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COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

The City Council met in a Work Session at 4:30 p.m.,
Delchamps Room, 161 North Section Street,
Fairhope, Alabama 36532, on Thursday, 11 February 2016.

Present were Council President Jack Burrell, Councilmembers: Diana Brewer, Michael A. Ford, and Kevin Boone, Mayor Timothy M. Kant, City Attorney Marion E. Wynne, and Jennifer Olmstead.

Council President Burrell called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Sherry Sullivan, Community Affairs and Recreation Director, addressed the council about upgrades at the Beach Front Park. Sherry stated that there is \$50,000.00 set up in the budget for these upgrades and would like direction on what the council would recommend the monies be spent on. Ms. Sullivan proposed some new play equipment, as well as refinishing some of the current play equipment, picnic tables, and charcoal grills. Upgrades on the restrooms were discussed; only cosmetic upgrades to be done at this time. Adding a Handicap Accessible bathroom was discussed; and the City Council requested price quotes to address this at a later time.

Councilmember Rich Mueller requested that “No feeding the ducks” signage be posted. Mayor Kant would like for the posting to be looked into further, and Council President Burrell tabled the idea for the time being.

Ms. Sullivan also discussed the Volanta Park play equipment, stating that the Fairhope Rotary Club wanted to fully fund new play equipment. Ms. Sullivan went over the types of equipment that would be purchased. Once the equipment is purchased, it should be installed by the end of March.

- Councilmember Brewer addressed the City Council and said that the Education Advisory Committee passed a motion to request support from the City Council regarding the March 1, 2016 Referendum for renewal of Ad Valorem Taxes to provide funding for Baldwin County Public Education. The EAC also made a motion requesting the City Council hold the \$350,000.00 earmarked for the Fairhope area public schools until the study by Akribos has been completed.

Council President Burrell recommended a Resolution to support the March 1, 2016 Referendum for renewal of Ad Valorem Taxes to provide funding for Baldwin County Public Education be drawn up for the next City Council meeting. All council members were in agreeance.

Council President Burrell was concerned about placing a hold on the \$350,000 with a little over two months of the school year left. Mayor Kant stated that the Larry J. Newton Principal did have a request for use of the money as well as one group from the High School. Mayor Kant did tell the requesters that their requests for use of the money needed to be brought to the attention of the EAC for a recommendation.

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- Councilmember Ford addressed the City Council regarding the Recycling Committee. Their next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2016. The Recycling committee is still up in the air about which method of recycling will be most beneficial to the City. Council President would like to see our methods of recycling be more publicized to direct our citizens in how to recycle.

Councilmember Ford stated that Baseball season was about to kick off and the only complaints Mr. Ford hears is about “stacked” teams.

- Councilmember Boone addressed the City Council regarding the Personnel Board meeting. He stated how vitally important it is that the employee evaluations be completed and turned in on time.
- James Gillespie, General Superintendent, addressed the City Council about issues the Fairhope Public Library has had since it was built regarding leaks. Mr. Gillespie would like direction on what should be done. City Attorney Marion E. Wynne has been instructed to review the contracts with the Architect from when the Library was built. Mayor Kant would like to be able to proceed with the project. The City Council was in agreement that the project should be started.
- Councilmember Mueller brought up the Historic Preservation Ordinance and the upcoming meeting to discuss the new Ordinance. Council President mentioned that the Airport Authority will be making a presentation to the City Council on its standing as well as FAA Grants that it will be receiving. Sister Cities is having a difficult time obtaining a Sister City, but they are still looking.
- Bobby Hall, Director of Golf, addressed the City Council commenting on some of the refurbishing of cart paths as well as upcoming tournaments. The newly purchased golf carts will be delivered in time for use at the Mayor’s Golf Tournament.
- Dale Linder addressed the City Council stating that Public Works did a great job recovering from Mardi Gras.
- Robert Rohm, Gas Superintendent, addressed the City Council regarding the Employee Golf Outing will be held March 13, 2016 starting at 11am.
- Jeff Montgomery, IT Director, addressed the City Council regarding the new iPads that the City Council will start to be using.
- Jonathan Smith, Planning Director, addressed the City Council reiterating the joint City Council and Planning Meeting scheduled for March 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Giddens Room at the Fairhope Public Library. Mr. Smith also is planning on having a charrette regarding the downtown parking situation to get a direction on what needs to be done. An addition of a BRATS hub downtown was also discussed. Dan Burton will be advising on the scope of work that needs to be done.

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Mayor Kant stated that Lee Turner with the Single Tax Corporation is interested in building a pervious parking lot behind the Fairhope Public Library and is ready to start working with the City Council if they are open for the idea. Council Member Brewer commented about what would happen to the RV parking that area is used for during Mardi Gras and Arts & Crafts.

Council President Burrell stated that at the next scheduled Council Meeting a Resolution will be on the Agenda for the authorization to construct sidewalks on Manley Road being paid for by the Single Tax Corporation.

Mr. Smith is working toward our HUD entitlement so the City may receive additional funding to help in areas.

- Council Member Ford asked Larry Sledge, Police Department representative about the safety of in the area of the parking garage. The only issues Mr. Sledge sees in that area is due to kids messing around. Mr. Sledge stated that there have been no reported assaults or stalking instances. Different safety issues were suggested to maintain safety.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Jack Burrell, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk