

**Perry Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Martin Beeland called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

ROLL: Chairman Beeland, Commissioners Barker, Clarington, Cosey, Hubbard, Jefferson, and Mehserle were all present.

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Beecham, Director of Community Development, Christine Sewell, Recording Secretary, and City Manager Lee Gilmour.

INVOCATION: was given by Commissioner Cosey.

GUESTS/SPEAKERS: Mrs. Marva Cannon, Ms. Elizabeth Clarington, Mr. Duane Combs, Ms. Rosella Cooper, Mr. Clarence Dixon, Mr. Jimmy Faircloth, Mr. Jimmy Greenway, Ms. Wendy Kane, Mr. Clark Koller, Mr. Calvin Middlebrooks, Ms. Lisa Rodriguez, and Ms. Carla Yawn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2009 MEETING: Commissioner Cosey made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Commissioner Clarington seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Campaign Notice, per O.C.G.A. 36-67A-3, please turn cell phones off; Chairman Beeland referred to the notice posted on the door of council chambers.

NEW BUSINESS: Interview candidates for Warner Robins Area Transportation Study (WRATS) Citizen Advisory Committee.

Mr. Lee Gilmour, City Manager welcomed all the candidates and thanked them for their interest in serving the community and advised the Planning Commission this evening would be conducting the interviews in an open forum setting, with each candidate being asked the same questions. Once completed, the commission will forward to City Council their recommendation of four to six nominees for consideration for the two open positions on the WRATS committee and the candidates would be notified of the outcome.

As a result of some general questions from the candidates, Community Development Director, Mr. Mike Beecham briefly explained the function of WRATS, whose basic duties are addressing and prioritizing the current and future needs of transportation for our region.

The following candidates were then called forward: Mrs. Marva Cannon, Ms. Elizabeth Clarington, Mr. Duane Combs, Ms. Rosella Cooper, Mr. Clarence Dixon, Mr. Jimmy Greenway, Ms. Wendy Kane, Mr. Clark Koller, Mr. Calvin Middlebrooks, Ms. Lisa Rodriguez, and Ms. Carla Yawn; each was individually asked and provided responses to the following questions:

- How long a resident of Perry?
- How long a resident of Houston County?
- What are your observations concerning transportation in the Perry area?
- Do you have any committee experience (church, social club, etc.)?
- Why do you feel you would be an appropriate representative for the City on this committee?

On conclusion of the interviews, Mr. Gilmour once again thanked the commission for their participation in this process on behalf of the Mayor and City Council and requested they provide to Mr. Beecham by the end of the week their top six candidates, which from there, would be forwarded to Mayor and City Council for a final selection.

ADJOURN: There being no further business Chairman Beeland adjourned the meeting at 6:23pm.