

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
December 17, 2019
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the Perry City Council held December 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Anji Holley.

Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Robert Smith – Assistant City Manager, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Sedrick Swan - Director of Leisure Services, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Director, Mitchell Worthington, Director of Finance, Haley Bryant – Main Street Coordinator, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager and Anya Turpin – Special Events Coordinator.

Guest(s): Joy Peterson, Gary Martin - Chairman of the HALO Group, Angela Cuti – the HALO Group, Dexter Davis – H Town Auto Detailing, Tina Davis-H Town Auto Detailing, Albert Crumbley, and Eric Edwards.

Media: Jada Dukes - Houston Home Journal

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Council Member King rendered the invocation and Council Member Hunt led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Recognition(s)/Presentation(s):

4a. Recognition of 2019 Volunteer Coaches. Mr. Swan recognized and presented certificates to three 2019 Volunteer Coaches. He stated that there were a total of fourteen to be recognized.

4b. Introduction of Firefighter Recruit Jordan Chambers. Chief Parker introduced firefighter recruit Jordan Chambers to Council. Mr. Chambers will attend recruit school in January, 2020.

4c. Recognition of Council Member William Jackson. Mayor Walker recognized Council Member William Jackson on his final evening serving on Council. A presentation was given for Mr. Jackson's outstanding service to the City of Perry over a ten year period.

5. Community Partner(s) Update(s): None

6. Citizens with Input. None

7. PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:01 P.M. Mayor Randall Walker called to order a public hearing at 6:31p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-66-4.

7a. SUSE-96-2019. Applicant, William A. Stanford II, for the HALO Group, requested a Special Exception to allow 11 Multi-Family units. The property is located at 800 Main Street; Tax Map No.OP0040 014000.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood advised that the Planning Commission recommended approval to allow the HALO Group to convert existing rooms to one bedroom and studio apartments.

Public Input: Mayor Walker called for any public input for or opposed to the Special Exception Application.

For: Mr. Gary Martin advised Council of the renovation and revitalization plans to the property at 800 Main Street.

Ms. Angela Cuti spoke in favor of the Special Exception Application.

Against: None

7b. SUSE-97-2019. Applicant, Dexter Davis, request a Special Exception to allow Automobile Service (Window Tinting) and Automobile Wash and Detailing. The property is located at 626 General Courtney Hodges Boulevard; Tax Map No. OP0120 033000.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood advised staff's recommendation was to disapprove, and that the Planning Commission's recommendation was to approve plans.

Public Input: Mayor Walker called for any public input for or opposed to the Special Exception Application.

For: Mr. Davis stated that the property was to be used as office space and that only a few cars would be detailed daily.

Ms. Davis spoke in favor of the Special Exception Application.

Against: None

- 7c. Petition for RZNE-0095-2019. Applicant, Genesis KC Development LLC requests the rezoning of property from R-1, Single-family Residential District, to IN, Institutional District. The property is located on Keith Drive, Tax Map No. OP0440 03D000.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood advised that staff recommended approval of the application for Genesis Dialysis Center to relocate to Keith Drive.

Public Input: Mayor Walker called for any public input for or against the petition.

For: Mr. Heath Kennedy spoke in favor of the petition.

Against: None

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:45P.M. Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 6:45p.m.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

- 8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the December 2, 2019 work session, December 3, 2019 pre council meeting, and December 3, 2019 council meeting.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Old Business:

9a. Ordinance(s) for Second Reading(s) and Adoption:

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance adopting the GMEBS Restated Defined Benefit Plan – Ms. B. Newby.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2019-19 relative to the GMEBS Restated Defined Benefit Plan. Ms. Newby stated that the amended retirement plan was required to be submitted as an ordinance. Council Member Jackson motioned to adopt as submitted; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2019-19 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

2. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending FY 2019 Operating Budget – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2019-20 amending FY 2019 Operating Budget. Mr. Gilmour recommended Council adopt the amended FY 2019 Operating Budget Ordinance. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adopt as submitted; Mayor Pro King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance 2019-20 has been entered into the*

City's official book of record.)

3. **Second Reading** of an ordinance amending the Transient Occupancy Tax – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2019-21 amending the Transient Occupancy Tax. Mr. Gilmour advised that the ordinance would increase the hotel/motel tax from 7% to 8%. Mayor Pro King motioned to adopt as submitted; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Ordinance 2019-21 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

10. Any Other Old Business:

- 10a. Mayor Walker – None
- 10b. Council Members – None
- 10c. City Attorney Brooke Newby – None
- 10d. City Manager Lee Gilmour – None
- 10e. Assistant City Manager Robert Smith

11. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

11a. Matters referred from December 16, 2019 work session and December 17, 2019 pre council meeting.

1. Resolution to establish a moratorium on the issuance of permits for the Conservation Subdivision Use District.

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-62 establishing a moratorium on the issuance of permits for the Conservation Subdivision Use District. Mayor Pro Tempore King motioned to adopt as submitted; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion, motion carried 5 to 1 with Council Member Hunt opposing. *(Resolution No. 2019-62 has been entered into the City's official book of record.)*

- 11b. Special Exception Application – 096-2019. Mr. Wood offered no further comments. Council Member Jones motioned to approve subject to each unit having its own food preparation area and equipment; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 11c. Special Exception Application – 097-2019. Council Member Jones motioned to defer until the next Council meeting, January 7, 2020. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11d. Ordinances for First Reading(s) and Introduction:

1. **First Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from from R-1, Single-family Residential District, to IN, Institutional District. The property is located on Keith Drive, Tax Map No. 0P0440 03D000 – Mr. B. Wood. *(No action required by Council)*

11e. Resolution(s) for Introduction and Adoption:

1. Resolution appointing Mr. Mitchell Worthington Finance Director.

Adopted Resolution 2019-63 appointing Mr. Mitchell Worthington Finance Director. Mr. Gilmour recommended Council adopt a resolution appointing Mr. Worthington Finance Director. Council Member Jones motioned to adopt as submitted; Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2019-63 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

11f. Consider accepting donation of property for greenspace purposes.

Mr. Gilmour recommended that Council accept the donation of one half acre near Duncan Avenue subject to a clear title. Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the donation of property as stated; Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Council Members Items:

Mr. Hunt expressed his disappointment in not having more time to discuss the moratorium. No other Council members had items to discuss.

13. Department Heads/Staff Items.

Mr. Worthington expressed his gratitude in Council trusting him to assume the Director of Finance position.

Ms. Clark informed Council of the City of Perry's new social media account, Twitter, had gone active December 17, 2019.

Ms. Turpin reminded Council that the Buzzard Drop would be occurring in two weeks. She stated that this was a free event for families. She also informed everyone that the City would host a "how to become a new vendor" class on January 31, 2020 at 2:00p.m.

Mr. Swan stated that Leisure Services would host an Open House on January 4, 2020, 10am - 2pm.

Ms. Newby, Mr. Gilmour, and Mr. Smith had no items to report.

Chief Parker, Chief Lynn, Mr. Wood, Ms. King, Ms. Hardin, Mr. Worthington, Ms. Warren and Ms. Bryant had no items to report.

14. General Public Items: None

15. Mayor Items:

- January 6, work session
- January 7, pre council and council

- encouraged everyone to attend the Buzzard Drop on December 31, 2019.

16. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held December 17, 2019, Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.