

- The first item on the agenda was Committee Updates. Councilmember Brown stated that the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee will begin a Bike to School on the first Fridays of the month. He announced an Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held for FEEF to give a presentation regarding the K-1 property on November 1, 2017. He mentioned the Fly Creek Sampling Plan that Mobile Bay Keeper presented at the last meeting. Councilmember Brown said the cost is \$6,5000.00 and would like to add this item on the agenda.
- Councilmember Boone announced the Personnel Board met and discussed job descriptions being more efficient; and they will do an in-house compensation study.
- Council President Burrell mentioned the Airport Authority and a resolution for an FAA Grant being on tonight's agenda.
- The next item on the agenda was an update on the storm damage by Public Works Director Richard Johnson. He said the wooden piers were damaged and the City is waiting on a possible FEMA declaration to help with costs. He suggested replacing as one project; and if FEMA declares, we will do in-house. Mr. Johnson said the cost will be approximately \$250,000.00; and hope to rebuild at minimum standard.
- Gregg Redditt, representing St. Michaels Catholic High School, addressed the City Council regarding the reappointment of James Bailey for the Educational Building Authority. He mentioned these appointments are on staggered terms, so there will be reappointments the next two years.
- Department Head Updates was next on the agenda. Community Affairs Director Sherry-Lea Botop addressed the City Council and mentioned the Moratorium Report. She said grants are moving forward: Wayfinding Grant (PL Grant) is for a recommendation for safety and plan.; and the Grant for the Parking Garage Project is being increased to \$600,000.00 for completion along with Transit Shelter. Mr. Johnson commented we are looking for Local Project approval. Ms. Botop also mentioned the South Community Action Plan Meeting.
- Planning Director Wayne Dyess addressed the City Council reported that the moratorium is over, so projects must be first approved by the Planning Commission.

- Councilmember Brown stated that the EAC has requested \$350,000.00, but do not have anything specific for funding at this time. There has been no data back from what they had used for funding. Council President Burrell commented experts said they needed Professional Development so we funded; but previously we said we would not fund. There are no benchmarks from schools.
- Councilmember Conyers mentioned the Fairhope Environmental Advisory Boards and Clean Water. He asked for Casi Callaway and Cade Kistler from Mobile Baykeeper addressed the City Council regarding testing at Fly Creek. They want to test and find out where the bacteria are coming from. Ms. Callaway said this would be three months of testing. Mayor Wilson said testing is already in the budget. Mr. Kistler commented they were looking at below Scenic 98 and above on Fly Creek. Ms. Callaway said we will test and study one area and then go to another area with a cost of approximately \$6,500.00 with 144 tests. Councilmember Conyers said we need to look at long-term needs; and find source before going forward. Council Mayor Wilson recommended for Ms. Callaway to get with Richard Peterson on testing. President Burrell said we need to review Peterson's proposal and bring back next meeting.
- Councilmember Conyers brought up the application from the Mystic Mutts of Revelry that was declined which is the same day as KOER. Council President Burrell said the ordinance did not specify. Councilmember Robinson said it always had been same day. Councilmember Conyers said the Downtown Merchants shut down for this parade. Councilmember Boone commented whatever it takes the dog parade is a "yes." Council President said we can change ordinance or give a variance from the ordinance. City Clerk Lisa Hanks was asked to check the ordinances.
- Councilmember Brown said the Financial Advisory Committee met last Thursday and the City Council needs to point a liaison. Mayor Wilson said they are meeting once a month; and the City Council only meets twice a month. She said this will slow down process; and will be detrimental to City. Council President Burrell said we appoint Councilmember Brown to the Fairhope Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Brown said if outside the budget bring to City Council. Councilmember Robinson said this Committee just started and should flow better; and it is better to be right than fast. Mayor Wilson said it takes six months to procure items for the City. Council President Burrell said procurement policies were added to the resolution. Mayor Wilson read the paragraph that will hinder the City. Council President Burrell commented that was verbatim from the 2009 resolution.
- Council President Burrell brought up the marina regarding fuel dock and fuel pumps. A resolution to select PPM for Professional Environmental Consulting Services needs to be added to the agenda relating to the Installation of Fuel Tanks and the Preparation of the Spill Containment Plan at Fairhope Docks; to authorize mayor Karin Wilson to establish a fee schedule; establish a not-to-exceed limit of \$3,700.00; and execute the associated contract. The City will be managing the marina in one week. We need fuel tanks and pump out station.

- Council President Burrell said he had met with Councilmember Brown for over four hours on the proposed budget. He said we may have special meetings to ask questions. He commented lack of communication is not lacking as looking at the budget.
- Public Works Director Richard Johnson addressed the City Council and said we are assessing damage from Hurricane Nate: shoreline is the major damage and the majority of our public piers are damaged. Councilmember Brown mentioned the bulkhead south of pier.
- Electric Superintendent Joe Wolchina addressed the City Council and reported there were only six local outages.
- Water and Sewer Superintendent Dan McCrory addressed the City Council and thanked the City employees who took care of citizens and also thanked the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department. He said the City reduced flow instead of turning off customers on County Road 1.
- Operations Director Richard Peterson addressed the City Council and said we cut one valve off and cracked the other valve on customers on County Road 1. He said we are looking at a possible by-pass to the line, but give pressure to citizens. Mr. Peterson said we had crew available from Florida if needed through Electric Cities.
- Gas Superintendent Robert Rohm addressed the City Council and reported no damage from storm. He did mention a meeting with Davidson Oil for fuel tanks.
- Community Affairs Director Sherry-Lea Botoy addressed the City Council and said we had a good action plan. She said we are working on resilience grants and mitigation for better funding to better improve.
- Planning Director Wayne Dyess addressed the City Council reported that the moratorium has expired, so projects will be coming to the Planning Commission.
- Chief Chris Ellis addressed the City Council and said all stations were manned during storm. He mentioned fire prevention program for children, the explorer post competed in Helena, and the Fire Department answered 1,025 service calls.
- Chief Joseph Petties addressed the City Council said that all Departments worked well together during the storm. Lt. Hollinghead handle it well while I was out of town. The City needs to communicate with the public better.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:52 p.m.


Jack Burrell, Council President


Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

Fairhope Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee

Recommended Improvements

October 2017

Summary of Recommendation:

The Fairhope Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee is recommending that the City Council consider placing bicycle racks in 4 locations around downtown using a simple, commercially available rack design.

The Committee also recommends the addition of bike lanes to make the existing bike lanes more user-friendly.

Bicycle Parking

LOCATION

Secure yet visible bicycle parking encourages people to ride bicycles, and provides the means to park their bicycles and patronize shops and restaurants. Currently there is little bicycle parking available downtown.

Based on suggestions from Bicycle-Pedestrian committee members, citizens, and consultant Dan Burden, the Committee has identified 4 general locations where bicycle parking would be useful. Criteria included proximity to destinations (shops, restaurants, parks, government facilities, amenities, etc.); visibility; space considerations (to avoid conflicts with vehicular or foot traffic); and usefulness for both residents and visitors.

RACK DESIGN

The Committee also discussed the type of bicycle rack that would work best. While custom bicycle racks are distinctive, they can be expensive and their intended purpose might not be recognized. Simple designs are often the most effective—easily recognizable as bicycle racks, easy to use, and adaptable to the location. The Committee recommends that one of two designs be used: “inverted U” or “bike hitch”. Each of these offers customization options (i.e. color of rack and the addition of a logo).

Recommendation: That the City Council consider placing bicycle racks around downtown using a simple, commercially available rack design. Approximate cost: less than \$1500, plus shipping, with delivery in two to three weeks. Price quoted includes 12 inverted U or Hoop racks for installation at four locations in sets of three, tamper proof stainless steel anchor bolts, tamper proof anchor nuts, and installation tool. Priority placements, as a starting point, include:

- **Fairhope City Hall/Civic Center** (outside window to Mayor's office, next to Civic Center doors)
- **Fairhope Museum/Welcome Center** (left side in front of Welcome Center near sidewalk)
- **South Section Street** near the entrance of the French Quarter (in the no parking area)
- **Bancroft Street and Fairhope Avenue** (East of Julwin's, in clear sight of both streets)

Bike Lane Expansion

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee proposes the installation of more on-street bike lanes to connect the existing bike lanes for a more complete bike route through the center of town.

The current bike lanes provide a safe area on the street for cyclists to ride but because they are disconnected, they are not user-friendly. Bike lanes serve citizens and tourists who want to bike downtown but are intimidated by riding in car lines. By making bicycling safe, accessible and convenient, bike lanes can provide parking and traffic relief downtown while contributing to the overall health of our city.

Recommendation: As a first step, the committee recommends that the City Council consider adding 5 ft on-street bike lanes in both directions on Church Street between Fairhope Avenue and Magnolia Avenue. The road is wide enough, the lanes just need to be painted on both sides.

Map of existing and proposed bike racks, and existing and proposed bike lanes.

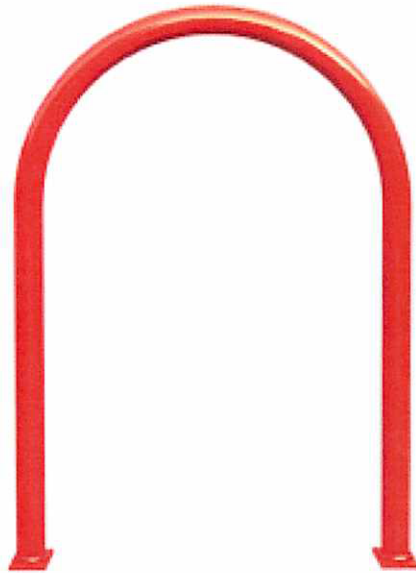


Hoop Rack Style

The Hoop Rack is a proven design that provides high security and easy bike parking. The Hoop Rack uses thick pipe construction and the full radius of the bend makes the Hoop an attractive and functional bike rack. This bike rack can also be put on rails for mobility and is popular in bike corrals.

Parks two bikes.

Option to customize with logo.



Bike Hitch Style

The Bike Hitch uses thick tube construction and a full radius bend of the ring, making it extremely difficult to cut with a pipe cutter. This popular bike rack has street appeal, a slim silhouette, and accommodates all bike locks.

Parks two bikes.

Option to customize with logo.

