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The City Council met in a Work Session at 4:30 p.m.,
Fairhope Municipal Complex Council Chamber,
161 North Section Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532,
on Monday, 22 October 2018.

Present were Council President Jack Burrell, Councilmembers: Jay Robinson, Jimmy Conyers, and Robert Brown. Mayor Karin Wilson, City Attorney Marcus E. McDowell, and Jennifer Olmstead. City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks was absent.

Council President Burrell called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- The Discussion of Recommendation from the Recreation Board – That the City Council declare Knoll Park a Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary and encourage volunteers to provide a work day to make this possible and authorize the expenditure of less than \$100.00 of the City's landscape budget to purchase the plants and seeds. Richard Johnson clarified that the recommendation came from the Tree Committee. Council President Jack Burrell had concerns about the scheduled forest burns at Knoll Park. Richard Johnson stated there would be no conflict. Council President Jack Burrell requested that the recommendation be placed on the next regularly scheduled Council Agenda.
- Public Works Director Richard Johnson addressed the City Council and provided an update on the US 98 and State Alabama 104 Multi-Use path. Richard Johnson provided an explanation of the additional funds needed to close out the project.
- Council President Jack Burrell invited Jodi Keating forward with the Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival Foundation to explain the need for an amendment. The Fairhope Police Department requested that neither entrance of the Parking Garage on North Church Street be blocked; therefore, the Foundation is requesting additional street closure on South Church Street between Saint James St and the entrance to the Fairhope Community Park parking lot.
- Council President Jack Burrell asked the Council members for their Committee Updates:

Councilmember Jay Robinson stated that the Tree Committee has designated February 16, 2019 for Arbor Day. No news to report from the Recreation Board.

Councilmember Robert Brown had no updates. He stated he was in favor of the \$350,000 contribution to the Education Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Jimmy Conyers stated that the Library repairs are underway.

Council President Jack Burrell spoke about the Airport Authority Grants that are going to be applied for as well as becoming self sufficient and out from under the City's wing.

- Council President Jack Burrell asked for Department Head updates.
Jay Whitman, Water and Sewer Superintendent, provided an update on the Fairhope Avenue water tower painting.
Wayne Dyess, Planning and Zoning Director discussed the upcoming Visual Preference Survey. He requested citizen input through Workshops on November 8, 2018, from 5:30-6:45 in the Council Chambers or on November 9, 2018 from 12:00 – 1:15pm in the Council Chambers, or online via the City’s Website.
Sherry-Lea Botop, Community and Economic Development Director, spoke about a Connectivity Plan through the National Parks Service. She also stated the City received a completion deadline extension on the Pocket Park behind the Library so funding will not be lost.
Terry Holman, Gas Superintendent, Police Chief Stephanie Hollinghead, Fire Chief Chris Ellis and Lynn Maser, Special Projects had no comment.
- Councilmember Jimmy Conyers brought up his concerns about Height Ordinance Amendment that allowed a roof height of forty feet. Wayne Dyess stated he would be glad to readdress the amendment with Council input.
- Councilmember Robert Brown asked Richard Johnson for an update of the repairs at the Library. Richard Johnson stated repairs were moving smoothly and the repairs should be completed on time.
- Council President Jack Burrell lead Budget discussions for specific General Government departments; General Government, Public Works Department, and Parks & Recreation Department.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Jack Burrell, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk