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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, 26 November 2018.

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

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

The following topics were discussed:

- Planning Director Wayne Dyess and IT Director Jeff Montgomery addressed the City Council regarding the Discussion of Small Cell Towers. Mr. Dyess said two concerns are the aesthetics and number of towers. Mr. Montgomery stated the companies are gaps with these towers. Mr. Dyess mentioned AT&T has already asked about these towers. The consensus of the City Council was to move forward with a moratorium for putting these small cell towers up.

Mr. Dyess also mentioned a moratorium on the Greeno Road Corridor. This would allow the City to get the results of the Visual Preference Study; and to prepare amendments needed for the Corridor. Mr. Dyess said the moratorium would be for rezoning, site planning, and MOPs for 270 days or until we adopt regulations. The consensus of the City Council was to put on the next agenda.

- Operations Director Richard Peterson addressed the City Council regarding the Marina Electrical at the Main Pier. He stated we should get 87 1/2 percent back from FEMA Funds. Electric Superintendent Michael Allison explained that this will be marine grade and very rigid; and the transformer is pad mounted. Mayor Wilson stated we need better use for slips or expand the marina. Council President Burrell questioned transient boaters.

Building Official Erik Cortinas commented that FEMA raised the base flood plain; and damage from Hurricane Nate caused power loss. Former Owner Bob Pope stated that there are pedestals at all slips with the majority being 30-amp power. He said 50-amp pedestals are used for Yacht size boats. Mr. Cortinas said he pushed for a licensed electrician who could work over the water.

Councilmember Conyers questioned the risk of not getting reimbursed. Mr. Peterson replied FEMA has been working with the City of Fairhope.

- The Discussion of Remaining Budget for 2018 – 2019 was next on the agenda. The Sales Tax was discussed regarding the Rainy-Day Fund and the General Fund. Mayor Wilson commented we were stock piling cash; and have \$45 million cash balance. Councilmember Robinson said to use the Rainy-Day Fund instead of Utilities for operating expenses.

Mayor Wilson commented reclassification has always been done; and taken from previous years before she took office. Councilmember Conyers said there is an increase in both General Fund and Utilities.

Council President Burrell commented he wants to look over; and does not want to rob Peter to pay Paul. The City has paid off \$24 million dollars in debt.

Councilmember Robinson asked the City Council if there were any sections needing to be withheld; and nothing he sees needs to be cut. Councilmember Conyers stated we need to cut back on Capital Expenditures for the future.

Finance Director Jill Cabaniss addressed the City Council and asked them to remember Gas Tax, Capital Projects, and Impact Fees are in the General Fund.

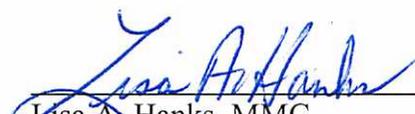
- Councilmember Boone gave an update on the Personnel Board. He said they discussed the Safety Program and Personnel Pay scale update.
- Council President Burrell gave an update on the Airport Authority and land on east side. He mentioned the agenda item for approval of the AIP Oversight Procedures; and the airport now has an in-house bookkeeper.
- Public Works Director Richard Johnson addressed the City Council regarding the new Transit Hub. Council President Burrell questioned what citizens should do during the holidays for garbage overflow. Mr. Johnson said they could put a bag beside the can and crew would pick up.
- Assistant Water and Sewer Superintendent Jay Whitman addressed the City Council regarding the following: the painting of the water tower is on scale for completing on December 18, 2018; and candy striping the water tower is a standard procedure. He also mentioned the failure on Well #7 which will cost approximately \$10,000.00 to repair.
- Economic and Community Development Director Sherry-Lea Botop addressed the City Council regarding the goose slaughter by a fox; and the City events are being held from now on.
- IT Director Jeff Montgomery addressed the City Council and said he has been working with Utilities and the Police Department on coverage issues. Mr. Montgomery told the Council he is looking at a contract that will save money, but we will have to purchase new devices at \$175.00 for each device. He said these are more reliable and better coverage with a camera. The Police Department and the Utilities have demoed and tested the device. Council President Burrell requested a cost comparison for each provider.

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Jack Burrell, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk