

STATE OF ALABAMA            )  
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COUNTY OF BALDWIN        )

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  
Thursday, 23 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 4:38 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- The first item on the agenda discussed was the 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. LeeAnn May of Hartmann, Blackmon and Kilgore addressed the City Council and briefly went over the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report “CAFR” for the year ending September 30, 2016. Ms. May thanked the Mayor and City Councilmembers for allowing “HBK” to perform the audit. She also thanked the Treasury and Finance Departments for all of their help throughout the engagement. Ms. May stated the City is receiving an “Unmodified Opinion” which is the highest level to achieve.
- Councilmember Brown requested a Moratorium Update from the Department Heads. Public Works Director Jennifer Fidler said the scope of work has been prepared for the Drainage Study, but it will be done for each watershed with recommended corrections. Mayor Wilson commented a Comprehensive Land Use for Stormwater Management has been submitted through the portal for Restore Act funds.

Councilmember Boone asked if there is a priority for the watersheds. Ms. Fidler replied Tatumville first, Stacks second, and then Cowpen. She also mentioned the bridge in Rock Creek and the issues.

Planning Director Wayne Dyess said his department are review plans and studies; and have begun drafting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. He said there will be a “Public Hearing” at the Planning Commission meeting and then one at the City Council meeting. Council President Burrell suggested a possible Special Meeting to go over the amendments before moving forward.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Dan McCrory said we met and scaled back for the scope of work for the Water and Sewer Study due to cost. Mayor Wilson said we sent back for just specific lift stations and evaluate the cost for infrastructure. Mr. McCrory commented we need to maximize our dollars. Mayor Wilson said we need to correct our main issues.

- Councilmember Boone said the Personnel Board met that morning and discussed the Compensation Study and safety issues with employees.

- Councilmember Brown stated the Education Advisory Committee is working to mend their relationship with principals. He commented that Parks and Recreation are heating up; and March 11, 2017 will be the ribbon cutting for the Manley Road Soccer Complex.
- Council President Burrell said that the Industrial Development Board are working on the Light Industrial District at Nichols and promoting businesses. He said the Airport Authority met Tuesday and chose a banking institute for refinancing.
- Public Works Director Jennifer Fidler and Andy James with Volkert addressed the City Council regarding the TAP Grant and the possible change for the scope of work on the bridge. Mr. James explained the possibility of using steel trusses instead of timbers. He said this would be a cleaner look with a single span which reduces the impact to the creek.
- Building Official Erik Cortinas addressed the City Council regarding the following projects: the gas station at roundabout and permits have been issued; Old Battles Place has been seeded and mulched to repair damage and the Stop Work Order has been released. Mr. Cortinas commented the pond has been repaired and the entire lot has been reseeded and mulched which is more than required by the developer. Council President Burrell questioned the water downstream even if it is perfectly clean being an issue. Mr. Cortinas responded that the topography always flowed water down that way; and turbid water was the main issue.
- Community Affairs and Recreation Director Sherry Sullivan addressed the City Council regarding City Sketches. She commented City Sketches would no longer be issued, but soon we will have an online publication and would be printing 200 copies to be placed in City buildings.
- Director of Golf Bobby Hall addressed the City Council regarding the Pro Shop with water and termite damage; and we need to discuss plan and forecast for clubhouse. Mr. Hall handed out a report on numbers at the Golf Course at the request of Lynn Maser.
- Purchasing Manager Dan Ames addressed the City Council regarding the Golf Course Pro Shop. He said a claim was filed with insurance, engineer of record is to look at with Insurance Adjuster on Tuesday. Mr. Ames stated Mayor Wilson has selected Volkert for relocation of our utility lines. He stated the contract with Goodwyn Mills Cawood with a not to exceed to be on next meeting for Water, Sewer, and Gas Study; and we are still working on contract with not to exceed for the Library repairs.
- Council President Burrell commented the Budget Review will either be a Special Meeting and/or Work Session.
- Economic and Community Affairs Director Sherry-Lea Botop addressed the City Council on the following items: Design Studio at City Hall, GIS Mapping, Jeff Montgomery is redoing City's website, and economic development at the Airport. Ms. Botop mentioned her trip to Montgomery with meetings with ADECA and the Alabama Film Office. She also mentioned economic development discussions with Faulkner and the University of South Alabama.

Councilmember Brown asked about the Design Studio. Ms. Botop replied this is a space for convening with community and specialists; a nucleus for Community Development with economic development and planning developers, builders, etc.

- Planning Director Wayne Dyess addressed the City Council regarding possible preapplication conferences to engage the community before the Public Hearing Process. This would bring the applicant and community together to begin process. He mentioned a potential Map Viewer online 24/7 with GIS data with layers which keep people more informed and available in their homes.
- 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.
- Chief Joe Petties addressed the City Council regarding Mardi Gras and the KOER float that broke down which was quickly cleared. He mentioned the Mystic Mutts of Revelry which has become a large parade; and the need to possibly block off road most of the day.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

  
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Jack Burrell, Council President

  
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Lisa A. Hanks, MMC  
City Clerk