

STATE OF ALABAMA)(
 :
 COUNTY OF BALDWIN)(

The City Council, City of Fairhope, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Fairhope Municipal Complex Council Chamber, 161 North Section Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532, on Monday, 23 September 2024.

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

There being a quorum present, Council President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. The invocation was given by Pastor Pat Davey of Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Councilmember Conyers moved to approve minutes of the 9 September 2024, regular meeting; and minutes of the 9 September 2024, work session. Seconded by Councilmember Burrell, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Sullivan addressed the City Council and read the following statement on behalf of herself and the Fairhope City Council:

First, I want to speak to rumors and citizen communications about alleged resettlement of large numbers of immigrants in our community. To be clear, we have not seen or received any official notification of that happening – nor is it expected to happen – in Fairhope.

As you all know, Fairhope city officials don't write our national immigration laws, and our country has been debating immigration for as long as we've had a country. It is an issue where good and well-meaning people can and do disagree.

Councilman Martin is one of those well-meaning people who signed what he thought was a simple petition to support the women and children impacted by the Ukrainian War. He never intended on bringing legal immigrants to our area. I want to make sure our residents understand that Council members have no power individually. To have power, the Council must be in session and/or pass a resolution or ordinance by a majority vote. They did not pass an ordinance or resolution in support of this petition. Councilman Martin signed this as an individual citizen and not as a public official.

As a City, we do not support nor do we have the resources to provide for large-scale resettlements of new arrivals to our country, specifically in Fairhope. I and other Fairhope officials have been in close contact with our federal delegation and state officials on this issue. We are appreciative of their open lines of communication, ongoing assistance, and responsiveness to local needs and insights.

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I want to personally thank the City Council, our Federal and State elected officials, State Representative Jennifer Fidler and members of our Baldwin County Legislative Delegation, Baldwin County Commissioner Matt McKenzie and the Baldwin County Commission, Baldwin County Sheriff Anthony Lowery and Sheriff Hoss Mack of the Alabama Sheriff's Association. We have been communicating all weekend to navigate this very complicated conversation. I want to assure the residents of Fairhope and Baldwin County that all your elected officials from the federal level to the local level are working together and do not take this situation lightly.

The laws surrounding immigration are complex and change frequently, and too often, the tasks of enforcement and providing resources fall on the local communities that are least-equipped to deal with the challenges. In Fairhope, we will enforce these laws, but we have little say in how they are written. We will also enforce all local laws to make sure our community and citizens are safe.

Our country has a long and proud history as a safe haven for those fleeing oppression, but our country also has a responsibility to ensure that immigration does not place undue burden on our citizens and our limited resources. Enforcing immigration laws and fixing our flawed system should be a top priority of the federal government, and that conversation should include the perspectives of local officials with on-the-ground knowledge.

Mayor Sullivan thanked Community Affairs Director and her staff, and everyone who volunteered for Coastal Cleanup this past Saturday. She thanked City Treasurer and her staff for their work on the budget. Mayor Sullivan said she would be watching tropical updates for Hurricane Helene. She announced the Homecoming Parade for Thursday.

Mayor Sullivan introduced the 2024 – 2025 Junior City Council: Jillian Nichols (President), Jenna Kowal (President Pro Tempore), Audrey Small (Project Manager), Erin Foutch (Social Media Manager), Grant Kelly (Secretary), Celia Cocke, Epsie Dorman, William Garner, Camille Hausman, Ezra Langley, George Talbot, Teagan Lanicek (Ex Officio Member – SGA President), and Aidan Berry (Ex Officio Member – SGA Vice President). Mayor Sullivan thanked City Clerk Lisa Hanks and Assistant City Clerk Jenny Wilson for taking them on and working with the Junior City Council.

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation for Agenda Items:

- 1) Don De Gutz, 110 Blakeney Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item Number 10: a resolution that the City Council authorizes acceptance of a Department of Justice Appropriations Act grant of \$200,000.00 (Grant# 15PBJA-24-GG-00286-BRND). The funding will be used to develop a comprehensive, community-based program to educate school-aged children and adults on the dangers of Fentanyl and life-saving techniques if exposed. He mentioned a Board of Adjustment item that was approved for a vaping and CBD store. He commented that it should have come to the City Council for approval.

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- 2) Dev Wakeley, 8856 Lake View Drive, addressed the City Council regarding Agenda Item Number 6: an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1800: VI. Leave Policies, Section C. Sick Leave; specifically adding 10. Paid Sick Leave Donation. He suggested adding paid parental leave and do an actuarial study for same.

Councilmember Burrell commented he received multiple texts and e-mails regarding refugees being brought to Fairhope. Councilmember Burrell said he appreciated everyone for coming out tonight; and said call us and have a little faith. He said Council President replied to an e-mail in 2022 regarding women and children being displaced from Ukraine War. Councilmember Burrell said there was no hidden agenda; and it is tough out there with social media. He said we would push back if the Federal Government tried to place immigrants here.

Councilmember Conyers said he loves seeing the Junior City Council here and sees many familiar faces. He said stories on social media have legs; and agreed with Councilmember Burrell. He said we have not heard any reliable source saying they were sending immigrants to Fairhope; and if they tried, we could push back.

Councilmember Boone stated he does not do social media. He said when I read the article, I lost 30 minutes.

Council President Martin said he answered a 2022 e-mail in the height of Ukraine War when women, children, and the elderly being displaced, murdered, and killed. He said "I hope and pray that those of you that know me know that I don't believe in anything illegal. So, it kind of hurt me at first when people took that, with all the work that I've done and put into this community, that they would just believe such a thing as if, without calling and the people that did call me, I really appreciate you guys. As a city, we do not support, nor do we have the resources to provide for large scale resettlement of new arrivals to our country, specifically in Fairhope."

He went on to say, "I did my due diligence on this particular program, USARP. It is legitimate. The people, the refugees are vetted. They have to fill out applications. They have to go through the IFIC before they get into the country. They are vetted. They can be refused. It is a legal process. Once I did my due diligence, I decided to sign in support. I thought it was important that the women and children of Ukraine were taken care of."

Council President Martin also said it was a national letter intended to strengthen support for Congress to continue to build a robust USARP, and it has nothing to do with him asking for immigrants or refugees to move to Fairhope. Council President Martin said we are in this thing together; and the Campaign was to work together.

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Councilmember Burrell moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1812, an ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance No. 1253 and to rezone the property of Christopher Lieb from R-1, Low Density Single-Family Residential District to B-4, Business and Professional District with Staff recommendations. The property is approximately 0.69 acres and is located at 7671 Parker Road. PPINS #: 98380, 7684. (Introduced at the September 9, 2024 City Council Meeting) Seconded by Councilmember Conyers, motion for final adoption passed by the following voice votes: AYE – Burrell, Martin, Conyers, and Boone. NAY - None.

Councilmember Boone introduced in writing an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1800: VI. Leave Policies, Section C. Sick Leave; specifically adding 10. Paid Sick Leave Donation. Due to lack of a motion for immediate consideration, this ordinance will layover until the October 14, 2024 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Conyers introduced in writing an ordinance to repeal and replace Ordinance No. 1756: Fairhope Code of Ordinances: Article VI, Garbage and Trash Collection and Disposal - Section 21-75: Rates. Due to lack of a motion for immediate consideration, this ordinance will layover until the October 14, 2024 City Council meeting.

Planning Director Hunter Simmons addressed the City Council to explain the request by FST RW LLC for a 180-day extension of the Site Plan approval granted for the property located at the northeast corner of Magnolia Avenue and North Church Street known as Vatan. The Site Plan was approved on October 23, 2023.

Councilmember Burrell moved to grant the 180-day extension by FST RW LLC listed above. Seconded by Councilmember Conyers, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Burrell introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution that the City of Fairhope supports the Baldwin County Multimodal Connectivity Vision Plan and will use it as a planning guide for future projects in order to gain benefits mentioned above and strengthen the quality of life within Baldwin County. Seconded by Councilmember Conyers, motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The Baldwin County Trailblazers and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee were thanked for their work on this Plan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 5191-24

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR BALDWIN COUNTY
MULTIMODAL CONNECTIVITY VISION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Trailblazers requested the Baldwin County Commission facilitate an effort among its 14 municipalities to develop a county-wide bicycle-pedestrian plan; and

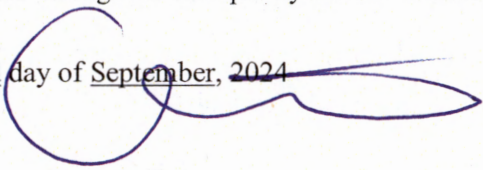
WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Multimodal Connectivity Vision Plan addresses both bicycle and pedestrian needs, with a focus on connecting missing links in the network that provides for connectivity, safety, and additional modal choices to residents and visitors within Baldwin County and to encourage walking and biking as viable options for commuting and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities can use the county-wide map as a reference tool to guide future infrastructure development as well as make grant applications for its buildout and maintenance more attractive to funders; and

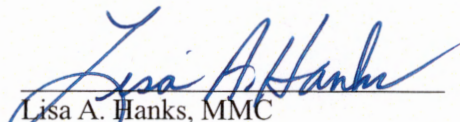
WHEREAS, the City of Fairhope supports programs that promote health, wellness, and provide safe and accommodating bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, That the City of Fairhope supports the Baldwin County Multimodal Connectivity Vision Plan and will use it as a planning guide for future projects in order to gain benefits mentioned above and strengthen the quality of life within Baldwin County.

Adopted this 23rd day of September, 2024


Corey Martin, Council President

Attest:


Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

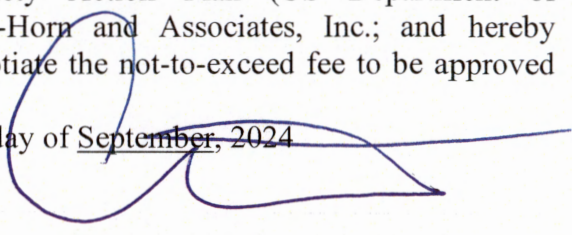
Councilmember Burrell introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution that the City Council approves the selection by the Evaluation Team for Professional Engineering Services for (RFQ PS24-028) for the City of Fairhope Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (US Department of Transportation SS4A Grant) to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; and hereby authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to negotiate the not-to-exceed fee to be approved by Council. Seconded by Councilmember Conyers, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 5192-24

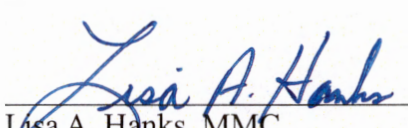
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, That the City Council approves the selection by the Evaluation Team for Professional Engineering Services for (RFQ PS24-028) for the City of Fairhope Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (US Department of Transportation SS4A Grant) to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; and hereby authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to negotiate the not-to-exceed fee to be approved by Council.

Adopted on this 23rd day of September, 2024



Corey Martin, Council President

Attest:



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

Councilmember Conyers introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution to award (Bid No. 24-031) to Taylor Corporation for Fairhope WWTP Headworks Improvements with a bid proposal not-to-exceed \$4,813,507.50. Seconded by Councilmember Burrell, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 5193-24

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, as follows:

[1] That the City of Fairhope did request, receive, and open bids for Bid No. 24-031 Fairhope Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Improvements at 555 South Section Street, City of Fairhope offices, Fairhope, Alabama.

[2] At the appointed time and place, bids were received and tabulated as follows:

CONTRACATOR	BASE BID	ALT. NO. 4-7
Taylor Corporation	\$4,711,507.50	\$102,000.00
Robert J. Baggett, Inc.	\$4,725,122.85	\$180,437.00
J&P Construction	\$4,884,600.00	\$73,000.00

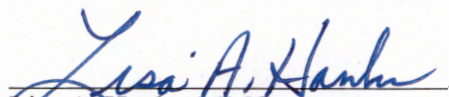
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[3] After evaluating the bids with required specifications, Taylor Corporation is now awarded Bid No. 24-031 Fairhope Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Improvements with a bid proposal not-to-exceed \$4,813,507.50.

DULY ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

Corey Martin, Council President

Attest:



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

Councilmember Burrell moved to table Agenda Items No. 12, No. 13, and No. 14: Three resolutions relating to the FY2025 Budget until the next City Council meeting or a Special-Called City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Conyers, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Conyers introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution that the City Council approves to charge off Uncollectible Utility Accounts for Fiscal Year 2018 in the amount of \$180,108.39. Seconded by Councilmember Burrell, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

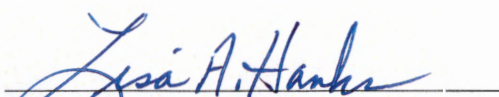
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, that the City Council approves to charge off Uncollectible Utility Accounts for Fiscal Year 2018 in the amount of \$180,108.39.

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Corey Martin, Council President

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Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
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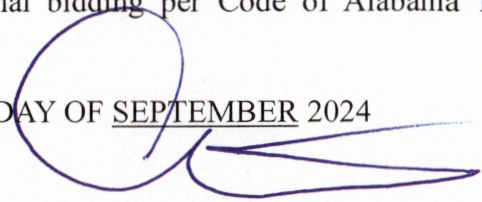
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Councilmember Burrell introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution that the City Council authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to execute an extension of the PFM Financial Advisors, LLC Engagement Letter Agreement for the City of Fairhope for Professional Consulting Services as Financial Advisor for year-long services with a not-to-exceed retainer of \$20,000.00. This professional service is exempt from formal bidding per Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-16- 51 (a)(3). Seconded by Councilmember Conyers, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 5195-24

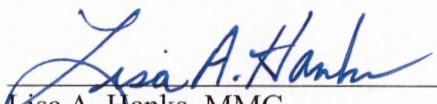
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, that the City Council authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to execute an extension of the PFM Financial Advisors, LLC Engagement Letter Agreement for the City of Fairhope for Professional Consulting Services as Financial Advisor for year-long services with a not-to-exceed retainer of \$20,000.00. This professional service is exempt from formal bidding per Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-16-51 (a)(3).

ADOPTED ON THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024



Corey Martin, Council President

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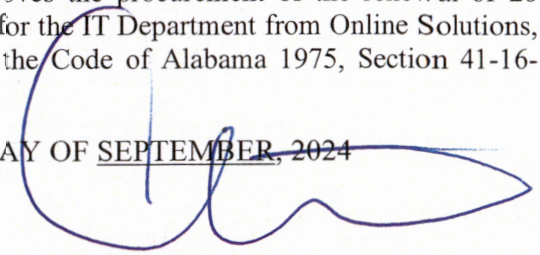
Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

Councilmember Burrell introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution that the City of Fairhope approves the procurement of the renewal of 28 Annual Subscriptions of Citizenserve Software for the IT Department from Online Solutions, LLC; and authorizes procurement allowed by the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-16-51(a)(11). The total amount is \$42,000.00. Seconded by Councilmember Conyers, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

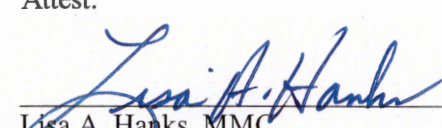
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RESOLUTION NO. 5196-24

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, That the City of Fairhope approves the procurement of the renewal of 28 Annual Subscriptions of Citizenserve Software for the IT Department from Online Solutions, LLC; and authorizes procurement allowed by the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-16-51(a)(11). The total amount is \$42,000.00.

ADOPTED ON THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024
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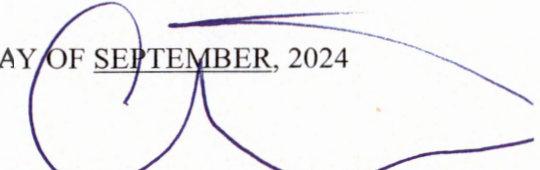
Attest:


Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

Councilmember Conyers introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution that the City of Fairhope approves the procurement of Elevator Repair at the Fairhope Public Library by TK Elevator that is on the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract (Contract #080420); and therefore, does not have to be let out to bid. The total cost of the repair is \$9,689.19. Additionally, City of Fairhope approves to pay 50% of the repair up front per the Sourcewell contract. Seconded by Councilmember Burrell, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 5197-24

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, That the City of Fairhope approves the procurement of Elevator Repair at the Fairhope Public Library by TK Elevator that is on the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract (Contract #080420); and therefore, does not have to be let out to bid. The total cost of the repair is \$9,689.19. Additionally, City of Fairhope approves to pay 50% of the repair up front per the Sourcewell Contract.

ADOPTED ON THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024
Corey Martin, Council President

Attest:


Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

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Councilmember Conyers introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution to award (Bid No. 23-057) Request for Proposal - Program Administrative Services for City of Fairhope 1st Responders Safe Room to EnCompass360, Inc., for a total cost not-to-exceed \$135,204.84. Seconded by Councilmember Burrell, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 5198-24

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, as follows:

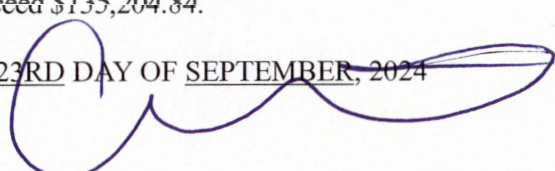
[1] That the City of Fairhope did request, receive, and open bids for Bid No. 24-057 Program Administrative Services for the City of Fairhope 1st Responders Room at 555 South Section Street, City of Fairhope offices, Fairhope, Alabama.

[2] At the appointed time and place, one (1) bid was received and tabulated as follows:

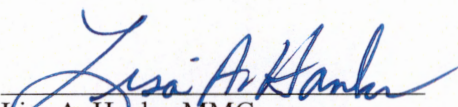
CONTRACATOR	BASE BID
EnCompass360, Inc.	\$135,204.84

[3] After evaluating the bid with required specifications, EnCompass360, Inc. is now awarded Bid No. 23-057 Program Administrative Services for the City of Fairhope 1st Responders Safe Room with a bid proposal not-to-exceed \$135,204.84.

DULY ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024


Corey Martin, Council President

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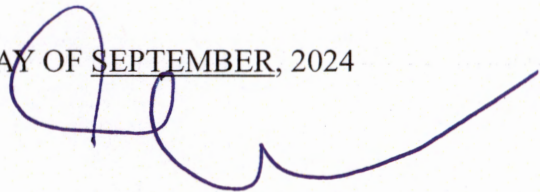

Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

Councilmember Conyers introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution that the City Council authorizes acceptance of a Department of Justice Appropriations Act grant of \$200,000.00 (Grant #15PBJA-24-GG-00286-BRND); and authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to sign all necessary documents. The funding will be used to develop a comprehensive, community-based program to educate school-aged children and adults on the dangers of Fentanyl and life-saving techniques if exposed. Seconded by Councilmember Boone, motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Councilmember Burrell said he would look at the Ordinance regarding concern from Mr. De Gutz.

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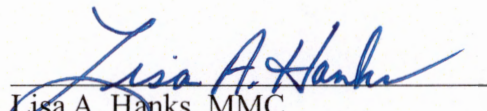
RESOLUTION NO. 5199-24

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, That the City Council authorizes acceptance of a Department of Justice Appropriations Act grant of \$200,000.00 (Grant# 15PBJA-24-GG-00286-BRND); and authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to sign all necessary documents. The funding will be used to develop a comprehensive, community-based program to educate school-aged children and adults on the dangers of Fentanyl and life-saving techniques if exposed.

DULY ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

Corey Martin, Council President

Attest:



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

Councilmember Conyers introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution that the City Council approves Amendment No. 2 to RFP 002-19 - Program Administrative Services for Working Waterfront and Green Space Project that extends the period of performance to October 31, 2026; and authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to execute Amendment No. 2 between the City of Fairhope and Grant Management, LLC. Seconded by Councilmember Burrell, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 5200-24

**AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO RFP 002-19 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION
SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT
OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
GRANT #M1A14-FHWW-PHASE II
(RESTORE ACT - WORKING WATERFRONT AND GREENSPACE PROJECT)**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairhope did solicit Requests for Proposals (RFP 002-19 - Program Administrative Services for Working Waterfront and Green Space Project) in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws, codes, regulations, ordinances, etc., including, but not limited to all executive orders (EO), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirements, and U.S. Treasury Regulations; and

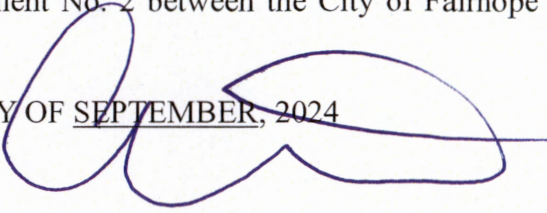
WHEREAS, on August 26, 2019 the City Council awarded RFP 002-19 to Grant Management, LLC for ADCNR Grant #M1A14-FHWW; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2024, ADCNR issued Amendment No. 3 to the grant, that extends the period of performance to October 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the current period of performance for the Program Administration Contract ends on October 31, 2024;

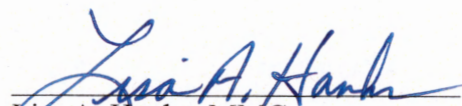
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, that the City Council approves Amendment No. 2 to RFP 002-19 - Program Administrative Services for Working Waterfront and Green Space Project that extends the period of performance to October 31, 2026; and authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to execute Amendment No. 2 between the City of Fairhope and Grant Management, LLC.

ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024



Corey Martin, Council President

Attest:



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

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Councilmember Conyers introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution that the City Council approves Amendment No. 2 to RFQ PS010-19 Engineering Services Contract for the Fairhope RESTORE Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project that extends the period of performance to October 31, 2026; and authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to execute Amendment No. 2 between the City of Fairhope and Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, LLC. Seconded by Councilmember Boone, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 5201-24

**AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO RFQ ENGINEERING SERVICES
CONTRACT FOR THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES GRANT #M1A14-FHWW-PHASE II
(RESTORE ACT- WORKING WATERFRONT AND GREENSPACE PROJECT)**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairhope did solicit Requests for Proposals (RFQ PS010-19 Engineering Services for Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project) in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws, codes, regulations, ordinances, etc., including, but not limited to all executive orders (EO), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirements, and U.S. Treasury Regulations; and

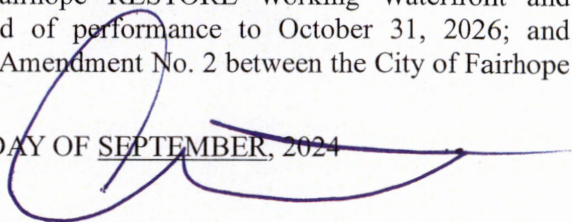
WHEREAS, on September 18, 2019 the City Council awarded RFQ PS010-19 to Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, LLC for ADCNR Grant # M1A14-FHWW-PHASE II; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2024, ADCNR issued Amendment No. 3 to the grant, that extends the period of performance to October 31, 2026; and

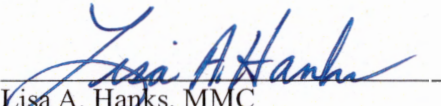
WHEREAS, the current period of performance for the Engineering Services Contract ends on October 31, 2024;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, That the City Council approves Amendment No. 2 to RFQ PS010-19 Engineering Services Contract for the Fairhope RESTORE Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project that extends the period of performance to October 31, 2026; and authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to execute Amendment No. 2 between the City of Fairhope and Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, LLC.

ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024


Corey Martin, Council President

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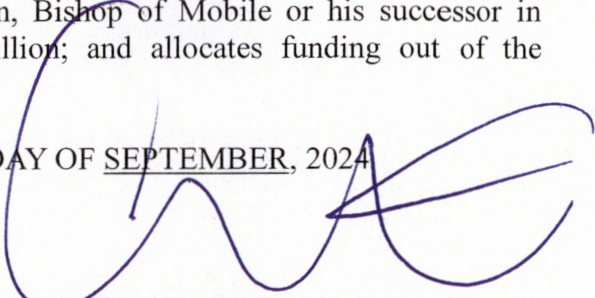
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Councilmember Burrell introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution that the City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan, on behalf of the City of Fairhope, to execute a purchase agreement and all closing documents related to the sale of the Barnwell "Recreation" Land Property (PPIN 6877) from Most Rev. Thomas J. Rodi, Archbishop of Mobile, a Corporation Sole, for a purchase price of \$1.1 million; and allocated funding out of the Reserves. Seconded by Councilmember Conyers, motion passed unanimously by voice vote. In order to annex this property, it would be done via a Legislative Act.

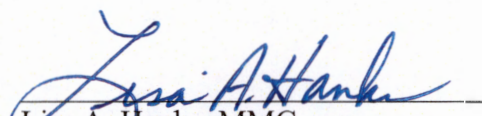
RESOLUTION NO. 5202-24

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, That the City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan, on behalf of the City of Fairhope, to execute a purchase agreement and all closing documents related to the sale of the Barwell "Recreation" Land Property (PPIN 6877) from Most Rev. T. J. Toolen, Bishop of Mobile or his successor in interest for a purchase price of \$1.1 million; and allocates funding out of the Reserves.

ADOPTED ON THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024


Corey Martin, Council President

Attest:


Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

Councilmember Conyers introduced in writing, and moved for the adoption of the following resolution, a resolution that the City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to execute a contract for Professional Services for closing costs and title insurance on the Banwell Recreation Land Purchase with Kopecky & Britt, LLC with a cost not-to-exceed \$15,000.00. Seconded by Councilmember Burrell, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

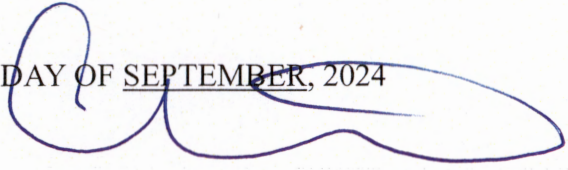
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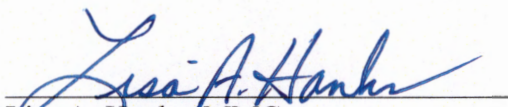
RESOLUTION NO. 5203-24

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, That the City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Sherry Sullivan to execute a contract for Professional Services for closing costs and title insurance on the Barnwell Recreation Land Purchase with Kopesky & Britt, LLC with a cost not-to-exceed \$15,000.00.

DULY ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

Corey Martin, Council President

Attest:



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

Councilmember Conyers moved to grant the request of Fairhope East K-6 Parent Teacher Corporation in collaboration with the Fairhope West Parent Teacher Partnership and J. Larry Newton Parent Teacher Organization, are requesting permission to close the streets in downtown Fairhope on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the 10th Annual "The Pirate Dash"; and requesting electricity at the starting/ending point of the race on the bluff with barricades at major road intersections to protect our runners. The Pirate Dash will begin and end at the same location on Magnolia Avenue on the bluff (Henry George Park). Seconded by Councilmember Boone, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council President Martin said to the audience, "please do not repeat or be redundant with your comments.

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation for Non-Agenda Items:

- 1) Donna Allsup, 11623 County Road One, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. She said there is no division but concerns with social media. She said it should have been shared with the community before acting.

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- 2) Ann Seeley, 8528 Lake View Drive, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. Ms. Seeley said she contacted the Lieutenant Governor Will Ainsworth's office, Governor Kay Ivey's office, and Congressman Jerry Carl's office. She was told it is a Federal issue. Ms. Seeley said Alabama towns have received no notice; they just show up.
- 3) John Cutright, 434 Colony Drive, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. He said my heart's good and don't make fun of us. He said it is my civic duty to show up. Mr. Cutright said this is a good community and safe.
- 4) County Commissioner Matt McKenzie addressed the City Council and said donating sick leave is great. He mentioned the 8 million for park and the agenda was awesome. He said the County has not been made aware of an influx of migrants to the area by any officials. Other cities across the state, such as Sylacauga, confirmed they were not alerted by federal officials when migrants moved into their area.
- 5) State Representative Jennifer Fidler addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. Representative Fidler said she researched too and what she found out agrees with Ms. Seeley. She said we do not know where they will be dropped off; and most have been in communities for poultry workers. Representative Fidler said she has not found the "point person" who runs this program. She said one main issue is insurance; and another issue is not speaking the English language with upwards of 40% of our students who speak non-English. She mentioned most have a sponsor and a card. She told the audience her office is at the Satellite Court House.
- 6) Jody Harper, 104 Cliff Drive, addressed the City Council regarding the Water Front and Greenspace Project. She questioned the railings on the pier being replaced; and when did the City begin making all of the decisions. City Clerk Lisa Hanks responded in the 1930s.
- 7) Abby Unrath, citizen of Magnolia Springs, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. told the emotional story of the deaths of her mother-in-law and another woman, who were both killed in a crash caused by a Haitian immigrant in Michigan. "I'm a mother, a Christian," she continued. "I'm not racist. I'm compassionate, I'm not a bigot. And I'm certainly not a pretentious and entitled. I'm a wife. I'm a mom. I seek to be compassionate and caring and understanding."
- 8) Rebecca Watson, 124 Fig Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. She we are here because of the letter you signed on behalf of the City. Ms. Watson said in December she was hit by an illegal immigrant who did not have insurance. She said if they come, they should follow our laws.
- 9) Brian Dasinger, 115 Keplar Place, addressed the City Council regarding the library books and the resolution he and other groups submitted. He said there was a "Drag Show" in the Fairhope Civic Center last year; and the Fourth Annual Pride Event will be held in October. Mr. Dasinger said, "are you willing to do something? Do something or we will make a change."

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- 10) Trae Corte, 101 Spring Park Drive, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. He requested that Council President Martin write a letter stating the citizens do not want this and resend your position on this issue.
- 11) Doug Greengard, 311 Wakefield Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding the library books being an issue; and the Drag Queen Show being a sexually oriented event. He said man is known for his deeds.
- 12) Linda Dooley, 901 Gayfer Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. She said we need a written plan; and asked how you are going to handle these people. Ms. Dooley stated, "we do not know if you are trustworthy."
- 13) Debra Fisher, 430 Rothley, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. Ms. Fisher said she was against the refugees; and we need to put a plan in place. She said it puts burden on growth, schools, and medical fields.
- 14) Diana Yum-Bucher, 127 Oakbend Court, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. She said it is going to happen; and what plan do you have. She commented that the medical system is strained.
- 15) Sue David, 135 D'estrehan Street, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. Ms. David said she ran away from a community in Washington; and lived near an elementary school bus stop where she found heroin needles. She said we have laws and need to abide by them.
- 16) Cheryl Corvo, 20 Burlington Drive, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. She said we are a welcoming community. She commented we need to take a look at Mobile Baykeepers; and take a look at our environment.
- 17) Edward Bals, 502 Calibre, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. Mr. Bals said he has 33 years in law enforcement; spoke about the Somalians and a drug similar to heroin. He asked is Fairhope Police Department ready to handle this.
- 18) Debbie Greengard, 311 Wakefield Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding the library books; and the Drag Show and brunches. She said you have awakened a sleeping giant.
- 19) Stephanie Durnin, 209 Hemlock Drive, addressed the City Council and stated the Council has failed. She said you refused to take a stand regarding the library books and Drag Shows, and Council President Martin wanted to do away with public comment. Ms. Durnin said you are all on notice; and your jobs are going to be short.

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- 20) Dev Wakeley, 8856 Lake View Drive, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. He said those expressing concerns are all a part of a political movement. Mr. Wakeley added the movement is meant to create outrage, take over, attack and hurt. He said, "Folks, I have stood in front of the League of the South; I've stood in front of the Klan and this is the Klan in slacks."
- 21) Devon Rigsby, 15875 Keeney Drive, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. He mentioned in 2020 being sent overseas to work, counter terrorist activist, and in 2015 working in "Lone Wolf" incidents against ISIS. He said fear has been introduced regarding the refugees; and we need to vet these people before allowing them to come here.
- 22) Betty Riley, 317 Lake Ridge Drive, addressed the City Council and asked, "Can one Councilmember use his title to make a decision." City Attorney Marcus McDowell replied, "no one Councilmember can make a decision without the City Council approval."

Councilmember Conyers said we do not support a massive influx on illegal refugees; and we need a plan to react when this may happen.

Councilmember Burrell said, there was nothing we could communicate; and a plan may be good but could be bad too.

- 23) Monetia Martin, 829 Summer Lake Street, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. Ms. Martin said she was Corey Martin's wife; and if this letter came out in 2022, then no one would have said anything.

She said these are not illegal immigrants; and the reporter/person from 1319 came to Cory after the article was written. Ms. Martin said the reporter tainted everything; and said this is a resettlement program.

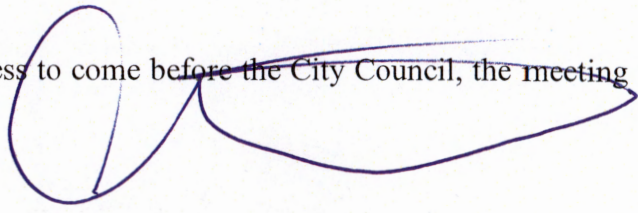
Ms. Martin told the City Council that they were doing a very good job. She told the audience, "I am putting you on notice, and if you think you could do a better job, bring it on."

- 24) Sharon Coffee, 18172 South Section Street, addressed the City Council and said, "we the people," everyone has one vote; and the way to take care of this is we need to change the Federal Administration in Washington, D.C.
- 25) Stephan Sofianos, 20260 Azul Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding the refugee letter/petition sent to Washington, D.C. He said we do not want to be overwhelmed. Mr. Sofianos said, "do what you preach and represent us."

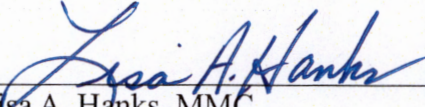
Councilmember Conyers moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Boone, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Corey Martin, Council President



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