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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 January 2020.

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 4:32 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Brandon Goertz, a representative from the film “Map of Tiny Perfect Things,” along with Community Affairs Director Jessica Walker addressed the City Council and gave an update on Filming Sites and Process. Mr. Goertz explained the changes and stop light shots. He said traffic flow would be intermittent with at least 40 to 50 minutes each hour.

Councilmember Robinson commented they did best they could to film and keep closures less; being intermittent. Council President Burrell stated he needed to hear from the Downtown Merchants Association; and send their feedback to the City Clerk. Councilmember Brown agreed that they wanted to hear from the merchants before deciding. Council President Burrell suggested Mr. Goertz and Ms. Walker to take a straw poll to get a “Warm Fuzzy” response.

- Recreation Director Pat White addressed the City Council regarding the Discussion of Parks and Franchise Agreement and Use of City Property. Mr. White mentioned the Fairhope Soccer Club with the Soccer Travel Clubs, Soccer Academy, and Gulf Coast Rangers being under their umbrella. He said that these needed to have a franchise agreement with the City to use their facilities; and handed out the Fairhope Soccer Club’s 2018 financial statement and the Gulf Coast Rangers Football Club fees for fall 2019.

Council President Burrell commented the Fairhope Recreation Leagues should be priority for public use. City Attorney Marcus McDowell said this possibly is a bid law issue; using fields exclusively for private entity.

Mr. White brought the Summer Camp Program and the salaries of the coaches being under his budget; and listed under Summer Camp. He said the exercise room is open and they hold a three to four day football camp. Mr. White stated that other Cities have the coaches too, but channel funds through the Baldwin County Board of Education. Mayor Wilson said we need to set goals for these coaches.

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Councilmember Conyers questioned who will handle the Academy and Rants regarding franchise agreements. Councilmember Brown said we should not charge them the 20 percent for gross revenues. Council President Burrell mentioned the charges for tournament registration and tournament parking listed on the financial statement. Councilmember Robinson said a private entity should not be using a public facility and charging entry.

Mr. White stated he would present at the Recreation Summit and then take to the Recreation Board.

- Councilmember Robinson stated the Youth Baseball Team (12 year-olds) are going to a tournament in Cooperstown; and Fairhope has secured a spot for each year. He was we were asked to sponsor the team; being the “Pin Sponsor” in the amount of \$1,000.00. Council President Burrell commented if we fund this team, we will open Pandora’s Box for all teams.
- Council President Burrell gave an update on the Airport Authority and said they discussed a ground lease for T-hangars; and questioned whether to allow ground lease, build hangars, and then lease to the entity. He announced the Industrial Development Board meeting Tuesday night.
- Public Works Director Richard Johnson addressed the City Council regarding the Section Street cross walks project with pavers being delivered this week; signal equipment being delivered by next week; and drop dead completion date of February 14, 2020. He briefly addressed the following items: Rebuild Alabama Act grant for sidewalks denied; Turn lanes for U. S. 98 (Greeno Road) and Twin Beech; Gayfer Road and U. S. 98 (Greeno Road) project; and County Road 13 sidewalks and bridge completion. He suggested setting a ribbon cutting date for the sidewalks and for Mayor and City Council to walk sidewalks after cutting.

Council President Burrell asked about the Parking Garage and Alley Project. Mr. Johnson replied that the City was asked for more information on the property; i.e. cultural and historical significance of area. He said the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation owns 99 percent of the area being looked at; and are helping with that documentation. Mr. Johnson said the goal is to let bids for the project in February.

Councilmember Conyers asked about the roundabout at Highway 104 and Section Street. Mr. Johnson stated there are grants we can submit for funding, but the MPO funding is guaranteed in FY 2023. Council President Burrell suggested Mr. Johnson to look at the MPO funding schedule and the MPO could possibly move to FY 2022.


- City Treasurer Kim Creech addressed the City Council and said the City received a \$1,000.00 donation towards the “Clock Property” purchase.

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:32 p.m.



Jack Burrell, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk