30/16
	Jason Lenz	09/06/05	09/30/16
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		
SEDA	Dana Aldridge	09/17/13	09/30/16
	James Noles	09/17/13	09/30/16

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 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's comments follow, to wit:

**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 28.79 acres located in Section 12, Township 3S, Range 11W, Lauderdale County, from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) and R-B(Residential Business District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), as requested by Little John Engineering.

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

Councilmember Betterton commented on how smooth the process has been.

Councilmember Morris thanked everyone at Regional Care.

Councilmember Graham made comments in support of the proposed rezoning.

President Jordan thanked Mr. Jeff Hines, Little John Engineering, for his work.

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:**

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and made comments regarding Regular Agenda Item, 12(e) Resolution to declare William "Dick" Jordan duly elected to the office of City Council - District 2 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. Mr. Smoak stated that he appreciates President Jordan for his work on the Council.

**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 28.79 acres located in Section 12, Township 3S, Range 11W, Lauderdale County, from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) and R-B(Residential Business District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) as requested by Little John Engineering, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Graham moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Ordinance.

Councilmember Morris 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 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 an Ordinance to authorize the use of DS 200 Precinct Scanner and Vote Tabulator(s) and the Automark Voter/87000 (Disability Voting Machine) for use in all elections, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Ordinance follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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 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 to appoint polling officers for the various polling locations for the August 23, 2016, municipal election, and for the October 4, 2016, run-off election, if necessary, 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 Edwards 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 establish the rate of pay for poll workers in the August 23, 2016, General Municipal Election and all future Municipal Elections at \$125.00 per day for Inspectors and \$100.00 per day for Clerks, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #360-45000 - Election Expenses, 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 Betterton 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 declare William "Dick" Jordan duly elected to the office of City Council - District 2 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, 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 Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

President Jordan thanked the citizens of District 2

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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to declare Vicky Kirkman duly elected to the office of Board of Education - District 1 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. 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 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 declare Bill Jordan duly elected to the office of Board of Education - District 2 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. 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 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 declare Bill Griffin duly elected to the office of Board of Education - District 3 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. 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 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 declare Bill Gullett duly elected to the office of Board of Education - District 4 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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 Betterton 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  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to declare Laura Hardeman duly elected to the office of Board of Education - District 5 for the term commencing on the first Monday of November 2016, sponsored by Mayor Haddock. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards 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 Edwards 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 amend the General Obligation Warrant Series 2013-B capital budget adopted on May 14, 2013 and amended October 6, 2015, sponsored by Dan Barger. 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 Graham moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Morris stated that the purpose of the proposed resolution is to move \$38,365.00 from the contingency fund to the Indian Mound Museum fund. Councilmember Morris further stated that the Indian Mound Museum budget is currently 60 percent over its original budget. Councilmember Morris stated that Mayor Haddock and the Council should have prioritized projects.

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>
Beautification	Vacancy		
Tourism Board (Joint)	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
	E. B. Norton	09/06/05	09/30/16
	Jason Lenz	09/06/05	09/30/16
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		
SEDA	Dana Aldridge	09/17/13	09/30/16
	James Noles	09/17/13	09/30/16

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

Ms. Eva Knight, 2810 Waldrige Street, appeared and made comments regarding the budget amendment for the Indian Mound Museum that was approved tonight. Ms. Knight asked if the funds that were being moved to the Indian Mound Museum were coming from the Senior Center budget. President Jordan noted that the two million dollars that is appropriated for the construction of a new Senior Center are still in the budget and that there were other projects that were on the list that have been cut or eliminated. Ms. Knight stated that she is concerned that the budget for the proposed Senior Center will go over.

Councilmember Betterton stated that the Parks & Recreation Committee recently had a meeting with the Seniors and that signage for the Senior Center is being addressed and that a grant from NACOLG regarding transportation is also in the works.

Ms. Darlene Minniefield, Alabama Co-operate Extension Service, 802 Veterans Drive, stated that on September 8 the Extension Service will partner with NACOLG and other agencies to host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Northwest Alabama Senior Conference to be held at the Florence Coliseum from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Ms. Minniefield noted that the Conference has grown from 200 people the first year, to 551 people last year.

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared and made comments regarding the appointment of Mr. Chris Smith as City of Florence Municipal Judge. Mr. Smoak asked if this appointment was done legally.

Mr. Smoak also made comments regarding the proposed tennis complex. Mr. Smoak stated that he believes the City should consult UNA Tennis Coach Brice Bishop regarding the usage and maintenance of the new facility.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Morris had no comments.

Councilmember Edwards congratulated the girls softball teams that were given Certificates of Commendation tonight. Councilmember Edwards reminded everyone that “First Fridays” is this week.

Councilmember Betterton reminded everyone that schools are starting back this week and encouraged everyone to drive safely.

Councilmember Smith thanked Ms. Tori Bailey and Ms. Nancy Gonce for their hard work making this year’s W. C. Handy Festival a great success.

Councilmember Graham thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting. Councilmember Graham also congratulated the girls softball teams that were here tonight.

Councilmember Graham noted that the Florence Police Department is having “National Night Out” tonight at Target from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

President Jordan noted that the University of North Alabama will be sponsoring “UNA Lion Pride Night” on August 13.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

---

---

---

---

---

---

ATTEST:

---

CITY CLERK