

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
October 3, 2016
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held October 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker, Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Robert Jones, Riley Hunt, Willie King and William Jackson.

Elected Official Absent: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk Annie Warren.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Robert Smith - Economic Development Director, Battalion Chief Robby Rowell –Fire and Emergency Services, and Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager.

Guest(s) / Speaker(s): Wayne James, Jarvis Davis, Ed Beckham and Bill O’Neal

Media: Kristian Moriarty - Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

3a. Consider providing a letter of support for JONG to become its own entity – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed the request for a letter of support for JONG to become its own entity. Mr. James was present and fielded questions from Council. Council concurred to move forward with JONG becoming its own entity subject to review of the final legislation.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker deviated from the agenda.

Mr. Gilmour advised Council of a potential issue in the Woodlands Subdivision between the developer and the property owners relative to street maintenance and extension of City utilities. To address the drainage easement issue the developer proposed extending the boundary line in the cul-de-sac. Extending the boundary line would place the cul-de-sac will in the county. The developer proposed annexing the cul-de-sac into the city. The city’s policy has been not to annex additional property in the Woodlands Subdivision. Council concurred to

table this matter until additional information is available.

3b. Discussion of the tree protection portion of the Perry Land Development Ordinance – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed his memo to Mayor and Council dated August 30, 2016. Administration recommended moving this item to planning and zoning for clarification of what is done when discussing existing property and commercial property. Council concurred to move this item over to planning and zoning for clarification and bring back to Council with their recommendation.

3c. I-75 Corridor update – Mr. R. Smith.

Mr. Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation of the I-75 Corridor.

3d. Consider closing all of First Street in the block adjacent to First Baptist Church on Wednesday evenings while church is in session – Council Member R. Hunt. Council Member Hunt expressed his concerns relative to First Street being open while kids are playing in the adjacent lot on Wednesday evenings. Chief Lynn proposed fencing the lot on Carroll Alley side and First Street side. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker suggested the church buy cones and place the cones on the street during Wednesday evening events to make individuals aware there is something is going on.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker

4a. Code Enforcement Concern. Mr. Jarvis Davis of 119 Hill Road appeared before Council relative to a code enforcement issue of him parking trucks on his property. Mr. Gilmour advised Council that when Mr. Davis purchased his property it was in the county and he was allowed to park his trucks on his property. Mr. Davis has been annexed into the city and City regulations do not allow trucks to be parked on the property. Mr. Davis asked for Council's consideration to allow him to park his trucks on his property when the trucks need to be serviced. It was the consensus of Council to not grant Mr. Davis request and advised Mr. Davis that he can apply to the Planning Commission for de-annexation from the city.

4b. Fireworks at the Buzzard Drop. Mr. Gilmour advised Council of a major sponsor's proposal to provide fireworks at the Buzzard Drop event. The fireworks would be set up on the service road (Remembrance Way) which parallels to the cemetery and fall out would be the Interfor area. Council had several concerns about the proposed location. Chief Lynn is to coordinate.

4c. Interview dates for Director of Community Development Director position. Mr. Gilmour asked Council to check their calendars for potential interview dates for the Director of Community Development candidates.

5. Council Member Items:

Council Member Hunt reported his neighbors in Holly Hills had concerns about the new lighting on the poles; the lights are bright but only cover a small surface area and would like to know if there is anything Georgia Power can do about it. Mr. Gilmour will follow up.

Council Members Jones, King, Jackson and Bynum-Grace had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour and Attorney Hulbert had no reports.

6. Department Head Items:

Mr. Smith reported the Perry Main Street Advisory Board, Lions Club and Boy Scouts Troop 96 partnered for a clean-up on General Courtney Hodges Boulevard last Saturday.

Ms. Palmer provided a Facebook update.

Chief Lynn, Mr. Dye and Battalion Chief Rowell had no reports.

7. General Public: Mr. Bill O'Neal stated the Buzzard Drop Committee is excited about the possibility of having fireworks at the event and asked Council to consult with the experts relative to the different caliber of the fireworks.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker announced the Legislative Dinner date has changed from November 10th to November 2nd.

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker entertained a motion to enter into an executive session for real estate acquisition.

8. Executive Session entered at 6:36 p.m.: Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adjourn the work session and enter into executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Executive Session adjourned 7:46 p.m.; Council work session reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held October 3, 2016 and reconvened into the council's work session.

10. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-46 stating purpose of executive session held October 3, 2016 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Jones moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on October 3, 2016 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. (*Resolution 2016-46 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

11. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session held October 3, 2016 Council Member Hunt motioned to

adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.