

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 20, 2018
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held August 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney David Walker, and Recording Clerk Cyndi Houser.

City Departmental Staffing: Major Bill Phelps – Perry Police Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communication Manager, Annie Warren – City Clerk and Brenda King – Director of Finance

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Darlene McLendon – Chamber of Commerce

Media: James Simpson III – Houston Home Journal

3. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:03 p.m.: Mayor Pro Tempore called to order a public hearing at 5:03 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-67A-3 (c).

3a. Consider retaining of the operation at 14.050 mills.

Staff Report: Mr. Gilmour stated that it had been the policy of Council to keep the millage at the same rate if at all possible. The tax digest has been received and there was a slight increase in the value. Administration recommended keeping the millage at 14.050 mills.

Public Input: Mayor Pro Tempore Walker called for any public input for or opposed to the proposed millage rate of 14.050.

For – none

Opposed - none

Public Hearing Closed at 5:05 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

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

4a. Office of the City Manager

1. Brownfield Engineering Proposals: Mr. Smith reviewed the requirements for the Brownfield Program grant which will officially begin in October. Staff has done the preliminary work including determining specific sites and a request for engineering services. There is no requirement for matching funds and the grant covers the engineering services. Council concurred to move forward.
2. GDOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Project: Mr. Smith reviewed the history of the application for this grant for cities under 20,000 with projects of at least \$1,000,000. GDOT has released more funds for alternative transportation projects. A presentation showing possible locations was provided to Council noting there is a requirement of a twenty percent (20%) funds match from the City. Administration recommended moving forward with the application which is due August 31, 2018. Council concurred to move forward with the grant application.

4b. Department of Economic Development

1. Consider proposal for engineering services for improvements downtown: Mr. Smith explained the problems which are emanating from stormwater issues in the downtown area. Council concurred to move forward with the preliminary work proposal from Bryant Engineering for alleyway improvements.
2. & 3. Restaurant District boundary items and Downtown kiosk location: Mr. Smith presented a Power Point showing possible locations for the restaurant boundary markers, recommended types of markers, signage for business owners and the two proposed locations for the map kiosk. Council concurred to move forward with obtaining costs for the markers, the signage and the placement of the map kiosk at the corner of the government building.

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

5a. Resolution(s) for Introduction and Adoption:

1. Approved Resolution 2018-58 for supplemental contracts for the Jointly Owned Natural Gas pressure improvement project. Mr. Gilmour explained that the bonding agency reviewed the request for the project and lowered the estimated cost for the project. They are also asking that all participating cities have the same operating

agreement. Administration recommended approving the supplemental contracts. Council Member Jones motioned to approve the supplemental contracts for the Jointly Owned Natural Gas pressure improvement project and authorize Mayor Faircloth to sign the documents. Council Member King seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2018-58 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

6. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Walker, Council Members Jackson, Hunt, Bynum-Grace, King and had no reports.

Council Member Jones had a concern from a constituent about the trash buildup along on Park Avenue. Administration will follow up.

Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Smith and City Attorney David Walker had no reports.

7. Department Head/Staff Items:

Major Phelps, Mr. Wood, Chief Parker and Ms. Warren had no reports.

Mr. Dye noted the benches for the splash pad and the splash pad opening have been very successful. The bids on the tennis courts have been combined with the other park projects. Mr. Gilmour explained that all projects must now be registered with the state, but the Perry Public Facilities Authority may be asked for additional funding.

Ms. Palmer reminded everyone of the "Your City" program will start September 6th and noted there are a few openings remaining. She also asked if Council would be willing to place a thank you ad in the upcoming insert in the Houston Home Journal honoring emergency personnel. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the ad.

Ms. King announced that the auditors would be here for 2 weeks beginning September 17th and ending September 28th.

Ms. McLendon reminded everyone that the Chamber is sponsoring a legislature appreciation dinner at the Go Fish Center on Thursday, August 23rd at 5:30 pm.

8. Executive Session entered at 5:50 pm. On a motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Jones and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for the purpose of personnel and pending litigation.

9. Executive Session adjourned; Council's work session reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held August 20, 2018 and reconvened into the Council's work session.

10. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-59 stating purpose of Executive Session held August 20, 2018 was to discuss personnel and pending litigation. Council Member Jackson moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on

August 20, 2018 was to discuss personnel and pending litigation. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. (*Resolution 2018-59 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 August 20, 2018, Council Member Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.