



**CITY OF FLORENCE  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 1, 2018**

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, May 1, 2018. 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: Kaytrina Simmons, William D. Jordan, David Bradley, Michelle Eubanks, Blake Edwards and Andrew Betterton.

**AMENDED AGENDA**

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 1, 2018**

**5:00 P.M.**

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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: 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 April 17, 2018, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.
- (c) Resolution to approve the contract with Chris Mitchell Management Consultants to provide professional services necessary to perform cost of service studies and financial forecasts and analyses for the Florence Electricity Department, in the amount of \$15,250.00, to be paid from the FY2019 Budget, Account #923.00 - Outside Services Employed, sponsored by Richard Morrissey.

- (d) Resolution to approve the contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the lighting system at Overlook Park, in the amount of \$2,730.84, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a))**
- (e) Resolution to approve the contract with Janco360 Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for repairs needed at the Royal Avenue Pool, in the amount of \$2,165.40, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (f) Resolution to approve the contract with Shoals MPE Services, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for plumbing repairs and maintenance to the HVAC unit at the Florence Sportsplex, in the amount of \$1,911.25, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b))**
- (g) Resolution to approve the contract with OMI, Inc., to provide Geotechnical Engineering consultation on the Concrete Box Culvert located under Darby Drive and Florence Boulevard, in the amount of \$1,200.00, to be funded from the Engineering Department Special Projects Account #398-43110, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (h) Resolution to approve the contract with Morell Engineering, Inc., to provide construction engineering and inspection services for Project No. IAR-039-000-004, Industrial Access Road Improvements on South Court Street and Water Street, in the amount of \$54,435.65, to be paid from Fund 188, Account #1071-48100 and to be reimbursed from the Alabama Department of Transportation, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (i) Resolution to approve the contract with White, Lynn, Collins and Associates, Inc., to provide construction engineering and inspection services for the roundabout at the intersection of Royal Avenue and Huntsville Road, Project No. ACOA61359-ATRP (014), in the amount of \$218,685.00, to be paid from Fund 188, Account #954-48128, and to be reimbursed from the Alabama Department of Transportation, sponsored by Bill Batson.
- (j) Resolution to approve the contract with Professional Fire and Security, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to complete repairs and service needed on the FCII Intelligent ION Smoke Detector in the City Hall Building, in the amount of \$1,098.22, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-41810, sponsored by Gary Williamson.
- (k) Resolution to approve the contract with Kanawha Scales and Systems, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to install weigh scales for the Solid Waste, Street and Recycling Department, in the amount of \$65,185.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #16401-43200, sponsored by David Koonce.
- (l) Resolution to approve the commercial liability insurance quote from the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (AMIC), to provide commercial automobile insurance for five (5) municipal vehicles, sponsored by Ben Maharrey.
- (m) Resolution to approve the Agreement between the City and Pyro Shows, Inc., to provide a fireworks show for the City's Fourth of July Celebration, sponsored by Mayor Holt.
- (n) Resolution to reappoint Ry Griffin as a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, sponsored by the City Council.
- (o) Resolution to appoint Tyndal Davis as a member of the Industrial Development Board, sponsored by the City Council.
- (p) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution to approve the contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the lighting system at Overlook Park, in the amount of \$2,730.84, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 12 (a))**

- (b) Resolution to approve the contract with Shoals MPE Services, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for plumbing repairs and maintenance to the HVAC unit at the Florence Sportsplex, in the amount of \$1,911.25, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11(d))**
- (c) Resolution condemning hates crime and any other form of racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination, incitement to violence, or animus targeting a minority in our community, sponsored by Mayor Holt and City Council. **(This item was added to the Regular Agenda)**

13. General Business:

- (a) Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License application for a Hotel/Motel/Lounge (Special Retail-More than 30 Days License #160, for State purposes) with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by GRBH LLC, d/b/a GUNRUNNER BOUTIQUE HOTEL, located at 310 AND 314 E TENNESSEE STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde.

(b)	<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
	Civil Service Board	Scott Morris	04/16/13	04/18
	Historical Board	Vacancy		
	Library Board (Reg)	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 Simmons  
Council member Bradley  
Council member Eubanks  
Council member Edwards  
Council member Jordan

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (d) Resolution to approve the contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the lighting system at Overlook Park, in the amount of \$2,730.84, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a) and Consent Agenda Item 11 (f) Resolution to approve the contract with Shoals MPE Services, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for plumbing repairs and maintenance to the HVAC unit at the Florence Sportsplex, in the amount of \$1,911.25, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix to Regular Agenda Item 12 (b).

President Jordan further noted that it was also decided to add 12 (c) Resolution condemning hate crime and any other form of racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination, incitement to violence, or animus targeting a minority in our community, sponsored by Mayor Holt and City Council.

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 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

**Message from the Mayor:**

Mayor Holt presented a Proclamation designating the week of May 6 thru 12 as “National Tourism” week. The Proclamation was received by Mr. Rob Carnegie, Tourism Director.

Mayor Holt noted that all quarterly budget reviews have been completely and everything is on schedule. Mayor Holt further noted that the City recently participated in a tree dedication ceremony in Deibert Park in honor of the City’s Bicentennial. Mayor Holt also noted that unemployment in the City of Florence has dropped to 4.1 percent.

**Report of Department Heads:**

Chief Tyler presented a metal of commendation to Officer Jason Hodges. Chief Tyler stated that Officer Hodges distinguished himself through meritorious service to our community by organizing a volunteer effort at a home on Cypress Mill Road. Chief Tyler further stated that Officer Hodges and other volunteers removed debris from a home which was occupied by persons with intellectual disabilities, one of whom suffers serious medical issues. Chief Tyler noted that this was a selfless act on behalf of others who were unable to help themselves.

Chief Tyler recognized Captain Brad Holmes, Captain Ryan Fleming, Captain Steven Robertson, Lieutenant Chris Ticer, Lieutenant Ira Davis, Lieutenant Jeff Redcross, and Sergeant Robbie Howard on their recent promotions.

Chief Tyler swore in Officer Justin Whitten, Officer Cole Judy, Officer Greg Brackin, Officer Brandon Lane and Officer Andrew Lindholm. Chief Tyler noted that these new officers recently graduated from the police academy.

**Report of Standing Committee: none**

**Public Hearings: 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 Simmons moved for approval of the ordinances and resolutions as follow, to-wit:

Councilmember Eubanks 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 the contract with Irons Electric Co., Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to repair the lighting system at Overlook Park, in the amount of \$2,730.84, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #260-44725, sponsored by Todd Nix. 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: Kaytrina Simmons  
William D. Jordan  
David Bradley  
Michelle Eubanks  
Blake Edwards  
Andrew Betterton

Noes: None

Councilmember Edward 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

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution to approve the contract with Shoals MPE Services, LLC, to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for plumbing repairs and maintenance to the HVAC unit at the Florence Sportsplex, in the amount of \$1,911.25, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #266-44410, sponsored by Todd Nix. 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 Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Bradley 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

Noes: None

Abstain: Andrew Betterton

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution condemning hate crime and any other form of racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination, incitement to violence, or animus targeting a minority in our community, sponsored by Mayor Holt and City Council. Said Resolution follows, to wit:



Councilmember Edwards moved for immediate consideration of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Bradley 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 Edwards moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Betterton seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

President Jordan and Councilmember Edwards made comments in support of the proposed resolution.

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

City Clerk, Robert M. Leyde, presented a Resolution - Alcohol Beverage License application for a Hotel/Motel/Lounge (Special Retail-More than 30 Days License #160, for State purposes) with On-Premises Liquor, Beer & Wine by GRBH LLC, d/b/a GUNRUNNER BOUTIQUE HOTEL, located at 310 AND 314 E TENNESSEE STREET, FLORENCE, AL 35630, sponsored by Robert M. Leyde. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember 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 Eubanks moved for adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Councilmember Bradley 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

**Board Openings:**

<u>Board</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Civil Service Board	Scott Morris	04/16/13	04/18
Historical Board	Vacancy		
Library Board (Reg)	Vacancy		

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

Tabitha Roulett, 341 West Lakeside Drive, appeared and made general comments regarding discrimination and racism.

**Council Reports and Comments:**

Councilmember Betterton congratulated the group of Police Officers that were honored tonight. Councilmember Betterton stated that he is very proud of the resolution that was approved tonight regarding “hate crimes.”

Councilmember Simmons also stated that she is very proud of the “hate crimes” resolution. Councilmember Simmons extended her condolences to the Beckwith family.

Councilmember Bradley also expressed his appreciation to the Council for approving the “hate crimes” resolution. Councilmember Bradley thanked everyone in attendance tonight.

Councilmember Eubanks’ comments follow, to wit:

The last few days have been extremely difficult for families I'm close too; they're dealing with hardships that none of us hope we ever have to face. For them, life is forever different, and I would ask you all to keep them in your thoughts and prayers because the days and months to come will bring challenges of their own. A tragedy like the one that happened last Thursday brings us all together, and, in that way, we're all Wilson Warriors and we're all Florence Falcons.

I'm forever grateful for the First Responders who arrived on the scene, those who rushed into the fray rather than from it. These are special individuals, and their actions save lives. At Rotary just yesterday, I saw this take place. I watched as Dr. Robert Webb and Fire Chief Jeff Perkins rushed to the aid of Alan Flowers. Those two saved Alan's life. How fitting is it that we witnessed the swearing in of five new officer this evening to the Florence Police Department. Again, these individuals risk their lives to save ours.

We are so fortunate to live in a community where we put others first, and we show our support by wearing blue and taking meals and coming together because, ultimately, we are better together. Our unanimous adoption of the resolution against hate speech is evidence of that.

As we begin the month of May, I would also ask that you mark your calendars for the Bicentennial workshops scheduled on three Saturdays in May. Florence is home to master artisans and craftspeople, and we'll celebrate that heritage through workshops featuring our cotton, wood, and clay histories. As always, you can learn more and purchase your tickets at [florence200.org](http://florence200.org).

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Councilmember Edwards also expressed his appreciation for the “hate crimes” resolution and for the Police Officers that were honored here tonight.

Councilmember Edwards reminded everyone that the Arts Alive Festival is coming up. Councilmember Edwards thanked the students who were in attendance tonight.

President Jordan thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

City of Florence, AL  
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