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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, 12 August 2019.

Present were Council President Jack Burrell, Councilmembers: Jay Robinson, Jimmy Conyers, and Kevin Boone, Mayor Karin Wilson, Marion E. Wynne (Attorney), and City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks. Councilmember Robert Brown and City Attorney Marcus E. McDowell were absent.

Council President Burrell called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- The Discussion of Electric Service Standards was first on the agenda. Electric Superintendent Michael Allison addressed the City Council and briefly explained the proposed Service Standards. Councilmember Robinson asked if there were standards for special circumstances. Mr. Allison said there are special provisions because we either stick with the standards or decision per the Electric Superintendent or his/her designee. The consensus of the City Council was to put on the August 26, 2019 City Council agenda for the first reading.
- Operations Director Richard Peterson addressed the City Council regarding the Discussion of Water and Sewer Connection Fees and Expenses. Council President Burrell questioned the meter size and capacity; and the fees. He said it would be wise to put back into fund for Utility Revenue. Mayor Wilson suggested use for land acquisition for future. The consensus of the City Council was to put both ordinances on the next agenda.
- Mr. Peterson addressed the City Council and brought up the Twin Beech area and the odor problem. He commented there is an odor neutralizing system that may help in the interim before the upgrades are completed. This system will cost \$10,450.00 and has a carbon pack. Councilmember Robinson questioned if this is to only mask the problem. Councilmember Boone explained the issue and that this would not mask the problem. This is a neutralizing system that hooks up to the vent system. The consensus of the the City Council was to add to tonight's City Council agenda.

The following are items also discussed by Operations Director Peterson: the Transmission Project with a \$2,000,000.00 plus cost; the Point Repair Project; and the Valley Light Station Project.

- Public Works Director Richard Johnson addressed the City Council and discussed the ATRIP-II Rebuild Alabama Infrastructure Program with \$30 million dollars available statewide. Mr. Johnson said these will be annual Gas Tax Grants but must be used for State maintained roads intersection City roads. His suggestion was the Twin Beech and Greeno Road turn lanes which is a State and City intersection.

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Mr. Johnson read a section of the ATRIP-II letter that suggested if a City was willing to offer a percentage; it would be considered first. The consensus of the City Council was to move forward with an 80/20 match and put on the August 26, 2019 City Council agenda.

- The Greeno Road Corridor Overlay Update was next on the agenda. Development Services Manager Buford King addressed the City Council regarding a Special-Called Planning Commission meeting for the Greeno Road Corridor Ordinance. He stated they will probably take action at the October 7, 2019 meeting; and that the moratorium needs to be extended. Council President Burrell requested that if the Planning Commission makes edits; the City Council would like to see in its raw form.
- Councilmember Conyers stated that the Library Board did not meet in July, their budget has been submitted, and may come back for build out funds for the upstairs. He stated the Historic Preservation Committee meets Wednesday; and the ordinance for the Preservation Commission will be discussed at a future Work Session. Councilmember Conyers commented the Fairhope Environmental Advisory Board met last Friday and proposed several recommendations to the City Council.
- Councilmember Boone stated the Harbor Board will be meeting this month.
- Council President Burrell said there is an Industrial Development Board tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. He said they have been approached by on Fairhope business looking to expand and for tax abatements. Council President Burrell commented the Fairhope Airport Authority is looking into having a flight school. He said Agenda Item Number 6 is an ordinance for the Museum Advisory Board and its by-laws which he supports and will approve.
- Building Official Erik Cortinas addressed the City Council regarding the clearing on the east side of Twin Beech and questions being asked. He said this is going to be a large storage facility.
- City Treasurer Kim Creech addressed the City Council regarding emergency items like the pump at Sedgefield which was just a little over \$10,000.00. She suggested a policy in the interim between City Council meetings. Ms. Creech said she needs guidance but must have a comfort level; and possibly could call Council President and put in the minutes afterward. Mayor Wilson commented the spending limits are too low. Councilmember Conyers mentioned the meeting with staff and Lynn Maser has the recommendations.
- Public Works Director Richard Johnson addressed the City Council regarding the Flower Clock now working; and the Cattail Sculpture being in place at the round-about.

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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