



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 7, 2017
YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Florence, Alabama, was held in the City Hall Auditorium in Florence at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. President Jordan called the meeting to order. Councilmember Edwards 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.

AMENDED AGENDA

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 2017

10:00 A.M.

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1. Meeting called to order - President Jordan
 2. Invocation - Councilmember Edwards
 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 February 21, 2017, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Katama Technologies, Inc., to provide professional services to perform a business case analysis for an automated metering infrastructure system, in the amount of 25,450.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #923.00 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (d) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Barnett Plumbing, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install a 4" sewer connection to the utility crew work building located at the Electricity Department Warehouse Complex, in the amount of \$6,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account # 390 - Structures and Improvements, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with Brian Burch, d/b/a Burch Lawn Care, to provide labor, materials and supplies necessary for lawn maintenance at 40 locations for the Florence Electricity Department, in the amount of \$2,225.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #570 - Maintenance of Station Equipment, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.
- (f) Resolution to approve a contract with Engineers of the South, Inc., to provide professional civil engineering services for the industrial access road to the Alabama Farmers Co-Op Facility, in the amount of \$54,000.00, to be paid from Fund 188 one-cent sales tax and to be reimbursed by the Shoals Industrial Development Committee, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (g) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with J.C. Hamm and Sons, Inc., to provide labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary to install a 2.5 ton Goodman heat pump system for the chapel side of the Veterans Memorial Museum, in the amount of \$5,157.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account # 266-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (h) Resolution to approve the Alabama Mutual Aid System Agreement (AMAS), sponsored by George Grabryan.
- (i) Resolution to approve the Mutual Assistance Agreement regarding providing and receiving aid as a result of an act of war or disaster and providing authority for the implementation of the Emergency Operations Plan, sponsored by George Grabryan.
- (j) Resolution to adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, sponsored by George Grabryan and Melissa Bailey.
- (k) Resolution to approve a contract between the City of Florence and the Children's Museum of the Shoals, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000.00, to be used for building improvements, to be paid from budgeted funds, sponsored by the Mayor and the City Council.
- (l) Resolution authorizing the city to enter into a Letter of Engagement with Joe Jolly & Company, Inc., to provide investment banking services for the City of Florence relative to the issuance of General Obligation and/or Revenue Bonds or Warrants, sponsored by the Finance Committee.
- (m) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda

- (a) Resolution to approve a contract between the City of Florence and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$30,000.00 to be used to advertise and promote the City of Florence to help create quality job growth, sponsored by the City Council. **(This was added to the agenda)**
- (b) Resolution authorizing the City to purchase the Florence Golf & Country Club property from Magis Corporation for \$2,102,628.00, sponsored by Mayor Holt. **(This was added to the agenda)**

13. General Business:

(a) Resolution to amend the General Obligation Warrant Series 2013-B Capital Projects Budget adopted on May 14, 2013 and amended August 2, 2016, 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>
Agri-Business	Leonard Skipworth	06/03/08	11/15/16
Library Board	Dihanne Westfield	11/15/11	12/01/16
SCOPE 310	Vacancy Josh Webster Reginald Owens	08/21/12 04/01/14	07/21/15 07/21/16
Tree Commission	Vacancy Vacancy		

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

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

Council member Eubanks
Council member Edwards
Council member Betterton
Council member Simmons
Council member Bradley
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 (a) Resolution to approve a contract between the City of Florence and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$30,000.00 to be used to advertise and promote the City of Florence to help create quality job growth and Regular Agenda Item 12 (b) Resolution authorizing the City to purchase the Florence Golf & Country Club property from Magis Corporation for \$2,102,628.00.

President Jordan asked for a motion for approval of the amended agenda. Councilmember Eubanks moved for approval of the amended 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 welcomed the students from Florence High School, Mars Hill School and Shoals Christian School. Mayor Holt thanked Sandra Morgan, Martha Murphy and June Gamble for their hard work putting together “Youth in Government” day and organizing the Urban Forestry Workshop.

Mayor Holt reminded everyone that the Urban Forestry Workshop is March 16 and 17 at Crosspoint Church of Christ. Mayor Holt also reminded everyone of the City Wide Clean Up day will be Saturday, March 18.

Mayor Holt noted that he recently held budget review meetings with each Department Head. Mayor Holt stated that each department is right on target for this point of the fiscal year.

Mayor Holt stated that he recently hosted the Florence Middle School FBLA students. Mayor Holt further stated that he had celebrated “Dr. Seuss” day with Forest Hills School, Harlan School and Handy Head Start.

Report of Department Heads: None

Report of Standing Committee:

President Jordan, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, stated that the Finance Committee met last week and those in attendance were Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Simmons and Robert Palmer, Times Daily Newspaper. President Jordan stated that the committee discussed the Street Scape project and the contract with Joe Joly & Company that appears on today’s agenda. President Jordan further stated that the Committee agreed to recommend to the Council to appropriate \$30,000.00 to the Children’s Museum.

Public Hearing: none

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

Mr. Bill Smoak, 2424 Roberts Lane, appeared made comments regarding purchasing the former Florence Golf & Country Club property. Mr. Smoak asked the Council to deduct the value of the Country Club building from the two million that was allocated to build a new Senior Center. Mr. Smoak further stated that would free up money to make much needed repairs to the building.

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 Bradley 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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve a contract between the City of Florence and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$30,000.00 to be used to advertise and promote the City of Florence to help create quality job growth, sponsored by the City Council. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Eubanks moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

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

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion.

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

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution authorizing the City to purchase the Florence Golf & Country Club property from Magis Corporation for \$2,102,628.00, sponsored by Mayor Holt. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Simmons seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

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

Noes: None

Councilmember Betterton moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Eubanks seconded the motion.

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

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

Noes: None

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to amend the General Obligation Warrant Series 2013-B Capital Projects Budget adopted on May 14, 2013 and amended August 2, 2016, sponsored by Dan Barger. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Betterton moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Edwards seconded the motion. A vote taken thereon resulted as follows:

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

Noes: None

Councilmember Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion.

Discussion:

President Jordan thanked Dan Barger, Treasurer/Chief Accountant, for his work.

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

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

Noes: None

Board Openings within the next 90 days or less:

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Tree Commission	Vacancy Vacancy		

President Jordan noted that the Council recently voted to appoint Dave Smith and Jakari Holt to the Tree Commission. President Jordan further noted that those appointments will be on the next City Council agenda.

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

Mr. Patel, representing the local hotel industry, appeared and made comments in opposition to increasing the local lodging tax. Mr. Patel stated that an increase will hurt the local hotel industry. Mr. Patel further stated that the feasibility study at Veterans Park does not take the hotels into consideration.

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, appeared and made comments in support of Mr. Patel's comments regarding the local lodging tax.

Mr. Rogers Kimbrell, Davis Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding the proposed construction of the Florence Middle School. Mr. Kimbrell stated that a city divided cannot stand.

Ms. Eva Knight, 2810 Waldrige Street, appeared and thanked the Council for agreeing to buy back the Florence Golf & Country Club property.

Ms. Delta Mitchell, appeared and made comments in opposition to increasing the lodging tax.

Mr. Haydon Hibbett, appeared and noted that the City does not have any outdoor basketball courts.

Mr. Mike Jones, appeared and stated that it is a great day for "Seniors" and the City of Florence.

Ms. Martha Mosakowski, appeared and noted that senior citizens work and promote the community.

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

Councilmember Eubanks comments follow, wit:

Councilmember Edwards thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. Councilmember Edwards noted that the Arbor Day tree that was planted was in honor of Mrs. Sylvia Smith, former Councilmember Dave Smith's late wife.

Councilmember Betterton noted that the City Council meeting can be viewed on Comcast on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. following Tuesday's meeting. Councilmember Betterton thanked the Seniors for participating in "Youth in Government" day. Councilmember Betterton asked them to consider public and community service.

Councilmember Simmons also thanked the students for their participation today. Councilmember Simmons noted that Shoals Community Clinic will celebrate its twenty-year anniversary with a ribbon cutting and open house on March 16. Councilmember Simmons also welcomed senior citizens representing "The Club" to today's meeting.

Councilmember Bradley welcomed students and seniors to today's meeting. Councilmember Bradley stated that he would like to see better equipment and better pay for our first responders.

President Jordan thanked everyone in attendance for today's Council meeting.

Councilmember Betterton presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK