

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

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, 8 January 2024.

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

Council President Martin 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 the.
- Councilmember Conyers gave a brief update on the Library Board meeting. He said they reconsidered the books to relocate from the teen section to the adult section. The Library Board of Trustees upheld the decision of the Library.
- Councilmember Robinson commented there would be a Historic Preservation meeting this week.
- Planning Director Hunter Simmons addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 5 and No. 6; and answered any questions if needed.
- City Engineer Richard Johnson addressed the City Council and gave a report on the Rebuild Alabama Act - Report on Funds Expenditures for FY2023. (See attached Report) Mr. Johnson addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 10, No. 12, and No. 13; and answered any questions if needed.
- Recreation Director Pat White and Marina Manager Mark Reed addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 16; and answered any questions if needed. They explained that the leak is contained but the fuel dispenser needs replacing.
- Electric Superintendent Ben Patterson addressed the City Council and gave an update on Bancroft to Church Street on Magnolia. Pickleball Courts, and EV Chargers. Jon Stewart from the IT Department gave a brief update on the EV Chargers.
- Police Chief Stephanie Hollinghead addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 15; and answered any questions if needed.
- Grant Coordinator Nicole Love addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 11; and answered any questions if needed. She said this project is grant funded.
- Community Affairs Director Paige Crawford addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 18; and answered any questions if needed. She said the majority of the Fairhope Avenue merchants are for the closing. Councilmember Robinson wanted to set a time limit for approval of closing.

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Councilmembers Burrell and Conyers wanted it to be open ended; and if it is detrimental to the welfare of the City, we could close it down. Ms. Crawford stated there are extra Police, Public Work employees, etc. Councilmember Robinson commented it would be subject to recall at any time. Councilmember Boone also agreed that it should be open ended. The consensus of the City Council was to leave it open ended subject to recall at any time.

- Councilmember Burrell said he and Mayor Sullivan spoke regarding the need for artwork at each roundabout; and we need to speak with the Eastern Shore Art Center regarding same.

Councilmember Burrell suggested holding the City Council meeting at 4:00 p.m. next year pm evening of the College Football Bowl National Championship with no Work Session.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Corey Martin, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk