

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 17, 2019
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held June 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Cyndi Houser

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn– Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Finance Director, Ashley Hardin – Department of Economic Development Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Ellen Palmer – Digital Communications Manager, Chad McMurrin – Lead Engineering Technician, and Ansley Fitzner – Landscape Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Curt Eckman and Scott Haller – Parrish Construction

Press: Jada Dukes – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Appearance(s):

1. Presentation relative to Heritage and Legacy Parks: - Mr. Haller and Mr. Eckman

Mr. Haller and Mr. Eckman reviewed the proposed changes to the original bid package for Heritage and Legacy Parks. The revisions also included the necessary utility work required for electrical, water and grading. The proposed changes for the water feature were discussed and included safety and maintenance issues. Based on the presentation and discussions, Council concurred to move forward with a bid package for Heritage and Legacy Parks. Administration also recommended the lighting installation on Carroll Street be taken into consideration. Parrish will incorporate this item into the bid package.

3b. Office of the City Manager: Mr. Gilmour

1. Municipal Court facility:
Mr. Gilmour reviewed a memo regarding the possibility of constructing a separate facility for the Municipal Court. Administration recommended moving forward with concept plans for a stand-alone facility based on the projected growth of the City and federal and state requirements now in effect. Council concurred with moving forward with a concept plan for a structure to be located between the current City Hall and the Public Safety building.
2. Hearing officer request:
Mr. Gilmour advised that an employee receiving an adverse action had requested a hearing. Administration recommended Thomas Richardson be appointed for the position based on his experience. Council concurred with the recommendation.
3. Bidding authorization:
Mr. Gilmour noted the City had obtained the last parcel for the new city hall site and therefore Administration was requesting authorization to move forward with the demolition of the structures on the site. Alternate sites in the recommendation would be the church and the old Jaycees building. Council concurred to move forward with authorizing the demolition of structures on the new city hall site with the church and the Police Services Building (fka the Jaycees building) as alternates.
4. Follow up relative to cooler usage:
Mr. Gilmour referred Council to the memo from Anya Turpin. Once more information is received, the results and recommendation will be presented to Council for action.
5. Discuss implementation of liquor excise tax:
Mr. Gilmour reviewed the history of the excise tax noting that it has been in place for some time, but was not implemented. Administration recommended holding off until the businesses affected had time to reconfigure or update their software and also conduct a survey. Council concurred on tabling the implementation until further investigation.

4. Executive Session entered at 5:50 p.m.: Mayor Pro Tempore Walker entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of real estate. On a motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Jones and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for the purpose of real estate.
5. Executive Session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.: Council's work session reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held June 17, 2019 and reconvened into the council's work session at 6:05 p.m.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2019-22 stating the purpose of the executive session held on June 17, 2019 was for real estate. On a motion by Council Member Hunt, seconded by

Council Member Jackson and carried unanimously, adopted Resolution No. 2019-22 stating the purpose of the executive session held on June 17, 2019 was for real estate. (*Resolution 2019-22 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

3c. Community Development Department: Mr. Wood

1. Discussion of fees for IN-REM process.

Mr. Wood explained to Council that in order for the City to obtain a parcel of land in a faster manner and have a warranty deed, it could be placed in the Land Bank as opposed to a tax sale. Staff recommendation was to move forward using the IN-REM process for a particular parcel. It was the concurrence of Council to accept the recommendation to move forward.

7. Council Member items:

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

Council Member Hunt inquired about the progress on Keith Drive. He also commented he had played on the new tennis courts.

8. Department Heads/Staff items:

No reports from Mr. Gilmour, Ms. Newby, Mr. Worthington, Ms. Palmer, Chief Parker, Mr. Smith and Mr. McMurrian.

Chief Lynn submitted a request to borrow the City's portable stage from Ms. Tian Foss of the Family Connections of Houston County. It was determined the stage is not DOT road-worthy and could not be taken to Warner Robins for the organization's July event.

Ms. Hardin reported the Food Truck Friday was very successful with over 4,000 people, had lots of positive feedback and two prospective developers in attendance.

9. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session held June 17, 2019, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.