

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
March 16, 2021
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 March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll.

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

Elected Officials Absent: none

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

Departmental Staffing: Brenda King - Director of Administration, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Mitchell Worthington – Finance Director, Chief Lee Parker - Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Cody Gunn – Chief Building Official, Jazmin Thomas – Downtown Manager, Lieutenant Chris Sutcliff, Sergeant Jacob Laster, and Officers Daniel Layson, Skyler Bryant, Deborah Murberry – Perry Police Department, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Administrator.

Media: Amira Bevill – Houston Home Journal

Guest(s): Scott Free, Jim Marquardt (Perry-Houston County Airport Authority), Lannette Tomlin (Clover Wine Merchant), and Josh Brown

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

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

4a. Clover Wine Merchant Application. A representative from Clover Wine Merchant's will be attending the Council meeting to present the application. Ms. Lannette Tomlin of Clover Wine Merchant (907 Carroll Street) presented for Council's consideration a request to host a "Pop Up" tent tasting event

April 8 - 11 and utilize two parking stalls in front of the storefront. Mayor Walker entertained a motion to approve the application. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to approve the application as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4b. Recognition of Squad 4 – Chief S. Lynn. Lieutenant Sutcliff shared with Mayor and Council an incident that occurred on February 25 and how his squadron went above and beyond to catch a murder suspect. Mayor and Council thanked Lieutenant Sutcliff, Sergeant Jacob Laster, Officers Daniel Layson, Skyler Bryant, Deborah Murberry and Josh Brown for their hard work.

5. Community Partner(s) Update(s):

5a. Mr. Jim Marquardt, Perry-Houston County Airport Authority. Mr. Marquardt presented a PowerPoint overview of activities and improvements going on at the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority.

6. Citizens with Input. none

7. Public Hearing: Mayor Randall Walker

The purpose of this public hearing is to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with Sec. 15-3 of the Code of the City of Perry, Georgia.

7a. License revocation hearing for Ghanshyam P. Patel and LaQuinta Inn at 102 Plaza Drive, Perry, GA. Mayor Walker announced the public hearing was settled by a negotiated settlement with Mr. Patel. Ms. Newby reported this is a negotiated plea agreement with Mr. Patel and his attorney that involves one year probation and any failure to timely submit reports and payments will result in suspension of his business license.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor Randall Walker

8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the March 1, 2021 work session, March 2, 2021 pre council meeting, and March 2, 2021 council meeting.

Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Old Business: Mayor Randall Walker

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

1. **Second Reading** of an ordinance for the rezoning of property from MUC, Multi-Use Center, to M-1, Wholesale and Light Industrial. The property is located at 311 South Street; Tax Map No. oP0350 010000 - Mr. B. Wood.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-07 for the rezoning of the property from MUC, Multi-Use Center, to M-1, Wholesale and Light Industrial. The property is located at 311 South Street. Mr. Scott Free (1101 Washington Street) spoke in favor of the rezoning change. Mr. Wood stated the Planning Commission and staff recommends approval of the zoning change with the following condition: In addition to other applicable provisions, any future development of the property must adhere to Sec. 6-3.3 and 6-3.6 of the Land Management Ordinance – street trees and street buffer yards – to provide protection of nearby residential properties from nonresidential uses. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance with the Planning Commission and staff recommendation; Council Member Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Ordinance No. 2021-07 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).

10. Any Other Old Business:

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

11. New Business: Mayor Randall Walker

11a. Matters referred from March 15, 2021 work session, and March 16, 2021 pre council meeting.

- 1. Resolution to amend the City of Perry Personnel Management System's Position Classification Plan – Mr. L. Gilmour.

Adopted Resolution 2021-14 amending the City of Perry Personnel Management System's Position Classification Plan. Council Member Hunt motioned to adopt the resolution as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2021-14 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

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

- 1. Resolution – DDRLF – Muse Theatre – Ms. A. Hardin.

Adopted Resolution No. 2021-15 relative to Support for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Perry. Council Member Albritton motioned to approve the resolution as submitted; Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution No. 2021-15 has been entered into the City's official book of record.*)

12. Council Members Items:

Council Member Peterson inquired about the removal of picnic parklets in the downtown and requested the parklets be returned. Administration stated the parklet by Hazards on the Green will not be returned because of a safety concern.

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

Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Newby had no reports.

13. Department Heads/Staff Items.

Chief Lynn thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition of Squad 4.

Chief Parker advised he will update everyone by email relative to the weather.

Mr. Swan announced the Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 3.

Ms. King, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Wood, Ms. Fitzner, Ms. Warren, Ms. Clark, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Gunn, and Ms. Hardin had no reports.

14. General Public Items:

Mr. Marquardt thanked the police and fire departments for their response today at the Perry-Houston County Airport.

15. Mayor Items:

- April 5, Work Session
- April 6, Pre-Council and Council

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to go into executive session for real estate.

16. Executive Session entered at 6:35 p.m.: Council Member King moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

17. Executive Session adjourned at 6:50 p.m., Council regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held March 16, 2021 and reconvened into the council regular meeting.

18. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-16, stating the purpose of the executive session held on March 16, 2021, was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Peterson moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the executive session held on March 16, 2021, was to discuss real estate acquisition; Council Member Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. In the reconvened regular meeting, Council voted to donate the requested portions of right-of-way needed along Houston Lake Road between Kings Chapel Road and Gray Road to Houston County for part of the Houston Lake Road widening project. Council also voted to move forward with having a portion

of Pine Needle Park declared surplus property and moving forward with the process to place it for bid. (*Resolution No. 2021-16 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).

19. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the regular council meeting held March 16, 2021, Council Member Bynum-Grace motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.