

STATE OF ALABAMA) (:
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, 26 February 2024.

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

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 Presentation by Principal Tonya Harrelson of J. Larry Newton Elementary School. Ms. Harrelson showed a video of how the 3 mil tax proceeds were used at her school. She commented 100 percent is used for people to help the students. (See attached handout titled “JLN by the Numbers.”)
- The next item on the Agenda was the Discussion of the Working Waterfront by Grants Coordinator Nicole Love. She gave an update on the grant proceeds and the shortfall needed for the negotiated bid. Mayor Sullivan suggested asking for more funds to help with shortfall with a 75/25 split. The consensus of the City Council was to go back and request more funds with a 75/25 split.
- Mara Hunter, Co-Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, addressed the City Council and gave the history and update of the Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance. She said no one size fits all, but this has gone to the City Council and to Attorneys for their input.

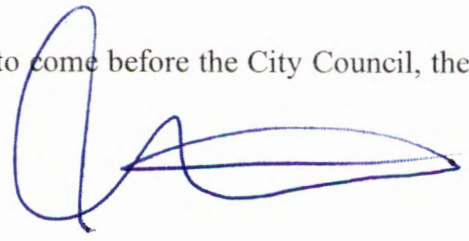
Council President Martin stated the Ordinance is to create the Historic Preservation Commission; and allow Fairhope to go forward with attaining the “Certified Local Government” designation. He said the Ordinance does not create Districts; and he gave an example of the Nancy Lewis House. He asked the public to bear with the Council.

Attorney Chris Williams said the third and fourth process is to designate Districts and a Public Hearing would be held. Councilmember Boone questioned why adopt the Ordinance. Councilmember Robinson explained the Ordinance in detail; and some of the Commission’s duties. He also said this is only the first step to B, C, and D. Councilmember Conyers stated this is the first step to whichever way you want to go. He said most people want to keep the façade to be historical; and not the interior.

- Councilmember Martin gave an update on the Recreation Board.

- Water and Wastewater Superintendent Daryl Morefield addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 10; and answered any questions if needed.
- Gas Superintendent Wes Boyett addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 14; and answered any questions if needed.
- City Engineer Richard Johnson addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 8; and answered any questions if needed.
- Recreation Director Pat White addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 11 and No. 12; and answered any questions if needed.
- IT Director Jeff Montgomery addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 13; and answered any questions if needed. He told them about possibly using a third party to help support the City with MUNIS. Mr. Montgomery said it may be cheaper to hire the vendor than to hire an employee with benefits package.
- Public Works Director George Ladd addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 9; and answered any questions if needed.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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Corey Martin, Council President

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Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk



JLN by the Numbers

850 Students

115 Employees

72 Certified Staff

43 Support Staff



3 Mil Funds

11 Positions:

- 6 Additional Certified Teachers
 - 1 Steam Teacher
 - 1 Reading Coach
 - 1 Math Coach
 - 1 Intervention Coordinator
 - 2 Part Time Instructors
- 4 Support Staff Members
 - 4 Instructional Paras
- 1 Social Worker



J. Larry Newton's Mission Statement

To educate and motivate students to become life-long learners and productive citizens.