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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, 22 August 2016.

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

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

The following topics were discussed:

- The Recreation Board discussion regarding the Rules and Regulations along with the proposed Tennis Court Fees was first on the agenda. Collin Rust and Mary Gammer requested that fees only be charged for use of soft courts; and that fees for hard courts was not reasonable. Mr. Rust commented we don't want this to be an elite sport. The Recreation Board recommended under age 15 to be allowed to use for free. Councilmembers Brewer and Mueller agreed that no fees should be charged for hard courts. Councilmember Boone said we should not charge kids at all. Community Affairs and Recreation Director Sherry Sullivan was asked to make the necessary changes and have for the next City Council agenda. Ms. Sullivan announced that the Manley Road Soccer Complex should be complete on September 19, 2016; and the dedication ceremony on September 30, 2016.
- Council President Burrell brought up the discussion of an Entertainment District. He said we do not want a Dauphin Street District like Mobile; and mentioned he met with businesses regarding issue like First Friday Art Walk. Since the City is a Class 8 Municipality, Fairhope would have to have one of the following to have an Entertainment District: an Arts Council, a Main Street initiative, or a Downtown Development Entity. Council President Burrell stated one of these must be established before proceeding. Councilmembers Mueller and Boone questioned the advantage(s) for an Entertainment District.
- Councilmember Brewer commented an update for the Manley Road Soccer Complex and the Recreation Board were already presented. She also mentioned the October Soccer Tournament is still scheduled at the Soccer Complex.
- Mayor Kant said the Budget will get cranked up on Wednesday.
- Council President Burrell said the Airport Authority has a grant from the FAA and there are two ordinances on agenda tonight to rezone the remainder of property from R-1 to M-1. Council President Burrell said the Industrial Development Board will regroup and help businesses already here. He said the Sister Cities Committee meets next week.

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- Council President Burrell brought up the K-1 Center and need to protect this property for a Performing Arts Center and/or Education. He mentioned a developer contacted him regarding a development; and stated we need to do whatever we can to keep the property for "Education or Performing Arts" only.
- Dan McCrory, Water and Sewer Superintendent, addressed the City Council regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plan Upgrade being submitted by Volkert to the Water & Wastes Digest for "Best of the Best" award.
- Chief Petties addressed the City Council regarding collecting supplies for Livingston, LA due to the flooding. We will have four officers who helped out this past weekend. Mayor Kant said we picked one of our Public Power entities; and we have another crew leaving tomorrow.
- Council President Burrell commented he toured the Library and we definitely have leaks; and saw the need for space for expansion. He also commented that he would like to see Faulkner partner with the City to utilize and renovate the K-1 Center. Councilmember Mueller suggested partnering with the University of South Alabama too.
- Public Works Director Jennifer Fidler addressed the City Council and said we took possession of our new street sweeper today.
- Bobby Hall, Director of Golf, addressed the City Council and said the Golf Course is doing well; and the beverage cart has arrived. He said we are moving forward with the Golf Department.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:22 p.m.



Jack Burrell, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk