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COUNTY OF BALDWIN        )(

The Harbor Board met at 4:00 p.m.,  
City Hall, Conference Room, 161 North Section Street,  
Fairhope, Alabama 36532, on Tuesday, 2 December 2014.

Present were Chairman Tom Yeager, Members: John Henry, Jr., Bob Riggs, Floyd Bishop, Tony Chavers, Councilmember Kevin Boone, and Mayor Timothy M. Kant. Hank Miner and James Gillespie were absent. Council President Jack Burrell was also present.

Chairman Tom Yeager called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and stated the first item on the agenda is to look at the proposal from Elizabeth Tonsmeire with 17 Turtles Gulf Coast Outfitters for the fish/ice house.

Ms. Tonsmeire explained the organization which was established in July would use the facility for environmental education with canoe and kayak rentals. This facility would meet the needs of the Outward Bound program. She also stated they would put around \$8,600.00 into this building for construction improvements which will probably end up more likely around \$10,000.00. Her proposal is for a one-year trial with a nominal \$250.00 per month lease payment. Bob Riggs stated this is keeping with Fairhope and is environmentally friendly. Chairman Yeager suggested a one year lease with options to extend. Council President Burrell stated he was not in favor of restroom and slip for no additional rent.

Mayor Kant commented that one year for \$10,000.00 is good; and a portable toilet would need to be down there. He said whoever runs the facility would be in charge of the port-o-let.

Tony Chavers moved to recommend requesting from the City Council approval of the proposal of 17 Turtles Gulf Coast Outfitters to lease and perform construction improvements at the ice house building at Fly Creek and to authorize Mayor Timothy M. Kant to negotiate the lease; and then bring back lease for approval by the City Council. Seconded by Bob Riggs, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Dredging the main channel was discussed next. Mayor Kant said Congress is running out of money; and Bradley Byrne needs to seek funding. This is now the time for everyone to write letters to Congress to fund dredging. Dan Herzog, Commodore of the Fairhope Yacht Club, mentioned a permit they were able to use to dredge 20 feet out from the docks. This permit can be used by anyone.

Chairman Yeager stated the slips need dredging and the City could help with equipment and personnel. Council President Burrell replied the City wants to make it nice; and we can reinvest funds from the marina rentals and leases. He also questioned for the Corps of Engineers to dredge and we must keep commercial, what is the number for recreational boats?

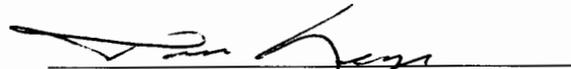
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Bob Riggs said we need to present a list to the City Council and include dredging of municipal pier. We need to revisit the list and present at a Work Session.

The lease with Ed Wall was mentioned that it will be up for renewal in 2015. Council President Burrell said it needs to be renegotiated with Wall. Jeannie Paradise with Fly Creek Marina stated Ed Wall was grandfathered in on EPA and container requirements. If someone else took over, it may cost millions to repair or correct to EPA standards.

Mayor Kant stated we need to work on area to be leased. The Henrys will have a good fresh product and will buy from our local fishermen.

There being no further business to come before the Harbor Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:12 p.m.



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Tom Yeager, Chairman



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Lisa A. Hanks, MMC  
City Clerk