

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
August 1, 2022
5:00 pm.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held on August 1, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Officials Absent: none

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

City Departmental Staffing: Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington - Finance Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Chief Alan Everidge – Perry Police Department, Fire Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ansley Fitzner – Public Works Superintendent, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, Ashley Hardon – Economic Development Administrator, and Tabitha Clark – Senior Communications Manager.

Press: William Oliver – Houston Home Journal.

Guest(s): Bill Camp and Tom Owens – Raymond James & Associates

3. Citizens with Input: none

4. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

4a. Office of the City Manager

1. Economic Market / City Debt discussion. Mr. Camp and Mr. Owens gave a PowerPoint presentation relative to bonds and the economy. The discussion included inflation, interest rates, recession, and Perry's borrowing history.
2. COBRA rates. Mr. Gilmour advised Council that the City's broker informed him that the current federal guidelines require COBRA rates to be the actual cost-plus two percent administration fee. The broker advised the city may subsidize a portion of the COBRA monthly charge. Mayor Walker asked that this item be placed on Council's August 2

agenda.

3. Discussion of proposed loading/unloading zones in downtown district. Administration discussed the proposed loading/unloading zones in downtown district. Administration advised Council that Ms. Hartley went out and sampled the opinions from downtown restaurants and businesses and stated there was no real support of making changes. Administration recommended tabling this request. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation.

4b. Community Development Department

1. Proposed stormwater enforcement policy. Mr. McMurrian reviewed the City's Enforcement Response Plan. Mr. McMurrian reviewed examples of minor violations and escalation of fines for minor violations. Mayor Walker asked that this item be placed on Council's August 2 agenda.

Mr. McMurrian advised Council that the city is working on a loop service for New Haven's subdivision. After discussion amongst council, Councilmember Jones stated he did not want another situation where breaks are occurring on a routine basis and the city is failing to deliver service to constituents. Councilmember Peterson requested an informational meeting for those who live in the New Haven subdivision.

4c. Office of the City Attorney

1. Discussion of amending RedSpeed contract. Chief Everidge discussed the amendment to the RedSpeed services agreement which includes licenses for all RedSpeed cameras to be enabled with Flock ALPR and made a part of the city's existing Flock ALPR program, with license costs to be paid by RedSpeed.

5. Council Member Items.

Mayor Pro Tempore King requested the timeframe for the completion of Houston Lake Road widening project and move in of the new city hall. Mr. Gilmour stated 2023 for Houston Lake Road. Mr. Smith stated March 2023 for the new city hall.

6. Department Head/Staff Items:

Mr. Worthington asked for council's consideration to deviate from the current purchasing policy for materials over \$25,000 relative to the purchase vehicles approved in the FY 2023 budget. Mr. Worthington asked for council's permission to follow the process below the formal bid process, the informal bid process, this would not include police vehicles. Council concurred to move forward.

Mr. Wood gave an update on short-term rentals and reported the collection of hospitality taxes average \$1000/per month.

Chief Everidge reported the kids returned to school today and RedSpeed went into effect today.

Mr. Swan provided an update on the football program.

7. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before Council in the work session held on August 1, 2022, Council Member Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.; Mayor Pro Tempore King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.