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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, 23 June 2025.

Present were Council President Jack Burrell, Councilmembers: Corey Martin, Jimmy Conyers, Jay Robinson and Kevin Boone (arrived at 5:16 p.m.), 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 Anna T. Jeanes School – “New City Park” Presentation by Rebecca Byrne, President/CEO of Fairhope/Point Clear Community Foundation, an Affiliate of the Community Foundation of South Alabama. She said this will be a partnership with the City of Fairhope and Fairhope/Point Clear Community Foundation. Ms. Byrne said that the 1.6 acre parcel will have a splashpad park and playground. She commented that funding from the Foundation would include \$100,000.00 for Phase One and \$400,000.00 for Phase Two. (See attached handout)
- The next item on the Agenda was the Fairhope Educational Enrichment Foundation (“FEEF”) Update on the NEST and the Four (4) Classrooms by FEEF Director Rhydonna Mosely. She said that in 2026 FEEF will celebrate being 30 years old through an anniversary campaign, honoring the past, present and future. (See attached handout)
- IT Director Jeff Montgomery addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 12; and answered any questions if needed.
- Gas Superintendent Wes Boyett addressed the City Council and introduced Intern Ethan Carrigan who gave the Gas Department Update.
- City Engineer Richard Johnson addressed the City Council and gave an update on White Avenue Park. He addressed Agenda Items No. 6 and No. 7; and answered any questions if needed.
- Public Works Director George Ladd addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 8; and answered any questions if needed.
- Electric Superintendent Ben Patterson addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 10, No. 11 and No. 19; and answered any questions if needed. City Attorney Marcus McDowell explained an issue with the wording of the resolutions for Agenda Items No. 10 and No. 11. Council President Burrell commented we need to add language if exceeds 10% aggregate. Mr. McDowell said we need to add to authorize the Mayor to award quote if it does not meet bid law. Council President Burrell asked Mr. McDowell to work on the language and we will add during the City Council meeting.
- Recreation Director Pat White addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 13, No. 14, and No. 16; and answered any questions if needed.

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- Human Resources Director Hannah Noonan addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 19; and introduced Stephanie Sandefur who is the appointee for the Personnel Board. Ms. Noonan answered any questions if needed.
- Mayor Sullivan addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 15; and answered any questions if needed. Councilmember Robinson said Social Media makes it look like this was a surprise. Mayor Sullivan explained that this has been clear from day one; and it was communicated at the beginning.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:16 p.m.


Jack Burrell, Council President


Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

Fairhope/Point Clear Community Foundation

A group of local leaders came together in January 2018 to form the Fairhope/Point Clear Community Foundation, an affiliate of The Community Foundation of South Alabama. Serving as an Advisory Committee, this group established a permanently endowed fund to receive donations and bequests to benefit the community today and for generations to come. Through this fund, the Advisory Committee is able to address local needs by recommending charitable distributions to nonprofits, churches, schools, and government entities. To date, more than \$63,000 has been awarded to 21 nonprofit organizations serving the Fairhope/Point Clear community.

Proposed Park Project

In order to meet the immediate needs of underserved youth in the community, the Fairhope/Point Clear Community Foundation is proposing to partner with the City of Fairhope to construct a park and splash pad to be known as “Foundation Park” on a 1.6-acre parcel of the old Anna T. Jeanes School property at the intersection of Twin Beech Rd. and Section St. (see rendering). This property is centrally located for the community as a whole and already sees regular activity that is expected to grow with Hope Community’s efforts to build a teaching farm and community gardens in the same area.

Under this proposal, the Foundation would act as a funder for the project, while the city would continue to own and maintain the park in perpetuity. Funding from the Foundation would include:

- \$100,000 for phase one: This would encompass the creation of the park through fencing, landscaping, related utilities, and permanent monument-grade signage acknowledging the Foundation’s role. The city could install a pedestrian gate, security system, lighting, and plumbing for restroom facilities, and would cover any costs exceeding \$100,000 to complete phase one. The city would be responsible for contracting the project, and for the design and selection of materials to ensure consistency amongst all city parks. The Foundation would cover funding for phase one from its endowment with two distributions of \$50,000. The first would be made this summer once a Memorandum of Understanding is finalized, and the second in November 2025.
- \$400,000 for phase two: Upon successful completion of phase one, the Foundation would provide a \$400,000 donation to the city for the construction of a park and splash pad feature similar in scale and scope to the existing splash pad in downtown Fairhope. The city would cover any costs exceeding \$400,000 to complete phase two.

Phases one and two would be completed and the park officially opened to the public by summer 2026. Subsequent phases of the park shall be identified in a master plan developed by the city's landscape architect. Based on the successful completion of phases one and two, the Foundation would consider funding subsequent phases as resources allow.

The Fairhope/Point Clear Community Foundation is proud to propose this project as a meaningful investment in the future of our community through the creation of an inclusive, vibrant public space for all to enjoy. “Foundation Park” reflects the Foundation’s enduring commitment to strengthening our community through strategic, long-term partnerships, and we appreciate the opportunity to work with the City of Fairhope to bring this exciting vision to life.

FAIRHOPE EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION

*Investing in our students,
educators and
the Fairhope community*

FEEF'S MISSION IS TO
PROMOTE AND **ENRICH** EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL FAIRHOPE PUBLIC SCHOOL
CHILDREN.

PROMOTE

**RAISING FUNDS TO PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH TEACHER GRANTS,
MASTER PLAN GRANTS AND FUNDING SPECIAL
PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN OUR SCHOOLS.**

Through our premier fundraising events & corporate partnerships, FEEF provides funding for our educators to enrich students' classroom learning with our teacher grant program. FEEF also offers yearly grants to each of the Fairhope schools.

ENRICH

**PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT
OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS, EDUCATORS &
COMMUNITY THROUGH UNIQUE HANDS-ON LEARNING
EXPERIENCES**

AT THE PELICAN'S NEST CAMPUS & MOBILE BAY

The Pelican's Nest Campus is a treasured part of the Fairhope community that provides a place for students, educators and our community to learn first-hand the importance of the Mobile Bay watershed and gain a deeper understanding of marine & environmental sciences.

Through the generous support of our Fairhope community, FEEF has been an integral part of our students' education for almost 30 years. FEEF continues to ignite a wonder and a lifelong love for the beautiful Mobile Bay. Whether you are a longtime supporter, or new to the Fairhope community, we invite you to join us in our vision for the future and support this organization that helps make our community a special place to live, work and learn.

FAIRHOPE EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION

2025-2026 VISION

CONTINUE TO BE A HUB FOR EDUCATION IN THE FAIRHOPE COMMUNITY WITH A FOCUS ON MARINE & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES.

- Utilize our outdoor pavilion space to provide educational events & training for our students, educators and partners in the community.
- Provide a rental space for organizations & companies in our community to hold educational events for their members/employees.

CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ALL 5 FAIRHOPE SCHOOLS FOR TEACHER GRANTS & MASTER PLAN GRANTS

- Ensure Fairhope educators have an understanding of FEEF and their opportunity to receive funding for tools and projects that enrich their classrooms.
- Work closely with each schools' administration to provide funding for master plan projects on all 5 campuses.

PROVIDE HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES AT THE PELICAN'S NEST CAMPUS FOR FAIRHOPE SECONDARY STUDENTS (7-12) AS WELL AS OTHER STUDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Work with Fairhope's secondary educators to develop a curriculum for our secondary students, giving them an opportunity to come to the Pelican's Nest campus for a hands-on learning experience
- Offer our field trip experiences to local homeschool, private school and community groups, earning additional funding to further FEEF's mission.
- Expand our summer camps & explore providing additional educational programs at the Pelican's Nest such as after school or evening educational programs.

EXPAND OUR LEARNING SPACE ON THE PELICAN'S NEST CAMPUS BY UPDATING THE K-1 CENTER BUILDINGS.

- Create a classroom space for secondary learning
- Provide a dual space for staff offices and an area to welcome students, educators and visitors to the Pelican's Nest campus
- Utilize the other buildings for educational spaces such as a presentation space for speaker series & audio/visual learning, exhibits focused on the Mobile Bay watershed & other marine and environmental science initiatives.
- Develop a campus mission statement and educational plan for the Pelican's Nest campus

BUILD MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL COMPANIES, OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND OUR CITY & COUNTY TO FURTHER THE MISSION OF FEEF

- Continue to work with local sponsors through our premier fundraising events to further the mission on FEEF
- Seek out grants to further the 2025-2026 vision of FEEF
- Build relationships with new & existing companies to become sponsors or partner on projects that fall within our mission and vision

CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF FEEF IN 2026 THROUGH AN ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN, HONORING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF FEEF