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The City Council met in a Work Session at 4:30 p.m.,  
Fairhope Municipal Complex Council Chamber,  
161 North Section Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532,  
on Monday, 27 November 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 first item on the agenda was the discussion of the Clean Vessel Marina Act by Lynn Maser and Drew Craze. This is a 75/25 grant for an all-in-one pump unit; and Mr. Craze explained the type of unit needed for the marina. Ms. Maser requested permission to move forward.
- The next item on the agenda was the update on the Quail Creek Clubhouse by Ms. Maser and Public Works Director Richard Johnson. Bids will be opened by the second meeting in December. The real goal is to complete by March for the FEEF Tournament.
- Mayor Wilson discussed the need for a full-time in-house attorney and gave examples of Cities who have an attorney on staff. She stated this was just based on last year's fees. Mayor Wilson commented we would still use outside attorney, but duplication is not needed.

Councilmember Conyers said the attorney would need administrative help. Councilmember Robinson stated the attorney would need malpractice insurance, access to legal library, and administrative help. He said we are not going to get that real expertise like Ken Watson for Planning. Mayor Wilson stated this is a conservative number; and it is a liability for the City not to have an in-house attorney.

- Revenue Officer Jennifer Olmstead addressed the City Council regarding the License Fees and the Penalties and Interest for Business Licenses. She explained the State Code and what is allowed pursuant to same. The penalties and interest were questioned and the consensus was the additional 15 percent was harsh.
- Councilmember Brown announced the Bike to School on Friday and gave an update on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee. He mentioned the Financial Advisory Committee will begin working on a strategic plan for funding capital improvements.
- Councilmember Conyers mentioned when the next Historic Preservation Committee and Fairhope Environmental Advisory Board meetings will be in December. He announced the Library Foundation's Chocolate and Champagne Event coming up in January.

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- Council President Burrell said that the Airport Authority met with staff. Mayor Wilson stated she had reached out to Auburn for a partnership. She stated that aviation is a large part of Auburn. Community Affairs Director Sherry-Lea Botop mentioned a new aviation department for possible two-year and four-year programs at the Airport. Mayor Wilson said that seventy percent of the aviation workforce will soon be retiring; and are looking for programs to peak student's interest in High School.
- Ms. Botop and Planning Director Wayne Dyess addressed the City Council and discussed the PL Grant for wayfinding and pedestrian safety. She gave an update of the Steering Committee and Stakeholders Meetings held last week. Ms. Botop mentioned the Planning Team of Christian Preus, PLA; Oliver Preus, PLA; and Rick Hall, PE a walkability expert. Mr. Dyess said the focal point was Fairhope Avenue and Section Street. Ms. Botop mentioned the main topics were the following: Downtown/College Relationship; Parking Concerns; and Walkability and Wayfinding. Mr. Dyess said we want to make streets look better with a better investment. He mentioned other items that were discussed: Roundabout at Veterans and Scenic 98 intersection with possible three-way stop.
- Operations Director Richard Peterson addressed the City Council and mentioned the upcoming Planning Commission issues: upsizing in Planning Zoning Ordinance, connection fees increased and access fees (money up front for an assessment upgrade and install lift station), revise the Construction Standards for constructing sanitary sewer facilities and water facilities. He said these standards are our expectation for subdivision.
- Richard Johnson addressed the City Council regarding the official Declaration for Hurricane Nate (DR-4349). He said the bids for piers will be presented at the next meeting. He also said the 2018 TAP Grant has a maximum amount of \$800,000.00 this year which is an 80/20 percent match. He said the City is looking to expand the sidewalks down Section Street to Old Battles Road to Greeno Road with a possible \$150,000.00 drainage improvement. Mr. Johnson mentioned Fairhope Alley Transit Hub Project, Tatumville Watershed Study, Delamare Improvements from previous study; and requested the Christmas one-time payment that means a lot to several employees.

Council President Burrell commented the one-time pay increase is only being held up to look at part-time employees and how to handle. He said there is no issue with full-time employees.

Mr. Johnson further explained that the connectivity with the sidewalks is to tie Old Battles Subdivision and Battles Place PUD to the City limits since both are annexed in the City. This will also connect Twin Beech Road and Greeno to these developments.

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- Golf Director Bobby Hall addressed the City Council and said change is great. He announced his retirement for December 31, 2017; and thanked the City for allowing him to serve the City of Fairhope and Quail Creek Golf Course.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

  
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Jack Burrell, Council President

  
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Lisa A. Hanks, MMC  
City Clerk