

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**July 15, 2019**  
**5:00 P.M.**

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

2. Roll:

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

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Regan Scott.

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, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Chad McMurrin – Lead Engineering Tech, Haley Myers – Main Street Coordinator, Ansley Fitzner – Landscape Manager, and Sergeant Brian Mixon – Police Department.

Press: Jada Dukes – Houston Home Journal

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

3a. Community Development Department: Mr. McMurrin

1. Parking lot for the city's new passive park off of Country Club Road: Mr. McMurrin reviewed the plat of the future passive park off of Country Club Road, described the plans for parking lots, and explained options for future growth. Administration recommended proceeding with the plans as proposed. Council concurred with the recommendation.

3b. Department of Leisure Services: Mr. Gilmour

1. Creekwood and Rozar Park Improvements: Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Council the proposed improvements for the two destination playgrounds at Creekwood and Rozar Parks. The improvements will include new playground equipment and benches at each site. Administration recommended moving forward with submitting the project for bid. Council concurred with the recommendation.

3c. Department of Administration: Mr. Worthington

1. Credit Card/Purchasing Card Policy revision:  
Mr. Worthington presented for Council's consideration a revision to the City's credit card policy. Major revisions included renaming the policy to the Purchasing Card Policy and allowing additional designated staff, along with Department Heads as already set forth by policy, to acquire purchasing cards with authorization. Administration recommended approval of the revisions. Council concurred with the recommendation.

3d. Police Department: Chief Lynn

1. Discussion of school zone cameras:  
Chief Lynn shared findings with Council from a school zone speed study conducted by Red Check USA. The study included seven schools within the City limits with findings of motorists traveling above the posted School Speed Limit signs in these areas. Sergeant Mixon shared insights on the potential impact of speeding motorists in school zones. Chief Lynn proposed contracting the services of Red Check USA to set up school zone cameras that could document instances of speed violation and administer the collection of fines for violations. Administration advised that while this is a good concept, constituents may have concerns about the project. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker suggested reviewing materials relative to the study and current legislation in order to make a better informed decision in August.

4. Council Member Items:

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

Council Member Jones stated that due to the Open House at Westfield he is required to attend, he would be absent from the August 5<sup>th</sup> work session. He inquired about the possibility of moving the session to the August 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting date. Council concurred that with the number of matters to discuss for the work session, it would be better to meet on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Hunt shared concerns regarding animal waste left behind by individuals attending Food Truck Friday events with dogs. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker suggested having cleanup stations available at future events and Council Member King suggested a reminder on Facebook for attendees.

5. Department Head/Staff Items:

No reports from Mr. Gilmour, Ms. Newby, Chief Lynn, Chief Parker, Ms. King, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Wood.

Ms. Hardin stated that Grace & Grits Boutique will host a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening on July 16<sup>th</sup> and invited all to attend.

6. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker entertained a motion to enter into executive session for

the purpose of real estate and personnel.

7. Executive Session entered at 6:07 p.m.: Council Member Jones moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of litigation and personnel. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. Executive Session adjourned at 6:29 p.m.; Council's work session meeting reconvened: Council adjourned the executive session held July 15, 2019 and reconvened into the council work session meeting.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2019-33 stating the purpose of executive session held July 15, 2019 was to discuss litigation and personnel. Mayor Pro Tempore Walker moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held July 15, 2019 was to discuss litigation and personnel. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No action was taken. (*Resolution 2019-33 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
10. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session held July 15, 2019 Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.