

STATE OF ALABAMA            )  
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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, 23 April 2018.

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

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

The following topics were discussed:

- The Discussion of Inmate Phone System was next on the agenda presented by Chief Petties and Corrections Officer Jacob Colle. They explained the need for a phone system due to our system not working since 2012. The system is regulated by the FCC and is a tool for helping with inmates. The inmates or their family setup an account and pay for the calls. Officer Colle said visitation phones are included in the package. The consensus of the City Council was to move forward.
- Public Works Director Richard Johnson began the Follow-up Discussion of HVAC at the James P. Nix Center. He said ballroom is at one-third capacity; and the fresh return air unit is out of commission. Mr. Johnson said this is a high use facility with events. He responded that this will be a sixty percent replacement of the unit. Council President Burrell questioned how can the City find a solution for these issues. Mr. Johnson replied better preventive maintenance; and preventive maintenance contracts. Mayor Wilson commented we need a Building Maintenance Department. Councilmember Brown said no positive air is bad for the building.
- Councilmember Boone said they had a good Personnel Board meeting; and mentioned Ron Hayes being a Safety Specialist and will help the City with a Safety Management Program. The Harbor Board met and the seawall is almost complete.
- Public Works Director Richard Johnson brought up the FEMA and AEMA regarding Hurricane Nate. He said the Public Assistant Grant has been completed. He mentioned the abutments have been placed for the Pedestrian Bridge across Fly Creek. Mr. Johnson thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for the merit raise. He said the top third in Public Works received a merit raise; and recognized their worth for the City.

Councilmember Boone questioned the FEMA funds “ETA.” He also asked about watching the bridge get put in place. Councilmember Brown said he wanted to see plan for Magnolia Beach instead of dumping sand. Mr. Johnson replied part of the \$6.2 million from the Restore Act Funds if to help fix this issue.

- Mr. Johnson explained Agenda Item No. 8: a resolution for an outfall study with the GOMA grant for \$22,500.00 which will show a baseline for different storm events. This will be a working model to see what is going on, how to correct flooding issues, and how to maintain.
- Operations Director Richard Peterson address Council President Burrell's question regarding using multiple firms. Mr. Peterson explained each project. He also mentioned a diver last week for the outfall line to check out the breach. Mr. Peterson said we need to get an anchor block on pipe with a wraparound sleeve; and will need to excavate approximately five feet around pipe. He mentioned the Van Antwerp Building and Portico and the need to supplement flow to Section Street and Fairhope Avenue: 4" to 6" pipe.
- Community Affairs Director Sherry-Lea Botop addressed the City Council regarding two upcoming low-impact films and need for a possible waiver by the City Council. She said one will be on April 30, 2018 and May 1, 2018; and the other one will be on May 8, 2018 and May 9, 2018. Ms. Botop requested the \$5,000.00 deposit and the \$1,000.00 fee be waived; and liability insurance will be provided. The consensus from the City Council was to move forward and have a resolution for the agenda.
- Ms. Botop handed out the results from the Dan Burden Walkability Study and Wayfinding. She addressed the street closures and "Parking Rodeo" for First Friday Art Walk; Agenda Item No. 18.
- Councilmember Robinson questioned the legality of Agenda Item No. 7: An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 590 to protect the Public Health, Safety and Welfare by providing Policy and Procedure for Park Beach Entrance Fee at Fairhope's bay front within the City of Fairhope. Mayor Wilson suggested it be for Fairhope not just City limits.
- Councilmember Brown explained Agenda Item No. 18 regarding the street closings and Art Walk. Ms. Botop mentioned pedestrians being pushed into the streets; and this is only a test. The consensus was to remove Church Street and add Fairhope Avenue from Section Street to Church Street. City Clerk Lisa Hanks mentioned the Ordinance was introduced at the last meeting and there is not publication until after it is adopted. The City Council could amend it and then reintroduce it.
- Building Official Erik Cortinas addressed the City Council regarding the Retreat at Fly Creek Apartments. He said they have begun harvesting the trees and the gabion walls. Mr. Cortinas said the land disturbance permits have been granted; and Phase II is on the May 7, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.  
He also gave an update on the Grand Hotel upgrades.

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

  
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Jack Burrell, Council President

  
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Lisa A. Hanks, MMC  
City Clerk