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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, 9 November 2020.

Present were Council President Jack Burrell, Councilmembers: Corey Martin,
Jimmy Conyers, Robert Brown, and Kevin Boone, Mayor Sherry Sullivan, City
Attorney Marcus E. McDowell, and City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks.

Council President Burrell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- The first item on the Agenda was the Discussion of Economic Development Grant Opportunities. Lee Lawson with the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance and Stacy McKean with Grants Management addressed the City Council and explained HATCH and their entrepreneurs. Mr. Lawson also explained in detail the grant funding opportunity for the K-1 Center with a disaster declaration the usual 50/50 match becomes an 80/20 match. He asked the City Council to allow HATCH to apply for the grant to renovate the K-1 Center; and the grant has a 7-year look back for the main building at the K-1 Center (35,000 square feet). Mr. Lawson said this is a grant opportunity for HATCH and for Fairhope. Council President reiterated that the City would be a partnership and all of the K-1 building would not be occupied. Mr. Lawson replied correct and the “Tech Entrepreneurs” would only occupy 15,000 to 20,000 square feet. Council President Burrell stated a Performing Arts Center could still be built. The City Council questioned the rooms, basement, and lease for HATCH and the deadline for the grant. Councilmembers Martin and Conyers love the idea.

Council President Burrell asked City Clerk Hanks if a resolution would be needed for the grant application. City Clerk Hanks replied yes for the partnership and to allocate City funds. Both Mr. Lawson and Ms. McKean said a resolution was needed for the application. Ms. McKean said the City must officially approve the grant match and a draft of expenses. Councilmember Brown commented this is not the first time the City has seen this. He said we have a structural report from an engineering firm. The consensus of the City Council was to move forward.

- Councilmember Brown gave an update on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee who has a list of non-conforming issues. He said they want the City of Fairhope to be a “Bike Safe City” and bike friendly. Councilmember Brown mentioned the handicap ramp near Julwins and said the sidewalk needs to be corrected. Building Director Erik Cortinas said those ramps were built for Federal compliance for that building.

Councilmember Brown also gave an update on the Fairhope Public Schools Commission. He announced that Fairhope East Elementary is now a STEAM Certified School.

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- Council President Burrell gave an update on the Fairhope Airport Authority and said T-Hangars were discussed, people are interested in buying property on the West side, and a road is needed for access to property.
- Public Works Director Richard Johnson addressed the City Council regarding Debris Removal. He said the first pass has been completed and the second pass has begun. Mr. Johnson stated he has communicated with contractors that if they cut down trees or clean up property owner, they must remove it.
- Community Affairs Director Jessica Walker addressed the City Council regarding fireworks for New Year's Eve; and said the Fire Marshall has a new law for shooting the fireworks. She told the City Council we must hire a company to shoot the fireworks which will cost the City more for the event. She said we are now trying to book a band.

Ms. Walker reminded everyone of the one hour Virtual Town Hall Meeting on November 10, 2020 regarding Hurricane Sally rebuild. She also mentioned Veterans Day event on November 11, 2020.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



Jack Burrell, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk



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ECONOMIC
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION GRANT FAIRHOPE K-1 CENTER

Total Grant Amount: \$3,125,000

EDA Funds Provided: \$2,500,000 (80%)

Local Match Required: \$625,000 (20%)

Scope of Project for Grant Dollars: Complete renovation of all existing K-1 Center buildings, excluding the gymnasium/center building. Improvements will maintain existing structures. Newly renovated facilities will become the new home of Hatch Fairhope, providing much-needed space for entrepreneurial growth and development through co-working space and flexible office space for upstart entrepreneurs.

Timeline for Project: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has advised the submission of an application for this funding opportunity through their 2020-2021 annual funding round. The EDA has also advised that this funding request be submitted for EDA disaster assistance grant dollars, once federal disaster recovery funds are designated for all 2020 natural disasters, including Hurricane Sally. Those funds are expected to be approved by congress, in the next 2-4 months, and a decision on the approval of the funding is anticipated in Q1 or Q2 of 2021.

Once the funds are approved and awarded by EDA, the project would be bid out by the City of Fairhope, in 2021, with a targeted completion date for construction in 2023.

Additional Notes:

- City of Fairhope to serve as lead applicant with the Baldwin Community and Economic Development Foundation serving as co-applicant.