



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 17, 2017**

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, January 17, 2017. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Simmons 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: Kaytrina Simmons, William D. Jordan, David Bradley, Michelle Eubanks, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

**AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 17, 2017**

**5:00 P.M.**

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
  2. Invocation - Councilmember Simmons
  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 January 3, 2017, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution to appoint Cindy Keller as a member of the Florence Beautification Board to fill the position created by the expiration of the term of Eva Scull, sponsored by the City Council.
- (d) Resolution to appoint Maple Garner as a member of the Florence Beautification Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Susan Burdine, sponsored by the City Council.
- (e) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular 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>
Agri-Business	Leonard Skipworth	06/03/08	11/15/16
Beautification	David Doroh	10/07/14	11/01/16
	Dee Hubbert	07/17/01	11/01/16
	Margaret McCloy	03/04/14	11/01/16
SCOPE 310	Vacancy		
	Josh Webster	08/21/12	07/21/15
	Reginald Owens	04/01/14	07/21/16
Tree Commission	Vacancy		
	John Norton	11/05/13	11/03/16

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 Simmons  
Council member Bradley  
Council member Eubanks  
Council member Edwards  
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 Simmons seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Holt made comments regarding the work that is currently taking place in Wilson Park. Mayor Holt noted that 150 new plants are being planted and that benches are available for purchase for \$850.00. Mayor Holt thanked the Council for approving \$9,800.00 to make improvements.

Mayor Holt stated that the Indian Mound Museum will open tomorrow and it is a premier museum for our area.

Mayor Holt noted that Melissa Bevis, One Stop Shop/Business Development, has moved to the second floor in City Hall and will continue to work on business recruitment.

**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:** None

**Consent Agenda:**

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items. Councilmember Eubanks moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

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

Ayes: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

General Business:

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President Jordan noted that at the earlier work session David Doroh, Dee Hubbert and Margaret McCloy were reappointed to the Beautification Board. President Jordan further noted that these reappointments will appear on the next City Council Meeting agenda.

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

Mr. Rogers Kimbrell, 307 Davis Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding Braly Stadium and the construction of the Florence Middle School. Mr. Kimbrell stated that he had spoken to numerous residents and that they would prefer additional parking for Braly Stadium instead of a new school.

Ms. Eva Knight, 2810 Waldrige Street, appeared and made comments regarding the construction of a new Senior Center. Ms. Knight stated that she would like an update regarding the plans for a new Senior Center. Ms. Knight further stated that signs are still needed for the current location.

Mr. Chase Holcombe, 308 Crosspoint Drive, appeared and made comments regarding the motion that was made by Councilmember Bradley in the earlier work session to amend the current Fireworks Ordinance. Mr. Holcombe stated that he is confused why the Councilmembers did not vote to do away with the five-year residency clause. Mr. Holcombe asked the City Council to revisit the ordinance.

Mr. John Hargett, 1406 North Wood Avenue, appeared and stated that he agreed with Mr. Holcombe's comments regarding the Fireworks Ordinance.

### **Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Betterton stated that the last meeting he attended regarding the construction of a new Senior Center was very productive and that he has spoken to Mayor Holt regarding this matter.

Councilmember Simmons congratulated ALPHAS on the Martin Luther King breakfast. Councilmember Simmons noted that she had recently visited the Shoals Community Clinic located at 309B Handy Homes. Councilmember Simmons further noted that the clinic is available to low income citizens who do not currently have dental and health insurance.

Councilmember Simmons noted that the District 1 Community meeting will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the UNA Commons Building, Room 300. Councilmember Simmons further noted that the meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Simmons encouraged everyone to visit the new Indian Mound Museum. Councilmember Simmons stated that she will review the current Fireworks Ordinance.

Councilmember Bradley also encouraged everyone to visit the new Indian Mound Museum. Councilmember Bradley thanked the citizens who attended the recent District 3 Community meeting. Councilmember Bradley noted that the Engineering Department recently conducted a traffic study regarding the placement of speed bumps on Wilson Dam Road. Councilmember Bradley further noted that 70 percent of the citizens in that area must sign a petition agreeing to have speed bumps placed on Wilson Dam Road.

Councilmember Bradley thanked those who came and spoke tonight. Councilmember Bradley noted that the Council will take a closer look at the Fireworks Ordinance.

Councilmember Eubanks encouraged everyone to visit the new Indian Mound Museum. Councilmember Eubanks also thanked those who came and spoke tonight.

Councilmember Edwards stated that the City should be very proud of the new Indian Mound Museum. Councilmember Edwards noted that the Council has not forgotten the new Senior Center project. Councilmember Edwards further noted that work on the new Animal Control building is slowly progressing forward.

President Jordan thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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