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The City Council met in a Work Session
at 4:00 p.m., Fairhope Municipal Complex Council Chamber,
161 North Section Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532,
on Monday, 25 October 2021.

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

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

- The first item on the Agenda was the Discussion on Neel-Schaffer, Inc. to perform Professional Engineering Services dedicated to Reviews for Planning Commission Cases for the Planning Department. Planning Director Hunter Simmons addressed the City Council and explained the need is for review of drainage plans and preparing traffic studies. He requested the resolution to add “to authorize Mayor to execute the contract with a not-to-exceed of \$40,000.00 which is the budgeted amount.

Councilmember Conyers said the Department is backed up and needs this service. Councilmember Robinson said the burden will be on Mr. Simmons and Mayor Sullivan to negotiate. Council President Burrell questioned why this request was not on the last agenda. Mr. Simmons said they will do their best due diligence on fee schedule. Councilmember Robinson asked how many planners you are down and how long does it take to fully train. Mr. Simmons replied he was down two planners and one was defunded; and he said it takes approximately a year to fully train.

Council President Burrell commented Neel-Schaffer has experience for drainage plan and traffic study; and asked wouldn’t an engineer, if hired, solve this problem. Councilmember Conyers said we will still have specialty lawyers and engineers; and you would need staff for a City engineer. The term of the contract was questioned by Councilmember Martin. Councilmember Robinson said he does not like breaking rules, but this is a necessary item.

- Councilmember Martin gave an update from the Recreation Board and said they are still working on the soccer agreement.
- Councilmember Robinson mentioned the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee; and the Historic Preservation Committee.
- Council President Burrell gave an update on the Street and Traffic Control Committee: traffic concerns at St. James Episcopal Church school; traffic calming devices; and petitions missing from some requests. He also gave an update on the Airport Authority: East FBO; Treasurer’s Report; and discussion on hangars.
- City Treasury Kim Creech addressed the City Council regarding year end; and Agenda Item No. 11 and to answer any questions.
- Assistant Water and Sewer Superintendent Tim Manuel addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 15 and No. 16; and to answer any of their questions.

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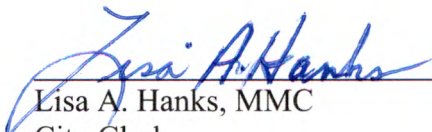
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- Public Works Director Richard Johnson addressed the City Council regarding the ATRIP Grant for Volanta and U. S. 98. He said the hard costs of project will be handled by developer. Council President Burrell asked how the Triangle Property grant ties to the round-about at Highway 104 and Section Street. Mr. Johnson said the tunnel is included in the GOMESA Grant.
- Recreation Director Pat White addressed the City Council regarding the site work at the Rotary Youth Club; the football game is an “at home” game for Murphy High School against Fairhope High School at Fairhope Stadium.
- Assistant Electric Superintendent Jeremy Morgan addressed the City Council regarding the system study; regulator for Volanta with bid opening on Wednesday; Agenda Item No. 14 with AMEA contributing \$25,000.00 toward agreement. Mr. Morgan commented the training will be coming to Fairhope.
- Assistant Water and Sewer Superintendent Tim Manuel addressed the City Council and mentioned the water main break; a Class 160 damaged by tree roots west of County Road 33 on County Road 32. Councilmember Robinson said that Mr. Manuel had an interaction with a citizen and the citizen sought him out to tell him how nice Mr. Manuel was to him. Council President Burrell asked about Church Street and Fairhope Avenue intersection. Mr. Johnson replied that the contractor knows they must keep parking garage access open.
- Human Resources Manager Traveis Cunningham addressed the City Council and reminded them of the Wellness Benefits Fair for employees.
- Planning Director Hunter Simmons addressed the City Council and mentioned the Comprehensive Plan meetings; Volanta at Greeno Project; and Riverhorse issues with North Station homeowners. He said they are looking at a second access to help with the issues.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:33 p.m.



Jack Burrell, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk