

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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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 Monday, 11 April 2016.

Present were Council President Jack Burrell, Councilmembers: Rich Mueller, Diana Brewer, Michael A. Ford, and Kevin Boone, Mayor Timothy M. Kant, City Attorney Marion E. Wynne, and City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks.

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

The following topics were discussed:

- The discussion of a potential Internet Franchise was first on the agenda. Don Evans stated he could have the Central Business District ready by June 1, 2016; and the rest of the City by July 1, 2016. Mr. Evans said he partnered with Southern Light for use of the fiber optics; and his target is for small businesses. The starting rate will be \$50.00 per month with two to 500 subscribers. He requested a testing period before installation. Mayor Kant said there is a need for doctors who work from home; the bluff neighborhoods; and the fruit and nut sections.
- The Central Business District Parking Deck Project presentation was given by Dan Burden with Blue Zones, LLC. He first stated that the Fairhope Parking Deck is ideally located with most of downtown Fairhope within a five minute walk. Mr. Burden suggested placemaking, art work at entrance, crosswalks with visual appeal, solar panels on the parking deck roof, wayfinding, bike share, roundels and roundabouts, and buffers. All of these would enhance Fairhope. Mr. Burden also gave suggestions on how to help with the parking at Faulkner, Fairhoper's Community Park, and De La Mare; and a green parking lot behind the Library. Council President Burrell stated we will look at the parking garage during the budget process; and we should get with Faulkner for a possible partnership to increase parking.
- Sherry Sullivan, Community Affairs and Recreation Director, addressed the City Council and presented the Recreation Board's Five-Year Plan. She also gave an update on the Soccer Complex Project with 80 percent of the parking complete; light poles ready; fields sodded; and then fence and trees.
- Council President Burrell explained the need for the Visitor Side Press Box at Volanta Stadium. He said the lowest bid came in at \$43,760.00; and mentioned speaking to the coach and the demand for press box is not as urgent as we thought. ADA compliance was brought up, so this will be looked at further for compliance issues and associated costs. It was mentioned this project may have to be rebid.
- Councilmember Brewer reminded everyone of the Education Advisory Committee meeting on April 13, 2016 for the Academic Audit Presentation by The Akribos Consulting Group.


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- Councilmember Ford mentioned a homeless and handicapped man who was lying in the driveway of a home he owns; and said if he would have been coming from the other direction he could have hit him. Chief Petties replied they have been trying to get help for this man who is mentally ill and handicapped. Chief Petties said we have at least five homeless in Fairhope; and now they are closing down "Tent City" in Mobile.

Ms. Sullivan commented they are using the bathrooms for bathing facilities. Council President Burrell said some choose to live this life style. Our ordinance was questioned by Councilmember Mueller. Chief Petties replied it only mentions City parks. Ms. Sullivan did mention our churches have helped in these situations.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:43 p.m.


Jack Burrell, Council President


Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk