

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, 8 April 2024.

Present were Council President Corey Martin, Councilmembers: Jack Burrell, Jimmy Conyers, Jay Robinson, 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 Presentation by Principal Jenny Breazeale of Fairhope West Elementary School. Ms. Breazeale showed a video of how the 3 mil tax proceeds were used at her school. She thanked the City Council for their help and support. Ms. Breazeale said their slogan is “West Wins” and they expect excellence. She named a few “Rocks” such as engagement, student collaboration, family engagement, community feel, and the “Big Rock” attendance. She said we want to make it fun for the kids; we build leaders by our investment in teachers.
- The next item on the Agenda was the Discussion of the Bay Scouts of America Troop 47 Overnight Camping and Service Project at Flying Creek Nature Preserve by City Engineer Richard Johnson. He said this would be one night, May 18, 2024, and they will complete a service project.
- The Discussion to Hire a Consultant for a Market Feasibility Study for Fairhope Docks Marina versus the Established Plan. Councilmember Burrell explained the vision and mentioned the grant application that was already done. Council President Martin questioned if a study were needed for the plan or could the plan be used.

Councilmember Conyers commented that we need to dust off the plan and decide what we want to do. He said this was probably put on back burner due to other projects being priority. Councilmember Boone said the Harbor Board is looking for direction.

Harbor Board member Skip Jones addressed the City Council and stated the plan was presented to them. He said we need to look at plan and see if we need a consultant. He told the City Council that the Harbor Board would review and bring back their thoughts.

- The Discussion of Fitness Court Placement was next on the agenda. Council President Martin stated he was okay with the Fitness Court. Councilmember Robinson said it would get more use at the pier property but after seeing it put together, it is not for that site. Councilmember Burrell said there was misconception where it would be placed; and now he is okay with the Mike Ford Tennis Center. Councilmembers Conyers and Boone agreed with the other Councilmembers.

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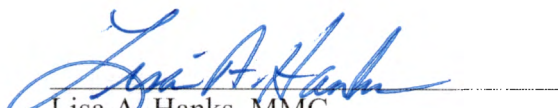
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- Councilmember Burrell said the Airport Authority meeting is tomorrow evening.
- Councilmember Boone said the Harbor Board meeting is on Wednesday.
- City Treasurer Kim Creech addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 8; and answered any questions if needed. Bond Attorney Kane Burnette explained the need for immediate consideration.
- Gas Superintendent Wes Boyett addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 18; and answered any questions if needed.
- Water and Wastewater Superintendent Daryl Morefield addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 9, No. 10, No. 11, and No. 12; and answered any questions if needed.
- IT Director Jeff Montgomery addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 16; and answered any questions if needed. He recommended to award the contract for the Outdoor Mass Notification System. City Attorney Marcus McDowell was asked to prepare an amended resolution for this Agenda Item.
- City Engineer Richard Johnson addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 6, No. 7, No. 19, No. 20, and No. 21; and answered any questions if needed.
- Community Affairs Director Paige Crawford addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 17; and answered any questions if needed.
- Public Works Director George Ladd addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 13; and answered any questions if needed.
- Electric Superintendent Ben Patterson addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 15; and answered any questions if needed.
- Recreation Director Pat White addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item No. 14; and answered any questions if needed.
- Chief Stephanie Hollinghead addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Items No. 22, No. 23, No. 24, No. 25, No. 26, No. 27, and No. 5; and answered any questions if needed.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Corey Martin, Council President



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk