

STATE OF ALABAMA) (
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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, 14 September 2020.

Present were Council President Jack Burrell, Councilmembers: Jay Robinson (arrived at 5:03 p.m.), Jimmy Conyers, Robert Brown, and Kevin Boone, Mayor Karin Wilson, City Attorney Marcus E. McDowell, and City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks.

Council President Burrell called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- The first item on the Agenda was the Discussion by the Fairhope Environmental Advisory Board: By-Laws and the Dyas Triangle property. Councilmember Conyers explained the changes in the By-Laws and the need for a management plan for the Dyas Triangle property.

Amy Paulson, member of FEAB, addressed the City Council and commented the resolution was adopted to implement in steps to address the property. She mentioned park and greenspace, an interim management plan, a final management plan, and the conservation easement looked at last. Council President Burrell stated we need options and ideas. Mayor Wilson mentioned an Attorney General’s Opinion being needed. Council President Burrell replied if we did want an Attorney General’s Opinion, we would use an attorney that was unbiased.

- Planning and Zoning Manager Hunter Simmons and Community Affairs Director Jessica Walker addressed the City Council regarding the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. They mentioned two bids that were let with only one complete for the Plan portion and two complete for the GIS portion; and the recommendation to reject both by ADCNR due to scrivener’s errors.
- Councilmember Brown gave an update on the Fairhope Public Schools Commission regarding nomination of members in December; and being on a Work Session in December. He mentioned the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee regarding Mobile Street from Fels to Pier Street where we have an ordinance to walk and push bike. The Committee has suggested to enlarge that section of the Eastern Shore Trail too.
- Building Official Erik Cortinas addressed the City Council regarding the storm and the need to evaluate and do inspections will help with FEMA funds. He requested everyone after the storm to please get with the Building Department if you have damage.
- Planning and Zoning Manager Hunter Simmons addressed the City Council regarding items on the Planning Commission. He said three weeks to a month before on the agenda they have DRC meetings to discuss items. Council President Burrell stated there is only one elected official on the Commission; and the Council rotate throughout the four-year term.

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- Operations Director Mike Allison addressed the City Council and said for anyone who sees power lines down to please call 928-8003. He told citizens to avoid these lines. He said the staging area is ready for Public Works and the Utilities. Mr. Allison introduced Jason Langley the new Water and Sewer Superintendent.
- Human Resource Manager Sherice Rada addressed the City Council and asked if anyone had questions regarding the Ordinance for part-time employees to work 29 hours or less instead of 19 hours or less.
- Recreation Director Pat White addressed the City Council and said the Tennis Center and Quail Creek Golf Course were closed; and the Recreation Center would be closing at 6:00 p.m. tonight.
- Public Works Director Richard Johnson addressed the City Council regarding Hurricane Sally and preparations began today. He said rain is the major issue, barricades are pre-staged to close off roads, and piers are barricaded for safety. Mr. Johnson commented that sanitation will not be picked up Tuesday; but will have a skeleton crew working Wednesday. He said all essential employees are on standby.

Mr. Johnson told the City Council pursuant to our Ordinance he wants sanitation to conclude at noon on Saturdays because the County closes its landfill at noon, and we get everyone after that time. He said employees are an issue right now with one having an illness and problems with part-time employees.

He also mentioned receiving a letter from the Federal Government stating we can move forward with the Alley Project as long as an architect is on site while digging.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:20 p.m.


Jack Burrell, Council President


Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk