



**CITY OF FLORENCE
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, September 18, 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
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 September 4, 2018, meeting.
- (b) Confirm payment of bills by the City Treasurer.

- (c) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with NMC Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary to replace the roof on the Maintenance Building at Veterans Park, in the amount of \$12,000.00, to be paid from budgeted Fund 117, sponsored by Todd Nix.
- (d) Resolution to approve the Amendment to the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract Agreement Number HESG-17-002, between the City and the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc., sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (e) Resolution to approve the Amendment to the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract Agreement Number HESG-17-002, between the City and Crossroads Community Outreach, LLC, sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (f) Resolution to approve the Amendment to the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract Agreement Number HESG-17-002, between the City and the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(This item was removed by the sponsor)**
- (g) Resolution to approve the Amendment to the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract Agreement Number HESG-17-002, between the City and Safeplace, Inc., sponsored by Melissa Bailey.
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Shoals Earth Month, Inc., to conduct the Earth Day Festival to be held in Wilson Park during the month of April 2019, to be paid from budgeted funds, Account #399-41111 and 399-41112, sponsored by Mayor Holt and the City Council.
- (i) Resolution to approve an Agreement between the City of Florence and the University of North Alabama for the Florence Police Department to provide dispatch services for the UNA Police Department, sponsored by Chief Tyler.
- (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Joe Keenum Excavation & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Sweetwater Streetscape Phase I Historic East Florence Business District, in the amount of \$324,021.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(This item was moved to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a))**
- (k) Resolution to advance and reimburse travel expenses to City employees, sponsored by Mayor Holt.

12. Regular Agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Joe Keenum Excavation & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Sweetwater Streetscape Phase I Historic East Florence Business District, in the amount of \$324,021.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. **(This item was moved from Consent Agenda Item 11 (j))**

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>
SEDA	Bud Ward	12/04/12	09/30/18
	Brad Haddock	12/04/12	09/30/18
Tourism Board	David Abramson	08/17/10	10/29/18
	David Muhlenorf	09/16/14	10/29/18

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

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

Council member Edwards
Council member Betterton
Council member Simmons
Council member Bradley
Council member Eubanks
Council member Jordan
Mayor Steve Holt

16. Motion to Adjourn.

President Jordan noted that it was decided at the earlier work session to remove Consent Agenda Item 11 (f) Resolution to approve the Amendment to the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Sub-Recipient Funding Contract Agreement Number HESG-17-002, between the City and the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama, sponsored by Melissa Bailey and to move Consent Agenda Item 11 (j) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Joe Keenum Excavation & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Sweetwater Streetscape Phase I Historic East Florence Business District, in the amount of \$324,021.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Melissa Bailey to Regular Agenda Item 12 (a).

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 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

Message from the Mayor:

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Police Deputy Chief Neal Rhodes to come forward with a presentation.

Deputy Chief Rhodes presented a "Citizens Service" award to Mr. Wade Woods for his selfless action. Chief Rhodes stated that on August 17, 2018, Mr. Woods talked a gentleman out of jumping off of the Singing River Bridge.

Ms. Rachel Mansell introduced new company, Scoutabout, who recently became a new Florence Forward Business partner. Ms. Mansell noted that Florence Forward partners with local businesses to share ideas regarding our sustainable resources.

Mayor Holt noted that Florence High School's homecoming parade will be held this Thursday night at 7:00 and the football game will be Friday at 7:00.

Report of Department Heads: none

Report of Standing Committee:

Councilmember Edwards' Utility Committee comments follow, to wit:

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 Betterton 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 authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Joe Keenum Excavation & Construction, Inc., to provide labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary for the Sweetwater Streetscape Phase I Historic East Florence Business District, in the amount of \$324,021.00, to be paid from budgeted funds, General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013, sponsored by Melissa Bailey. Said Resolution follows, to wit:

Councilmember Bradley 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 Bradley seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilmember Bradley made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. Councilmember Bradley stated that there were concerns regarding the construction and how the businesses will be affected during the streetscape project as well as the construction of the new roundabout. Councilmember Bradley further stated that the construction of the roundabout and the streetscape project will run concurrently.

President Jordan made comments in favor of the proposed resolution. President Jordan stated that this was a joint effort with the City and the businesses to make sure both projects were done simultaneously. President Jordan thanked the Engineering and Planning Departments for their work on these projects.

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

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President Jordan noted that, during the earlier work session, the Council reappointed Mr. David Muhlendorf to another term on the Tourism Board and appointed Mr. Joel Anderson, Jr. to replace Mr. Brad Haddock on the SEDA Board. President Jordan further noted that the Council appointed Ms. Mary White to replace Mr. David Abramson on the Tourism Board. President Jordan stated that the Council is currently accepting applications for one position on the SEDA Board due to Mr. Bud Ward's term expiring.

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

Mr. Sam Pendleton, Jr., 1934 Maple Avenue, appeared and made comments regarding employees of the Florence Electricity Department. Mr. Pendleton stated that these men who are in attendance tonight are union members. Mr. Pendleton asked, “why are you letting these men be mistreated?”

Mr. Billy Ray Simpson, 755 West Alabama Street, appeared and read a report noting the number of African-Americans in each City department. Mr. Simpson stated that the City does discriminate.

Mr. Nicholas Robinson, 1637 Winston Street, appeared and stated that the employees of the Florence Electricity Department are hardworking, good men.

Mr. Jerrod Hyde, employee of the Florence Electricity Department, appeared and stated that the current situation at the Electricity Department is not a union problem, it is a departmental problem. Mr. Hyde further stated that the Electricity Department has a great group of guys.

Council Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Eubanks thanked Mr. Wade Woods for his actions. Councilmember Eubanks stated that Mr. Woods more than deserved the Citizen Service award.

Councilmember Eubanks noted that there is a Bicentennial event scheduled for this Sunday at the Indian Mound Museum beginning at 11:00 a.m. Councilmember Eubanks thanked the Street Department for their quick action in District 4 last week after the heavy rains.

Councilmember Edwards commended Mr. Woods on his actions. Councilmember Edwards also commended the utility employees for their hard work.

Councilmember Betterton had no comments.

Councilmember Simmons thanked everyone who spoke tonight. Councilmember Simmons also thanked the Building and Planning Departments for cleaning up blight properties.

Councilmember Bradley also thanked everyone who spoke tonight. Councilmember Bradley thanked the employees of the Electricity Department for their hard work. Councilmember Bradley expressed his appreciation to the Planning Department for their work on the East Florence Streetscape project.

President Jordan thanked everyone who attended tonight. President Jordan also thanked Mr. Bud Ward, Mr. Brad Haddock and Mr. David Abramson for their service.

Councilmember Edwards presented the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK