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Mr. Johnson said that a FEMA person was on-site today accessing damage to City facilities. He mentioned that ECUA was heavily damaged and that citizens need to put all recycling and garbage together until we have a facility to take recycling to. Mr. Johnson said that fencing materials and other C&D debris need to be separate; and trees and vegetative debris in another pile. He said curbside garbage is on its regular schedule; and mentioned that bus routes have been cleared.

Council President Burrell suggested to just recycle cardboard and aluminums/scrap metals. Councilmember Brown asked about Fly Creek and trees blocking the waterway. Mr. Johnson replied the trees will be trimmed like the ones in the City's right-of-ways; cut off and cleared with anything on private property left for the owner to clear.

- Operations Director Mike Allison addressed the City Council and said the Utilities did an amazing job getting everyone back on in seven days. He mentioned a telephone call from Governor Ivey he received. Mr. Allison said that the salary employees were put on an hourly rate and they received overtime after 40 hours. Councilmember Robinson asked about the ones on administrative leave and the ones working getting the same pay. Council President Burrell said this is their chosen profession and they always work during a storm.

Council President Burrell commented that this was a tremendous job by the Utilities and City employees. He said that Agenda Item Number 10 was being pulled due to the reduction in number of transformers needed; and now it does not need City Council approval.

- Recreation Director Pat White addressed the City Council and commented that the Parks and Recreation Department assisted Public Works and now are at Quail Creek helping remove 200 trees. He said we are working diligently to get kids back in our parks.
- Special Projects Manager Lynn Maser addressed the City Council and said the Quail Creek Clubhouse is okay; and we hope to have 9 holes open by the end of the week. She said we are losing \$3,000.00 per day. Ms. Maser said there was damage to the bulkhead and covered slips dock at the marina; there is land erosion behind the shrimpers; and stormwater deposit needs dredging. She commented everything newly renovated held firm; citizens helped to enact the Fairhope Docks Emergency Plan, and no boats were lost during the storm.

Ms. Maser stated she was the POD Manager on September 18, 2020 through September 21, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. She said that Leslie Green was her Assistant POD Manager; and had help from the Army National Guard and the Parks and Recreation employees. She thanked Todd Maulding who spoke to everyone in each car and comforted the citizens. Ms. Maser thanked Pat White for his help too.

- Building Official Erik Cortinas addressed the City Council and said he has four Assessment Teams working throughout the City to help citizens. He commented that sealed decking helped all roofs which means all fortified roofs did real well.

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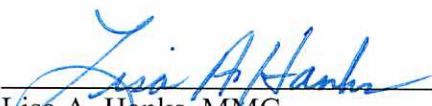
Mr. Cortinas brought up Energov, an online permitting process, that the City Council approved to move forward with on July 27, 2020. He said the City cancelled with the vendor since they could not go live until October 2021. Mr. Cortinas mentioned a second vendor called Citizens Serve; and said that it is being used by Orange Beach, Gulf Shores, and Spanish Fort. He commented that Baldwin County is looking to go live with Citizens Serve soon; and said the cost is \$111,000.00 with an annual maintenance of \$37,500.00. He said that Planning & Zoning will use this program too; and it can meet our CARES Act deadline. Mr. Cortinas said this will not have to go on an annual budget until 2021-2022; and said the biggest issue is document management. The consensus of the City Council was to move forward and put on the next agenda.

- Planning and Zoning Manager Hunter Simmons addressed the City Council and said the Planning Commission postponed the October meeting to November 5, 2020. He mentioned some deadlines could not be kept due to Hurricane Sally.
- Operations Director Mike Allison addressed the City Council and said he had to use Gulf Coast Underground, due to Hurricane Sally, to pump raw sewage to prevent overflows and took it to the Sewer Plant which kept a half million of raw sewage out of Mobile Bay. He commented this was an emergency that had to be done.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



Jack Burrell, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk