

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
July 2, 2009
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held July 2, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour.

City Departmental Staffing: Director of Public Works – Ronnie Jones, Solid Waste Manager – Toney Gipson, Director of Community Development – Mike Beecham, *George Potter – Director of Public Safety, *Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department and Annie Warren - Recording Secretary.

* Mr. Potter and Deputy Chief Gray arrived at 5:10 p.m.

Guests: Ms. Tish Chase – Downtown Development Authority, Mr. Penrose Wolf – Perry Housing Authority, Mr. Jimmy Faircloth – Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, Ms. Lora Arledge – Perry Arts Center and Ms. Beverly Ussery – Perry Arts Center.

Press: Ms Natasha Smith – Macon Telegraph.

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James Worrall.

3a. Consider advertising in *Georgia Trend*. City Manager Lee Gilmour presented to Council a breakdown cost sheet for advertising. Mayor James Worrall shared with Council various editions of the *Georgia Trend*. Council declined to advertise in *Georgia Trend* since the deadline to reserved ad space expired on June 24, 2009.

3b. Consider cancellation lease agreement for Hodges Armory a/k/a Perry Art Center. City Manager Lee Gilmour provided to Council a memo

recommending cancellation of the lease agreement between the City of Perry and Uptown Perry Partnership, Inc. for the management and operation of the Perry Arts Center a/k/a General Courtney Hodges Armory since the City has levied a special tax for to pay for improvements and operations of the facility. City Manager Lee Gilmour also recommended to Council to add two additional members to the Uptown Perry Partnership, Inc. advisory board, the City Manager and a representative of the Perry Area Visitors Bureau Authority. Council concurred.

- 3c. Review call out policy parameters. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council a memo from Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones, requesting adjusting the call out policy. Council concurred with the recommendation of City Manger Lee Gilmour to adjust the procedure of the call out policy. City Manager Lee Gilmour will provide Council with a final draft of the policy.

Council Member James Moore asked City Manager Lee Gilmour how many days does the City give the customer after the phone call informing the customer of their past due amount and that their service will be disconnected. City Manager Lee advised at least one day.

Council Member Joe Kusar asked City Manager Lee Gilmour if utility billings can be placed back into the property owner name via phone once the renter vacates the property without the property owner having to come in to City Hall. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised that the City is currently working on setting this up.

- 3d. Approval of Commerce Street Parking Phase 2. City Manager Lee Gilmour provided Council with the proposed design of the Commerce Street Parking Phase 2. The estimated cost is \$130,000.00. Administration recommended to Council to proceed with the proposed design subject to following the plan within the caveat of the money. Council concurred. Council Member Joe Kusar asked if the estimated amount included landscaping. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated yes. Council Member James Moore asked how close does the plan come to the Swanson Restaurant? Downtown Development Manager Tish Chase advised the plan comes to the property line. Council Member James Moore asked Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones if there would be protrude outs of the entrance into street like on the other side of the church. Mr. Jones advised yes. Council Member James Moore advised that he did not like the protrude outs.

4. Other items as needed:

City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that the City is going to have to close Creekwood Park pool because there are no lifeguards available.

Mayor James Worrall advised Council of the phone calls he received from Ms. Hughes on Godfrey Place relative to lack of water pressure. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that the water main that serves Godfrey Place is too small and does not carry enough volume; the City has this set on the capital improvement list. This project will need to be paid from SPLOST money but we do not have SPLOST money available at this time. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that he anticipates we should be able to do something about this after the first of the year. Council Member James Moore asked about the size of the lines on Godfrey Place; Mr. Jones advised the lines are two inches. Council Member Joe Kusar asked if there are any fire hydrants on this stretch. Mr. Jones advised no. Council Member Joe Kusar asked about the size of the replacement lines; Mr. Jones advised the replacement lines will be six inches.

Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace asked City Manager Lee Gilmour to check with Fort Valley State University relative lifeguards. Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt asked City Manager Lee Gilmour to check with Warner Robins recreation department for suggestions relative lifeguards.

Mayor James Worrall advised Council of the potholes on McLeod Road. Mayor Worrall stated that he does not know if this is a City street, but the family has requested repair of the potholes. City Manager Lee Gilmour will research if this is a City street.

Mayor James Worrall extended to Council the invitation to New Hope Baptist Church ribbon cutting and dedication service on July 5, 2009.

Council Member Joe Kusar advised Council of the fire at Tolleson Lumber Company on June 30, 2009. Council Member Joe Kusar stated there was minimum damage, lost of two days of production and thanked the Perry Fire Department and surrounding agencies for their rapid response.

Mayor James Worrall asked Council if they had any concerns:

Council Member Charles Lewis – No.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt – Asked Mr. Ronnie Jones about the potholes on Jernigan Street near Davis Oil Company and Walker-Rhodes. Mr. Jones advised he will follow up on this.

Council Member Willie King - Requested an update on the Baird Street project. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised the survey work is close to completion and the engineer is working data he has from that.

Public Safety Director George Potter – No.

Mayor James Worrall asked Mr. Potter if the City has a fairly good representation for the July 4, 2004 program. Mr. Potter advised yes.

Director of Community Development Mike Beecham – No.

Downtown Development Manager Tish Chase - Acknowledged Lora Arledge and Beverly Ussery of the Perry Arts Center.

Director of Public Works Ronnie Jones – Introduced Toney Gipson, Solid Waste Manager to Council.

Solid Waste Manager Toney Gipson – Thanked everyone and stated he is going to keep the City of Perry clean.

Mr. Penrose Wolf – No.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt – Advised Council that we need to publicly thank Mr. Kim Mullins for the use of his facility for dumping trash during the storm.

Mr. Jimmy Faircloth – Advised Council of the purchase of banners to go on the light poles on General Courtney Hodges Boulevard and there will be a photo opportunity on Monday.

Council Member James Moore – Requested an executive session to discuss personnel.

Ms. Lora Arledge – Stated that the lamp poles on General Courtney Hodges Boulevard are really pretty.

Mayor Worrall called for executive session to discuss personnel.

5. Executive Session entered at 5:40 p.m.: Mayor Pro-Tempore Riley Hunt motioned to adjourn the work session meeting and enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of personnel. Council Member James Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
6. Executive Session adjourned; regular meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held July 2, 2009 and reconvened into the work session meeting.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2009-23 stating purpose of Executive Session held July 2, 2009 was to discuss personnel. Council Member Willie King motioned to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on July 2, 2009 was to discuss personnel. Council Member James Moore seconded the

motion and it carried unanimously. (*Resolution 2009-23 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 meeting held July 2, 2009, Mayor James Worrall adjourned the meeting.