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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, 8 January 2018.

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

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 ADECA Recreational Trails Grant by Public Works Director Richard Johnson and Community Affairs Director Sherry-Lea Botop. Mr. Johnson explained the Multi-Use Non-Motorized Trail on the City's North Beach to be funded with this 80/20 grant. That would be \$400,000.00 to \$100,000.00 (City's portion) for the total grant of \$500,000.00 possible. Mr. Johnson stated this trail would be from decomposed granite and can be patched easily. He said the grant was due on February 9, 2018.

Council President Burrell commented he wants to know ahead of time what has been budgeted. Ms. Botop mentioned that the Financial Advisory Committee already approved going forward with the grant. Mr. John said this is a good figure at \$500,000.00.

Councilmember Conyers stated there is a lot of traffic not locals and concerned about this. Mr. Johnson said everyone pays or must be a citizen of Fairhope during our busy season when we man the booth.

- The MS4 Dry Weather Screening "Outfall Assessment" Notification Procedures was discussed by Planning Director Wayne Dyess and Environmental Code Enforcement Officer Kim Burmeister. Mr. Dyess briefly explained the Outfall Assessment and then turned the topic over to Ms. Burmeister who stated this is a requirement for our stormwater permit. Ms. Burmeister said this is over and beyond the Operation and Maintenance. This assessment is to check for properly functioning outfalls.
- Operations Director Richard Peterson briefly explained the needed soffit repair work and lack of ventilation at the Recreation Center Building. Mr. Peterson said he was looking towards infrared heating; and had met with Recreation Director Tom Kuhl and Walt Bolton with BES to discuss this project. Mr. Peterson mentioned he would like to negotiate with BES and have Council approve a not to exceed amount.
- The Debris Management Plan for the City of Fairhope was explained by John Saraceno. He explained the need for signatures and approval to send to the EMA and FEMA for their approval. Mr. Saraceno said then the plan would come back for final Council approval via a resolution.

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- Councilmember Conyers mentioned the Library Foundation's Chocolate and Champagne Event being held on January 27, 2018.
- Council President Burrell stated he and Councilmember Brown met three to four days hours at a time on the budget; and gave the edits to the Finance Department. Council President Burrell stated that Friday he found out the Recreation Department had \$330,000.00 more in the budget that had been inadvertently left out.

He mentioned the projected revenue includes rate increases for all four Utilities. Council President Burrell commented that the City Council needs to look at the budget in detail. He said if we don't increase rates, revenue projections will decrease. Council President Burrell said he didn't have a problem with some of these rate increases. Councilmember Robinson asked if there is a competitive list for rates and show services are in line with competitive rates. Electric Superintendent Joe Wolchina said that he would get with Richard Peterson for rate structures.

- Richard Johnson addressed the City Council and gave a TAP grant update. He stated the aluminum bridge has arrived. Mr. Johnson commented that the State Alabama Emergency Management will handle the Hurricane Nate projects. He stated the City met the intent of the Federal Regulations, but the disadvantage businesses were to be included and notified of the bid. Mr. Johnson said permits were issued for the pier repairs too.
- Community Affairs Director Sherry-Lea Botop addressed the City Council and mentioned the South Community Action Plan is complete and would like for Mr. Perkes to present the report. Ms. Botop brought up the ADECA Stormwater Medallion Project and the Technical Advisory Grant to work toward a "Clean Marina" and best use for Marina. She said a Nature Tourism Plan is included. It was mentioned the survey of the Fairhope Docks area could change recommendations and vice versa.
- Chief Joseph Petties addressed the City Council and said the Police Department is getting ready for the Dr. King parade on Monday and the three upcoming Mardi Gras parades. He commented on the Entertainment District and a group that did not want it.
- Planning Director Wayne Dyess addressed the City Council regarding the City's "Map Viewer Project." He said in approximately two weeks we will pushing out to the Public.
- Chief Chris Ellis addressed the City Council and stated that the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department had 98 calls last month and 1,029 calls for the year. This was the first time the Department broke 1,000 calls. Chief Ellis announced the newly elected Board of Directors; and he remains our Fire Chief.

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- Building Official Erik Cortinas addressed the City Council and stated the Building Department issued 1,115 residential permits, 60 commercial permits; and 5,200 plus overall permits this past year.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:24 p.m.



Jack Burrell, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk