

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
May 17, 2010
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held May 17, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King. Council Members Riley Hunt, Joe Posey, Phyllis Bynum-Grace, William Jackson and Randall Walker.

Elected Official Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Deputy Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department, Brenda King - Director of Administration, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Rick Kilgore – Director of Parks and Recreation, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Davis Cosey and Mr. Mike Hardin.

Press: Vanessa Ruffes – 13WMAZ and Charlotte Perkins – Houston Home Journal.

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

- ❖ Mayor Faircloth called for a moment of silence for former Mayor James E. Worrall. The funeral will be Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Perry United Methodist Church with visitation following in the church. A private burial will be held in Evergreen Cemetery. Mayor Faircloth stated he has spoken with Mrs. Francis Worrall and would like to hold a memorial service at a later date in memory of former Mayor Worrall; Mayor Faircloth will provide details to Council in the near future. All members concurred to have a memorial service for former Mayor Worrall.

- 3a. Consider proceeding with drainage work at Gresham Creek subdivision. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the recommendation to proceed with drainage work at Gresham Creek subdivision. A portion of the savings from the City's line insurance with GIRMA would be used to pay for the stormwater repairs. All members concurred to proceed with

using a portion of the City's line insurance with GIRMA savings to pay for the stormwater repairs at Gresham Creek subdivision.

- 3b. Consider public education outreach for water/wastewater facilities. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council a proposal to set up a program to send out notices to anyone interested in touring the water/wastewater facilities to contact ESG, to schedule a tour and learn how the facilities operate. All Council members concurred to proceed with the proposal and thought it was a great idea.
- 3c. Consideration of resurfacing priority list. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the resurfacing priority list for GDOT LARP program. The City puts together a list of streets that need to be resurfaced and sends it to GDOT and then it decides which streets it will resurface. The recommendation is to get any suggestions from Mayor/Council for the list and approve the list at the first City Council meeting in June and forward to GDOT. Mayor Faircloth asked what the criteria were for putting a street on the list. Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones stated the overall structure of the road, pot holes and the amount of traffic on a street are some of the variables used. Council Member Riley Hunt suggested moving Smoak Avenue to the top of the priority list due to the school buses damaging the street. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace suggested keeping Washington Street at the top of the priority list. Mayor Faircloth asked for the section of Park Avenue over the dam be included on the list. Council Member Randall Walker asked if there was any historical data in reference to the number of streets GDOT actually paves; Director Jones stated typically three streets per year.
- 3d. Consider scheduling hearing for revocation of business license for businesses failing to pay City taxes. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated per the City Code of Ordinances Council can revoke a business license if the business has failed to pay City taxes. The recommendation of the Administration is to start the process to notify the businesses and schedule a hearing. Mayor Faircloth asked how many businesses fell into this category. Director of Administration Brenda King stated at least three businesses. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked if Council concurs to proceed with the process. All members concurred.
- 3e. Review FY'11 Operating Budget. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council suggested FY'11 budget adjustments. After review of the suggested adjustments Council concurred to leave the employee insurance contribution as it is right now in lieu of changing to 80/20. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the memo in reference to the May 10th budget work session. All Council Member's concurred with the recommendations as outlined. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked if there was a general consensus based on Council's discussion and

recommendations to put the information together for Council to review at their next budget meeting. All members concurred.

Mr. Mike Hardin asked when the final budget would be approved by Council. Mayor Faircloth stated the final budget will be adopted at the June 15th City Council meeting. Mr. Hardin asked when the budget will be available to the public. Mayor Faircloth advised that as soon as the budget is finalized.

Mr. Davis Cosey asked if Council anticipated shifting the hotel/motel tax every year going forward relative to the DDA downtown landscaping contract. Mayor Faircloth advised that it would be reviewed every year.

4. Other items as needed:

Mayor Faircloth stated due to the next scheduled work session falling on a holiday, there will be no work session meeting; the pre council meeting on June 1st will be to discuss the budget.

Mayor Faircloth passed out information to Council about the upcoming events which included Tuesday, May 25th the 9th Annual Houston County Delegation Appreciation Reception at 5:30 p.m. at Houston Lake Country Club; Thursday, May 27th luncheon at 4:30 p.m. at Veterans High School in honor of David Carpenter. Vision 20/20 meeting will be on Thursday, May 27th with dedication of road at 9:30 a.m. and its meeting at 10:30 a.m. at Veterans High School.

5. Executive Session entered at 6:25 p.m.: Council Member Riley Hunt moved to adjourn the work session and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel. Mayor Pro-Tempore Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
6. Executive Session adjourned; regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held May 17, 2010 and reconvened into the regular work session meeting.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2010-29 stating purpose of Executive Session held May 17, 2010 was to discuss personnel. Council Member William Jackson moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on May 17, 2010 was to discuss personnel. Council Member Randall Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2010-29 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
8. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session meeting held May 17, 2010, Council Member Joe Posey motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.