

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, 25 April 2016.

Present were Council President Jack Burrell, Councilmembers: Rich Mueller, Diana Brewer, Michael A. Ford (arrived at 4:47 p.m.), and Kevin Boone, Mayor Timothy M. Kant, and City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks. City Attorney Marion E. Wynne was absent.

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

The following topics were discussed:

- Sherry Sullivan, Community Affairs and Recreation Director, addressed the City Council regarding the proposed amendments to the Park Usage Ordinance and the Sidewalk/Street Usage Ordinance. Ms. Sullivan commented that the changes will make the policies and procedures for one ordinance the same as the other ordinance; i.e. permits fees, clean-up deposit, and security fees.

Council President Burrell said that he tweaked the clean-up deposit section by the following verbiage: “A refundable clean-up deposit of \$500.00 is required for events with less than 50 participants. For events with 50 or more participants, the clean-up deposit will be \$1,000.00. Deposits and all permits fees must be paid in advance. The refundable clean-up deposit will be held until after the event. At the conclusion of the event, the area will be inspected by a representative of the City. If the user has not cleaned up the park (sidewalk/street) and restored it to its original condition, the City will clean up the park (sidewalk/street) and charge the user for the services. The clean-up deposit will be refunded less the charges for these City services as assessed by the appropriate City staff. Volanta stadium was briefly discussed.

- Councilmember Brewer mentioned The Akribos Consulting Group will be at the next Education Advisory Committee meeting to answer questions. They will soon present the Academic Audit results to the City Council. Councilmember Brewer read a letter from a Fairhope parent who would like to combine the elementary and middle schools into two “K thru 6 grade” schools. She requested a letter of support or a resolution in support of this idea. The consensus of the City Council was to get a letter from the Task Force and have a possible presentation at a Work Session. Mayor Kant said that combining the schools into two “K thru 6th grade” schools would drop from 32 students to 18 students in the “4th thru 6th grade” students
- Councilmember Mueller stated that at the next Work Session he would have the proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance for review.

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- Councilmember Ford commented that the Recycling Committee discussed having a recycling can and what is next to do for recycling. He mentioned the Recreation Board did not have a quorum, so no action was taken.
- Public Works Director Jennifer Fidler said that the City has not received a check from Tarpon in over 1-1/2 years; and glass is being transported to Georgia. The self-designed crusher, new baler, and wire mesh containers were briefly mentioned.
- Councilmember Boone stated the Personnel Board met and still recommend six members. He said the Harbor Board met and the bids have gone out for the docks; and want to know the budget amount for use at the docks. Mayor Kant mentioned the dredging has to be resolved.
- Council President Burrell stated that the Sister Cities Committee and the Industrial Development Board will meet Tuesday, April 26, 2016. The Airport Authority discussed creating a new website, the East side expansion, FAA grants, and the minimum standards may be changed which could help with the noise issues.
- Councilmember Brewer questioned if the Fly Creek dredging would be in this year's budget. Mayor Kant replies that it has been almost 20 years since Fly Creek had been dredged; and the Corps of Engineers says it has no money. He said Fly Creek needs to be addressed; and only the channel is the Federal Government's responsibility. Council President Burrell commented we need to have all stakeholders help with this problem. Councilmember Mueller stated someone needs to make a plan to get the numbers needed for the dredging; and we need a survey from Highway 98 to the jetty. Mayor Kant replied the Corps of Engineers previously did a survey.
- Mayor Kant brought up the City Parks and trashing of our beach. He suggested charging a little more for helping with the clean-up costs; and said this is getting out of hand. Council President Burrell commented Marcus McDowell, attorney with Wilkins, Bankster, Biles and Wynne, said that the City would have to authorize the Police Officers to write tickets.
- James Gillespie, General Superintendent, addressed the City Council regarding the pump house at the Quail Creek Golf Course being almost complete; and the drive-up window at City Hall can be fixed without any issues.
- Jennifer Fidler, Public Works Director, addressed the City Council regarding the Paving Project which has begun; the Community Park parking lot with 90 degree parking; the Beach Management Plan; and the TAP Grant being let for bid.
- Jimmy Cluster, Electric Superintendent, addressed the City Council and stated the pole installation for the Manley Road Soccer Complex is still ongoing.

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- Jay Whitman, Water and Sewer Assistant Superintendent, addressed the City Council and commented the water is on at the new Catholic High School.
- Jonathan Smith, Planning Director, addressed the City Council and said there are multiple projects ongoing for his department; and the Dan Burden plans can be expedited if needed.

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