

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
June 16, 2009
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held June 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt. Council Members Charles Lewis, Joe Kusar, Phyllis Bynum-Grace and Willie King.

Elected Official Absent: Mayor James Worrall and Council Member James Moore.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department, Director of Community Development – Mike Beecham and Joni Ary - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Penrose Wolf – Perry Housing Authority, Jimmy Faircloth – Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Walker, Mr. Davis Cosey – DDA and Mr. Michael Caldwell – Legal Council for Georgia Chief of Police Association.

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

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt.

3a. Review of text changes for the City of Perry Water and Sanitary Sewer Standard Specifications. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the language changes for the City of Perry Water and Sanitary Sewer Standard Specifications. This is a recommendation from the Public Works Oversight Committee meeting about the tampering of meters. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that the language changes are relative to meter boxes and asked if Council concurs to proceed with the language changes for the City of Perry Water and Sanitary Sewer Standard Specifications. All members concurred to proceed with the language changes.

3b. Review of guidelines for the City of Perry assistance process. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council the proposed process for the City of Perry if the City agrees to provide assistance to an organization. The guidelines for the City of Perry after appropriate review agree to provide assistance to an organization that plans to provide a benefit to the residents of Perry. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that assistance from the City could have two parts which are (1) Use of City facilities – Council may waive fees and/or charges. Any waiver of a facility managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation Commission must have a prior recommendation. The organization would need to have a hold harmless agreement if the organization is providing a service or function. Any waiver by the Council does not imply, cause or be construed to be the activity being a City sponsored event; (2) Financial Support – must be authorized by Council. Should Council approve financial commitment the award must be stated with an amount not to exceed figure, a hold harmless agreement must be provided, proof of current liability is required, a contract outlining obligations and responsibilities. The City’s financial obligation will be for only a certain period of time and the obligation cannot be assigned to another party without Council’s prior written approval. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that if the proposed guidelines are acceptable to Council, then the Administration will bring back to Council to approve at the next City Council meeting. All members concurred.

3c. Update on 901 Northside Drive availability. City Manager Lee Gilmour gave Council an update on the property located at 901 Northside Drive. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that so far no parties have shown any interest in renting the property. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that if Council concurs to have the City Attorney draw up an agreement to allow the Historical Society use of the property as a museum. The agreement would be on a temporary basis and at no cost to the City and they could be asked to move, with a 30 days notice. The property would be “as is” and all utilities and upkeep would be the responsibility of the Historical Society. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked if Council concurs to proceed with an agreement with the City of Perry and The Historical Society for the property located at 901 Northside Drive. All members concurred.

Ms. Terre Moody Walker asked City Manager Lee Gilmour not to draw up any agreement due to the Historical Society having no knowledge of request by Ms. Ellie Loudermilk. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that he would wait to hear from the Historical Society.

4. Other items as needed: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt asked if anyone had anything they wanted to share.

Director of Community Development - Mike Beecham – Stated that so far the City has cut over 100 vacant lots. The property owners were notified about the vacant lots, notified a second time stating if issue was not corrected the City would do the work and bill the property owner. If the property owner does not pay the City will place a levy on the property.

Council Member Willie King – Asked about the status of Westwood Trailer Park and Saunders Engineering Consultants, Inc. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that he has not heard anything from Saunders Engineering Consultants, Inc.

Council Member Joe Kusar passed out to Council members' copies of the Pledge of Allegiance, asking Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt if tonight at Council he could lead the Pledge of Allegiance. All members concurred. Council Member Joe Kusar stated that reason he wants to lead the Pledge of Allegiance is due to people putting a pause between “One Nation” and “Under God”, he stated it should be read as a complete sentence without a pause.

5. Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

City Manager made recommendation to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition.

6. Executive Session entered at 5:20 p.m.: Council Member Joe Kusar moved to adjourn the work session meeting and enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition. Council Member Willie King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
7. Executive Session adjourned; work session meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held June 16, 2009 and reconvened into the work session meeting.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2009-22 stating purpose of Executive Session held June 16, 2009 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Charles Lewis moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on June 16, 2009 was to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2009-22 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
9. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council in the reconvened meeting held June 16, 2009, Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt, the meeting was adjourned.