

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
April 17, 2017
5:07 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held April 17, 2017 at 5:07 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney David Walker and Recording Clerk Annie Warren.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Robert Smith - Economic Development Director, Battalion Chief Kirk Crumpton – Fire and Emergency Services, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Mirian Arrington – Municipal Court Clerk, and John Schell – Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor.

Guest(s) / Speaker(s): Barbara Moriarty, Anthony Concholino, Dave Kosovo, and Darlene McLendon.

Media: Kristin Moriarty - Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

3a. Department of Economic Development

1. Presentation of Wayfinding Signage – Mr. R. Smith. Anthony Concholino and Dave Kosovo of KMA Design provided a follow up presentation of the wayfinding signage. After a Q & A session, Council concurred to proceed with sheet 2.1 with changes the following changes: 1) include the pinpoint within the sign; 2) pole color black; and 3) brick color and type to match city standards.
2. Communications Update – Ms. E. Palmer. Ms. Palmer gave a PowerPoint presentation of the multi media campaign which included billboards, poster board, Macon.com, 13wmaz.com, Dogwood Festival Guide, etc. Ms. Palmer also provided stats relative to the multi media

campaign.

3. City Alcohol Ordinance – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith advised Mayor and Council of conflicting information within the city’s current ordinance relative to alcohol sales regulations, notably “direct to consumer sales”. Mr. Smith requested Council’s permission to work with the City Attorney and Community Development in developing an ordinance adhering to State of Georgia alcohol sales minimum requirements. Mayor Faircloth directed Mr. Smith to include Chief Lynn, Mr. Wood and the City Attorney in the drafting of the ordinance. Council concurred to move forward with the drafting of said ordinance.
4. Hotel Prospect Infrastructure Improvements – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith appeared before Mayor and Council with a request for infrastructure improvements relative to a hotel prospect. A discussion ensued between Mr. Smith, Mayor and Council. Council concurred to allow Mr. Smith to move forward within the confines of the hotel/motel study.

3b. Administration

1. Possible acquisition of tax sale parcels – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour provided Mayor and Council a copy of Ms. King’s memo dated April 4, 2017 relative to delinquent property tax accounts. Administration posed the question to Council if there is any City interest in purchasing the parcels for re-use or transfer to a land bank. Council will revisit this item at a future work session.

3c. FY 2018 Operating Budget

1. Budget overview – Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the FY 18 budget cover letter dated March 27, 2017 and provided a brief overview of each fund.
2. Department of Administration – Ms. B. King. Ms. King concurred with the recommendations of Administration and requested Council’s favorable concurrence.
3. Department of Economic Development – Mr. R. Smith. Mr. Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the department’s budget and FY 17 accomplishments.
4. Municipal Court – Ms. M. Arrington. Ms. Arrington presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the needs of Municipal Court and answered questions from Council.

3d. Police Department

1. Safety plan for Peaches to Beaches – Chief S. Lynn. Chief Lynn reviewed his March 22, 2017 email to Mr. Gilmour addressing a safety plan for Peaches to Beaches.

3e. Public Works Department

1. Presentation of Carl Vinson Institute management project – Mr. J. Schell. Mr. Schell presented his PowerPoint relative to Facilities Stormwater Management to Mayor and Council and answered questions.

3f. Mayor Faircloth

1. Notice to Perry Lodging Establishments. Mayor Faircloth shared with Council a notice Ms. Allison Hamsley, Executive Director of the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, sent to the Perry Hoteliers. The notice advised the hoteliers of the process used for handling inquiries of offsite lodging recommendations for Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter events. Mayor Faircloth recommended Council encourage existing hoteliers with suggestions to show they are willing to help.

4. Council Member Items:

Council had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour and Attorney Walker had no reports.

5. Department Head Items:

Mr. Smith:

- April 27th, Perry Housing Fair at Creekwood Park Pavilion
- April 29th, Neighborhood Clean Up

Mr. Dye reminded everyone of the Fishing Rodeo on April 22nd at Rozar Park.

Ms. King reported the new phone system will be fully operation on April 19th.

Mr. Shell reported the new security cards have been activated.

Mr. Wood, Chief Lynn, Battalion Chief Crumpton, Ms. Warren and Ms. Palmer had no reports.

Ms. Darlene McLendon thanked Mayor and Council for their partnership with the Dogwood Festival and announced “A Day to Honor and Remember” will be held at the Guardian Center on April 22nd at 10 a.m.

Mayor Faircloth items

- May 1st, Council’s work session
- May 2nd, Pre council and council
- April 28th, Walk with Mayor and Council

6. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held April 17, 2017 Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.