

STATE OF ALABAMA            )  
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The City Council met in a Work Session at 4:30 p.m.,  
Delchamps Room, 161 North Section Street,  
161 North Section Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532, on  
Monday, 13 February 2017.

Present were Council President Jack Burrell, Councilmembers: Jay Robinson, Jimmy Conyers, Robert Brown, and Kevin Boone, Mayor Karin Wilson, City Attorney Marion E. Wynne, and City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks.

Council President Burrell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation – Tatumville Development was the first item on the agenda. Trey Jinright presented the site plan for the 12 lot subdivision and the gully property owned by the City of Fairhope. The proposed plan would put the detention pond, a park with step pools, and low impact development techniques. This would become a demonstration project for the City of Fairhope. The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation would pay for the project with an estimated cost of \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00. Lee Turner, Chair of FSTC, said this would give the City a nature park for the neighborhood and community.

Mayor Wilson commented that Tatumville Gully needs help; and the City would ultimately have liability in the future not the 12 homeowners. She asked if the FSTC would take over the watershed. Mr. Turner replied that 10 acres would be corrected and stabilized. Councilmember Brown questioned with a 10 lot subdivision if the detention pond would be on FSTC property. Council President Burrell also questioned where detention pond would be located. Mr. Jinright commented the project would stop at Lot 22 for improvements and retention pond; and this project would be done correctly. He said you know when you are holding water and when you are releasing water.

Councilmember Conyers stated this is a really great project, but my concern as a Councilmember is for water retention being on City property; we should have a third party review. Three options were giving by FSTC: partner with City and put detention pond on City property with 12 lot subdivision; partner with City and put detention pond on FSTC property with 10 lot subdivision; or sell property and another developer build. Councilmember Brown commented if we don't partner with FSTC another developer could build. Councilmember Boone recused himself due to being a FSTC member.

Dean Mosher, 456 Oak Avenue, addressed the City Council and stated the most critical watershed in Fairhope is Tatumville with a 45 foot drop. If developed the gully will washout, undermine, and the park would be located in a flood zone. He said you have a third option: give the property to the City and not develop; and leave the gully alone and give the money for the Library repairs.

- The Recreation Board's Five Year Plan was presented next by Bob Keyser. He explained and discussed the main priorities to the City Council:
  1. Complete an engineering study of Volanta
  2. Refurbish the visitors concession stands at Majors Field
  3. Renovate Volanta Park consistent with results of the engineering study
  4. Complete a Master Plan for the buildout of the municipal pool
  5. Implement Phase 1 of the municipal pool master plan
  6. Repairs and Improvements to Founders Park Softball Complex
  7. Prepare a Master Plan for growth of Disc Golf
  8. Develop a Master Plan for Colony Nature Park
  9. Expand the Barnwell concession stand
  10. Add a new racquetball court at the Recreation Center
  11. Implement recommendations of Colony Nature Park
  12. Construct an Olympic-size swimming pool (50m x 25 yds) with diving well adjacent to the existing indoor pool

Councilmember Brown commented field space is needed and will be needed at the ballparks. Council President Burrell asked about studies being done for finances and priorities. Councilmember Robinson stated this takes a lot of work and time from the Recreation Board to put this 5-Year Plan together.

Council President Burrell asked about lights for the clay tennis courts. Community Affairs and Recreation Director stated the lights are in the budget with an estimated cost of \$125,000.00. Council President Burrell requested this item be placed on the next City Council agenda.

- Councilmember Conyers said he attended the Library's Chocolate and Champagne Event. He went to the Fairhope Environmental Advisory Board and they are looking into having a "Clean Marina" designation; the Historic Preservation Committee is still working on whether or not to present an ordinance to form a Historic Commission.
- Councilmember Robinson said the Tree Committee put on Arbor Day this past Saturday and was told it was a great event. He mentioned the Recycling Committee.
- Councilmember Brown stated that the Education Advisory Committee has been reviewing the principals' proposal; however, the main issue and priority is hiring School Resource Officers. Council President Burrell commented there may be a possibility for funds. He said there is drug used in both the Middle School and High School; and meetings were held at schools with key people and all are on board with this idea. Council President Burrell said we are looking at the fees collected through our Court; and to see if we can fund the Magistrate's salaries through the Court. Then, we could use the funds for a Resource Officer.

Councilmember Brown commented we need to move on that issue as soon as possible. He stated the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee have been looking for places in the City for bike racks.

- Councilmember Boone mentioned the Personnel Board had a special-called meeting to meet the Mayor. He announced the next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2017 at 7:15 a.m. The Harbor Board has been working on the seawall project at the marina.
- Council President Burrell said the Industrial Development Board met and one of the main topics is what to do with the light industrial park on Nichols. One of the ideas is to form an Entrepreneurial Area. He said the Airport Authority is still working on refinancing the property.
- Recreation Director Tom Kuhl addressed the City Council and said his department has been getting ready for the spring activities.
- Planning Director Wayne Dyess addressed the City Council and said that his department has been working on moratorium items and moving forward.
- Economic and Community Development Director Sherry-Lea Botop addressed the City Council and stated she has been working on data gathering; and will soon present to the City Council what her department will be doing.
- Public Works Director Jennifer Fidler addressed the City Council and thanked Council President Burrell for handing out trees on Arbor Day. Ms. Fidler said that her department is preparing for Mardi Gras; and will help with barricades using contract labor.
- Chief Chris Ellis addressed the City Council and commented last month was a busy month for the Fire Department with over 100 calls.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

  
Jack Burrell, Council President

  
Lisa A. Hanks, MMC  
City Clerk