

STATE OF ALABAMA                    )  
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The City Council, City of Fairhope, met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., Fairhope Municipal Complex Council Chamber, 161 North Section Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532, on Monday, 14 April 2008.

Present were Council President Robert C. Gentle, Councilmembers: Debbie W. Quinn, Daniel Stankoski, Cecil Christenberry, and Michael A. Ford, Mayor Timothy M. Kant, City Attorney Marion E. Wynne, and Assistant City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks. City Clerk Geniece W. Johnson was absent.

There being a quorum present, Council President Gentle called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Associate Pastor Jeff Ingram, of First Baptist Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Councilmember Quinn moved to approve minutes of the March 24, 2008, regular meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Christenberry, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council President Gentle made the following announcements:

- Community Blood Drive with Life South Community Blood Services will be held Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at the Nix Center from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor's Comments and Staff Reports:

- Mayor Kant announced the appointment of Fran Faust Slade to the Planning & Zoning Commission to serve a six-year term thereby filling the vacancy per the resignation of Ed Brinson. This term will run until April 2014.
- Jennifer Fidler, Director of Public Works, addressed the City Council and presented a status report on the following items:

(1) Public Improvements on North Section from Bayou to Oak: The median project was part of the Gorman Schaffer traffic study presented to the City of Fairhope in March 2007. The objective was to slow traffic down through Fairhope. There is no curbing which will allow water to flow without backing up. The total cost is \$2,200.00 with the trees being donated.

(2) Highway 104 from Veterans Drive to Greeno Road will be closed tomorrow to traffic. We will begin with the intersection improvements at Highway 104 and Greeno Road. Councilmember Quinn asked if the residents were notified of the closure. Ms. Fidler replied yes.

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(3) The parking garage construction will start on Monday, April 21, 2008. The following is a letter that was sent to the downtown merchants:

Dear Downtown Merchant:

On Monday, April 21, the parking area behind Fairhope Hardware will close for construction of the parking deck. Next week, Officer Heidi Loftis with the Fairhope Police Department will stop by the merchants in the affected area (Fairhope Avenue and Church Street) to give them a map of some designated merchant parking areas, a parking pass and a map of the additional 75 parking spaces that have been added in downtown Fairhope since February. The City plans to designate parking on the grassy area behind the library for merchants and each merchant in the affected area will receive one parking decal that will allow them or their employee designee to park in any space in downtown without violating the 2 hour parking limits. These decals will be numbered and recorded but merchants can pass them around among employees. These decals will not be effective after the parking deck opens.

After April 21<sup>st</sup>, the two hour parking limit will be enforced from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. where signs are posted. This will not only affect the merchants adjacent to the parking area but all businesses, their employees and customers. Please communicate with your employees and let them know that enforcement will begin on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Ticketing and enforcing tickets for everyone is the only way to make this effort successful. Any questions regarding parking tickets should be directed to the Officers Heidi Loftis, Craig Sawyer or Jimmy Davis with the Fairhope Police Department.

For your information, the new parking deck will provide an additional 100 parking spaces and hopefully will be open in time for the holiday shopping season. Please be patient as they begin construction and do not hesitate to call me, Alex or Heidi if you have any questions or concerns. Also, please share this information with anyone who may not have email. Also, if Heidi does not stop by next week with your decal, please give Alex a call by Friday and she will communicate with Heidi.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in this matter.

Sherry Sullivan  
City of Fairhope  
251-990-0218

The downtown parking issue will not affect services to businesses. The foundation will take approximately forty-five weeks and the construction approximately four weeks. Councilmember Quinn asked Ms. Fidler to look into the angled parking further South behind Greers on Bancroft. Councilmember Ford asked are you going to give out complimentary passes for a few weeks. Chief Comalander replied warnings will be issued.

(4) Centennial Trees: We have received \$4,650.00 in donations for the Fairhope Centennial Tree Program. This is just \$350.00 short of our \$5,000.00 goal. At the end of April, the last trees will be planted.

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Councilmember Quinn addressed the City Council regarding the press packet issue. She suggested either putting packets on-line or giving a packet to the press. Larger cities are on-line with their agenda and packets and I consider Fairhope as a large city. Councilmember Christenberry stated that if he received a letter, it is my call as to whether or not it should go public. Councilmember Quinn stated that City Attorney Marion E. Wynne was looking into the letter issue as what was considered public record or confidential information. City Attorney Wynne commented that he did not have an answer for the letters tonight. Council President asked City Attorney Wynne to draft a document regarding the press packets and public availability prior to City Council meetings for their review. Councilmember Quinn announced that Lisa Hanks, Assistant City Clerk, had prepared a report regarding press packets and how other cities handle these documents.

A Public Hearing was held as advertised on a proposed ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance No. 1253. Councilmember Christenberry introduced an ordinance to zone the property of Herbert and Ruth Pierce from B-4 Office and Professional District to B-3b Tourist Resort Commercial Service District. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended denial of this ordinance. This property is generally located at 19182 Greeno Road, Fairhope, Alabama.

Gregg Mims, Planning Director, explained the proposed ordinance:

**STAFF INTERPRETATION:**

The subject property is zoned B-4 (Office and Professional District) and the applicant would like to rezone to B-3b (Tourist Resort Commercial Service District). There is currently a single-family residence on the property; the applicant would like to use the property for a health food store.

North and east of the subject property there is land utilized as a cemetery. South lies single-family residences and there is vacant land in the County to the west.

The B-4 zoning district "is intended to provide opportunity for business establishments of a professional nature and is restricted to offices and businesses, which provide specific corporate functions or professional services to the general public" (Article III, Section A. 14). Retail operations such as a health food store are not a permitted in the B-4 zoning district.

The proposed zoning (B-3b) "is intended for a range of commercial and resort residential uses as appropriate locations to serve the needs of tourists" (Article III, Section A. 13).

Due to the location and abundance of vacant properties along Greeno Road that would allow for the proposed use (health food store), staff is unable to support rezoning the subject property. In addition, staff believes the existing B-4 zoning is appropriate for this location and that there was not an error in the original zoning designation.

The property is bordered to the north and east by R-A (Residential / Agriculture District). West is Greeno Road and un-zoned County land, and south is zoned B-4 (Office and Professional District).

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**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

On January 7, 2008 the Planning Commission unanimously recommended denial of the B-4 to B-3b rezoning request.

Respectfully Submitted for Consideration,

Jonathan I. Smith  
Planner  
City of Fairhope

B. Gregg Mims  
Planning Director  
City of Fairhope

Council President Gentle opened the Public Hearing at 5:44 p.m.

1. Steve Dunnam of Arnold & Associates, 753 Nichols Avenue, who is the agent for Herbert and Ruth Pierce, addressed the City Council in support of rezoning their property. Herbert and Ruth want to sell their property and it would be beneficial to prospective owners if it was rezoned to B3b. Their property is surrounded by retail or close by it. Common sense comes into play regarding this rezone request. This is a good location and a new structure is to be built in the near future.
2. Herbert Pierce, owner of 19182 Greeno Road, addressed the City Council and stated that it was very important to sell this property. I have lived in this house for 26 years and would not sell this property if it would be detrimental to the City of Fairhope. The people are very nice who want to buy property.
3. Lynorra Ash Harden, owner of Fairhope Health Foods and prospective buyer of property, addressed the City Council in support of the rezoning. She has been in the health food industry for 30 years. We have a small business, well established, and survived over 33 years. The parking and demand for the community brought us to Fairhope.
4. Henry Harden, prospective buyer, addressed the City Council in support of the rezoning. We found a piece of property and the right price. We would like an opportunity to have a little piece of this community.
5. Vince Valentim, 203 Perdido Avenue, a resident of Fairhope, addressed the City Council stating that he was surprised that Planning & Zoning denied this request. Mr. Valentim stated that he was always told lets go South. This business would not be out of place. Please give them what they want.
6. Hop Allen, a resident of Fairhope, addressed the City Council asking about the rezoning request from B4 to B3b. He asked; what does tourist have to do with business. I don't understand the zoning request! Mr. Mims replied that he would answer this question along with others regarding this matter.

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The Public Hearing closed at 5:55 p.m.

Mr. Mims stated that in general commercial zoning anything would go. There would not be many restrictions as what you could put or build in this category. In B3b zoning, it is more restrictive for what you could build. Councilmember Ford asked Mr. Mims, "What is your problem?" Mr. Mims replied I don't have a problem. I think Planning & Zoning was concerned with the domino effect. The City of Fairhope needs to control land use. We need to set a policy on what you are going to zone.

Council President Gentle stated he voted against the rezone on the Planning & Zoning Commission. He asked about the North Greeno and South Greeno overlay and inquired where do we stand on this? Mr. Mims replied that an overlay would be a massive project. You cannot do it overnight. We would need a series of meetings with all property owners. Planning & Zoning is making an effort to hold the line. Councilmember Ford asked; have you received any complaints from any of the neighbors. Mr. Mims replied no.

Councilmember Christenberry stated an overlay district is great, but in the real world there would be issues. This rezone fits the property here. That area of Greeno Road is business. I think this is a perfect fit and thank the Pierces for tightening this up as a B3b zoning category.

Council President Gentle asked, "How did you get B4?" Ruth Pierce answered it was an office in a flat house and this is what we were told it needed to be zoned. Councilmember Quinn asked; what else can go in B3b. Mr. Mims replied the following: office, grocery store, general merchandise, motel, hotel, indoor recreation, personal storage, recreational vehicle park, restaurant, bar, etc.

In order to take immediate action Councilmember Ford moved for immediate consideration. Seconded by Councilmember Christenberry, motion for immediate consideration failed for lack of a unanimous vote. This ordinance will layover for final adoption at the next regular City Council meeting.

Councilmember Christenberry introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution authorizing Mayor Kant to sign the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program (MWPP) Report for 2007. Councilmember Quinn inquired about the smoke testing and camera program. Mayor Kant stated these tests are performed once a month. This includes maintenance and checking. Seconded by Councilmember Stankoski, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1444-08**

**MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION (MWPP) PROGRAM  
ATTACHMENT 1**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, that Mayor Timothy M. Kant is hereby authorized to inform the Department of Environmental Management that the following actions were taken by the City Council of the City of Fairhope, Alabama.

1. Reviewed the MWPP Annual Report which is attached to the resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions and schedule necessary to maintain effluent requirement contained in the NPDES Permit, and to prevent the bypass and overflow of raw sewage within the collection system or at the treatment plant:

No action was required to be taken by the City of Fairhope.

Passed this 14th Day of April, 2008 by a unanimous vote.

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Timothy M. Kant, Mayor

Attest:

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Geniece W. Johnson, City Clerk

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I, Geniece W. Johnson, City Clerk of the City of Fairhope, Alabama, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 1444-08 passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Fairhope, Alabama, on the 14th day of April, 2008.

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Geniece W. Johnson, City Clerk

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Date

Councilmember Quinn introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution authorizing Mayor Kant and Nancy Wilson, Treasurer, to renew the Utilities line of credit with RBC Centura Bank in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00). Seconded by Councilmember Christenberry, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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**RESOLUTION NO: 1445-08**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE,** that Mayor Timothy M. Kant and Nancy Wilson, Treasurer, are authorized to renew the Utilities line of credit with RBC Centura Bank in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for summer utility bills and will be repaid in fall as customer utility payments are received.

Adopted on this 14th day of April, 2008

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Timothy M. Kant, Mayor

Attest:

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Geniece W. Johnson, City Clerk

I, Geniece W. Johnson, duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Fairhope, Alabama, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution No. 1445-08 is a true and accurate copy of a resolution approved and passed by the Governing Body of the City of Fairhope at the regular City Council meeting on April 14, 2008.

City Seal

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Geniece W. Johnson, City Clerk  
Custodian of Records

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Date

Councilmember Christenberry introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution authorizing Mayor Kant to write a letter to Auburn University President Dr. Jay Gogue supporting the Gulf Coast Substation and the approximate 800 acres, located at 8301 State Highway 104, as open space and agricultural research, requesting to continue the close working relationship, and to discuss any other incentives and agreements between Auburn University and the City of Fairhope that insures the continued operation of and designation of the Substation property as an open public space. Councilmember Christenberry thanked Mayor Kant for the resolution and letter of support regarding this substation. He continued by reading the resolution in its entirety. Seconded by Councilmember Ford, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1446-08**

**WHEREAS**, the Auburn University Gulf Coast Substation, located at 8301 State Highway 104, was established in 1930, as one of the five original “sub” agricultural experiment stations of the Main Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station at Auburn University; and

**WHEREAS**, the original 725 acres of the Substation were donated by local agencies, and the research center was established as part of a 1927 Act by the Alabama Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf Coast Substation currently has 75 research projects underway and hundreds of important agricultural research projects have been conducted since 1930; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairhope has enjoyed its relationship with Auburn University and considers the approximate 800 acres to be important to the land use mix in the Fairhope Community;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairhope congratulates Auburn University on 78 years of research conducted at the substation;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the City of Fairhope supports the continued use of the Gulf Coast Substation and the approximately 800 acres as open space and agricultural research; that

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA**, that Mayor Timothy M. Kant, is hereby authorized to write a letter to Auburn University President Dr. Jay Gogue supporting the Gulf Coast Substation and the approximate 800 acres, located at 8301 State Highway 104, as open space and agricultural research, requesting to continue the close working relationship, and to discuss any other incentives and agreements between Auburn University and the City of Fairhope that insures the continued operation of and designation of the Substation property as an open public space.

Adopted on this 14th day of April, 2008.

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Timothy M. Kant, Mayor

Attest:

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Geniece W. Johnson, City Clerk

I, Geniece W. Johnson, duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Fairhope, Alabama, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution No. 1446-08 is a true and accurate copy of a resolution approved and passed by the Governing Body of the City of Fairhope at the regular City Council meeting on April 14, 2008.

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Geniece W. Johnson, City Clerk  
Custodian of Records

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Councilmember Ford moved to update Fairhope Police Reserve Roster by adding Wayne Robinson. Seconded by Councilmember Christenberry, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Stankoski moved to appoint Savan W. Wilson to the Personnel Board. This term will end April 2013. Seconded by Councilmember Christenberry, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Ford moved to make the following appointments to the Museum Advisory Board:

Appointments	Appointment Date	Expiration Date
Greg Waselkov	04/14/08	04/14/09
Thelma Todd	04/14/08	04/14/09
Geoff Cain	04/14/08	04/14/10
Bill Payne	04/14/08	04/14/10
Mike Ford, Councilmember	04/14/08	04/14/11
Henry Dunlop	04/14/08	04/14/11
Sherry Sullivan	04/14/08	04/14/11
Ex officio members:		
Timothy Kant, Mayor	04/14/08	
Larry Thomas, FSTC President	04/14/08	

Councilmember Ford stated the Museum Advisory Board will specify in their By-laws that at least one member would be from Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. Seconded by Councilmember Quinn, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Quinn mentioned that in a previous City Council meeting she reported that a little boy was hit by a float at Mardi Gras in Prichard. Since the incident, she has met with several of our Mardi Gras organizations regarding the need for more barricades for safety reasons. Tonight, she told the City Council that both ladies organizations have pledged \$500 a year for three years to fund more barricades for the city's use. The men's organization has not let me know anything as of this date.

Councilmember Quinn moved to grant the request of Page & Palette requesting permission to close De La Mare from 3:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on April 30, 2008 for Joyce Meyer's book signing. Seconded by Councilmember Christenberry, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Quinn moved to grant the request of the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to block streets for their annual Arts and Crafts Festival on March 20, 21, and 22, 2009. Seconded by Councilmember

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Christenberry, motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Jay Hasting, Director of Tourism for the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce, presented the City of Fairhope with a framed 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Crafts Festival print.

Mr. McKeown addressed the City Council requesting to extend Liberty Street 170 feet in order to access his property and stated that Liberty Street stops approximately 300 feet before Big Head Gulley. Mr. McKeown also stated that he would pay for the extension and maintain the road. Joe Sledge, 19550 Liberty Road, addressed the City Council stating that the blacktop goes down almost 30 feet from Big Head Gulley, not 300 feet. Mr. McKeown reassured the City Council that the street stopped 300 feet before Big Head Gulley. Mr. Sledge asked Mr. McKeown, "Are you going across the gulley?" Mr. McKeown replied no.

After further discussion, Councilmember Ford moved to grant the request of Carl and Marilyn McKeown requesting permission to extend Liberty Street approximately 170 feet from where it now ends just south of Fig Street. Seconded by Councilmember Stankoski, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

City Attorney Wynne informed the City Council that the only reason this request from the Fairhope Veterans Memorial Committee has come before them is due to our new ordinance which specifically requires alcohol being served on the city streets must be presented to the City Council for approval. After further discussion, Councilmember Ford moved to grant the request of Joe Birindelli, Co-Chairman of the Fairhope Veterans Memorial Committee requesting permission to serve beer and wine at a block party in downtown Fairhope, the first of several fundraising efforts for the construction of the Fairhope Veterans Memorial. Seconded by Councilmember Christenberry, motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Councilmember Stankoski said that the Fairhope Veterans Memorial is a fine work of art.

Councilmember Christenberry moved to grant the request of Christopher Baker from Hutchinson, Moore & Rauch, LLC requesting the easement which provides dedicated access to Founder's Square be named Bernhardt Lane. Mr. Baker mentioned that Baldwin County 911 Addressing has requested that the access to Founder's Square be named. Seconded by Councilmember Stankoski, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Quinn began the discussion on strategic planning. She said at the last regular City Council meeting our auditor stated we needed a long term financial plan. The Governmental Structure Committee also stated the need for a strategic plan. The following pages are from the Governmental Structure Committee's report regarding strategic planning: their findings, conclusions, and recommendations:

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### **Strategic Planning**

#### *Strategic Planning – Findings*

The City does not have a Strategic Plan, commonly understood to be a five-year look forward including financial projections. However, each utility department has a long-term plan, focused primarily on capital projects and system betterments.

Based upon interviews with financial/accounting professionals, the largest financial threat to the City is a series of well intentioned but capital-intensive infrastructure improvements approved individually without respect for the long-term impact on the City's financial structure.

Although each city official seems to have in mind long-term strategic or financial goals, none of these goals are communicated in writing to other officials.

A review of small cities around the country finds many similar to Fairhope, with little formal long-range planning. But a growing number of progressive cities have strategic plans that include vibrant community involvement components. The planning models vary widely.

#### *Strategic Planning – Conclusions*

LACK OF A FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC AND FINANCIAL PLAN IS THE LARGEST RISK FACTOR AFFECTING THE FUTURE FINANCIAL INTEGRITY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE AND ITS UTILITIES.

Communications difficulties between the mayor and council have been frequently connected with financial issues, often extending beyond the current budget cycle, and often related to status of available of cash.

The annual budgeting process and the strategic planning process should be linked. The annual budget each year should be the implementation of the first year of the current five-year strategic plan, after which the strategic plan should be updated for one additional year.

The three most relevant practices of the GFOA to the situation in Fairhope are:

- Recommended Budget Practices of the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB)(1998). Key characteristics of the budget process include incorporating a long-term perspective and establishing linkages to broad organizational goals.
- Recommended Practice: Budgeting for Results and Outcomes (2007). Four essential provisions of effective budgeting are (1) set broad goals to guide decisions, (2) develop strategies and financial policies, (3) design a budget supportive of strategies and goals and (4) focus on the necessity of continually evaluating a government's success at achieving the goals that it has set for itself

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- (i.e., performance).
- Recommended Budget Practice on the Establishment of Strategic Plans (2005). GFOA recommends that all governmental entities use some form of strategic planning to provide a long term perspective for service delivery and budgeting, thus establishing logical links between authorized spending and broad organizational goals. They identify thirteen key steps common to all strategic planning processes.

*Strategic Planning – Recommendations*

6. **Initiate a Strategic Planning Process, using a consultant if necessary to get started. Follow Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) “Best Practice Guidelines. A key element of the GFOA “Recommended Practices” is the necessary interrelationship between budgeting and long-term financial and strategic planning.**
7. **Initiate all large requests for capital through the Strategic Planning Process, and defer all large requests until a 36-month financial projection is done.**
8. Implementation of a strategic planning process can be done in phases, done in small pieces that individually will not overwhelm city staff and elected officials. Even at that, a consultant will likely be required for at least the first few cycles to assist with development of the process and plan.

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Council President Gentle gave a “what if” scenario if the City of Fairhope had to go to a paid Fire Department instead of a volunteer Fire Department at this moment in time. The city would not be prepared for this or any other large expenditure. The next administration that comes in will inherit things we did not do or should have done.

Councilmember Quinn said we need to appoint an ad hoc committee to give us an outline to what we need to do to move forward.

Councilmember Stankoski stated earlier on the agenda we approved a \$2,000,000.00 line of credit. The city has been using a line of credit when cash from utility customers is delayed. We have been doing this for years. I suggest a five-year strategic plan is our game plan and go for it. If you have an outline and syllabus, you can go forward.

Councilmember Christenberry stated we need a four or five-year plan. We need to start forming some type of plan.

Councilmember Ford stated we have been borrowing money for years, not just since 2000. A strategic plan is a good idea; just not set in stone, like the comprehensive plan. I am all for it as long as it is not written in stone, has flexibility, and we are not going outside to hire.

Councilmember Quinn told the City Council she had talked with Chuck Zunk and Dick Kwapil to serve on the committee. She suggested that the committee have two members from the Governmental Structure Committee, two members from SCORE, and any Councilmember who would like to serve. Council President Gentle asked to be on this committee.

Chuck Zunk, 59 White Avenue, addressed the City Council and reassured Councilmember Ford that this ad hoc committee is not to write the plan, just give guidance and structure. It would be very inappropriate to actually write the plan. Every year you come back and refresh the plan. You push out the plan five years forward. You never hide behind the plan.

After further discussion, Councilmember Quinn moved to appoint an ad hoc committee to look into the strategic planning process with two members from the Governmental Structure Committee, two members from SCORE, and any Councilmember who would like to serve. Seconded by Councilmember Stankoski, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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Mayor Kant commented that the City of Fairhope needed help with large capital expenditures. Council President Gentle said this is a process for the City in order to protect it. Councilmember Stankoski said the plan is to say let's look a little bit behind us and see how we can catch up before moving further along.

Councilmember Quinn moved to accept the low bid of Lazzari Truck Repair, Inc. provided all specifications are met, for repairs to Garbage Truck No. 544. Seconded by Councilmember Christenberry, motion passed unanimously by voice vote. This purchase will be funded by General Operating Funds – repair & maintenance.

Councilmember Christenberry moved to accept the State of Alabama Bid Number T193A including specifications determined by the Fairhope Gas Department, for a 2008 F350 Ford Truck – Gas Service Truck - in the amount of \$20,461.27. Seconded by Councilmember Stankoski, motion passed unanimously by voice vote. This purchase will be funded by Gas Operating Funds.

Councilmember Christenberry moved to pay bills as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Ford, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Robert C. Gentle, Council President

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Lisa A. Hanks, Assistant City Clerk