

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 4, 2008
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held November 4, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer. Council Members, Charles Lewis, Joe Kusar, Willie King and Riley Hunt.

Elected Official Absent: Mayor Pro-Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace and Council Member James Moore.

Departmental Staffing: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Mike Beecham - Director of Community Development, George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray - Fire Department, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, Harold Deal – Assistant City Engineer, Dianne Abney – Secretary Public Works Department and Annie Warren-Riley - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Walt Walton and Ms. Becky Walton.

Press: Natasha Smith – Macon Telegraph and Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal.

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James Worrall.
 - 3a. Presentation and review of proposed walking path Big Indian Creek Waterway Park. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the map of the proposed walking trail for Big Indian Creek which will run from Rotary Centennial Park to Creekwood Park. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council of proposed paths, raised walkways over wetlands and overlooks. Council Member Joe Kusar inquired what a trail consists of. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that a trail is a clear area of no more than six (6) feet wide with some type of material on it that is environmental safe. The primary trail that the City will work on is the Whitetail Trail, the trail that runs from Rotary Centennial Park to Creekwood Park. Council concurred to follow the proposed walking trail concept plan for Big Indian Creek.
 - 3b. Review of development information. City Manager Lee Gilmour provided to Council cost impact factors that may have affected the development

community over the last five (5) years. Exhibit A reflected the difference between the fees that were charged for various costs to the developer or builder during the period of July 1, 2003 – October 24, 2008. Major impacts why these changes occurred were:

- State regulations.
- Costs incurred with hiring professional review firms.
- Additional costs incurred when developers/builders required repeated reviews/inspections.
- Cost of living adjustments.
- Actual cost of services delivered or required.

Exhibit B outlined the regulatory changes from made during the period of July 1, 2003 – October 24, 2008. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with the Council dates, actions and results of regulatory development changes.

- 3c. Review of traffic pattern relative Oldfield. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council of an request from Council Member Willie King about the options of Old Field Lane relative to its narrowness. Ronnie Jones, Director of Public Works gave Council a brief proposal of the Old Field subdivision relative to streets signs that could be changed, a cost comparison between acquiring additional right-of-way for the lining of the road to bring it to a standard subdivision street and cost comparison to leave it as it is and convert the traffic pattern as one way traffic. Mr. Harold Deal, Assistant City Engineer advised the Council that the first option to widen the road, the asphalt alone would be \$110,000.00. The second option to convert traffic pattern to one way street, we would need thirteen (13) one way street signs which would cost \$800.00. Council Member Willie King asked Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray if the one way street option would pose a problem for fire emergencies. Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray advised it would not be a problem. Council concurred proceeding with the process as outlined by Council Member Willie King addressing the public of the proposed traffic pattern change.
4. Other items as needed: None.
5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor James Worrall adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.