

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
September 2, 2008
5:00 P.M

1. Call to Order: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding Officer called to order the work session meeting held September 2, 2008 at 5:10 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None.

Departmental Staffing: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Mike Beecham - Director of Community Development, George Potter – Director of Public Safety, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Ronnie Jones – Director of Public Works, Deputy Fire Chief Joel Gray – Fire Department, Lt. James Buck – Public Safety, Dianne Abney – Secretary Public Works and Annie Warren-Riley - Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Walton Wood, Ms. Becky Wood, Mr. Daniel Brown, Ms. Terre Moody Walker, Mr. Davis Cosey, Ms. Wendy Leonard, and Mr. Shrad Armit – Ambryo Architecture.

Press: Charlotte Perkins - Houston Home Journal.

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

- 3a. Review of progress for Public Safety animal control facility. Mr. Davis Cosey (FOPAS) and Mr. Shrad Armit presented a power point presentation of the concept plan for the Public Safety animal control facility. Mr. Cosey reviewed the safety, design, operation, education, and capacity of the facility. In the design consideration, Mr Cosey emphasized visibility, street present, convenience and availability. Mr. Cosey gave an overview of the shelter site and reviewed for Council the flow of an animal through the shelter – examination, isolation, quarantine and canine healthy holding. The functions of the shelter will be animal control, education and adoption. Mr. Shrad Armit expanded on the model of the animal control facility. Mr. Armit advised Council the design is the most efficient solution and cost saving. Mr. Cosey advised Council that because of their 501(c) (3) status they can contract with Science Diet to buy animal feed for ten cents on the dollar. Council Member Joe Kusar asked if there are any special considerations for waste. Mr. Armit advised

that they have clean out trenches. Council Member Joe Kusar asked how many animals can the initial wing house? Mr. Cosey advised fifty dogs. Council Member Riley Hunt asked what is the projected cost. Mr. Armit advised \$590 thousand to \$849 thousand based on the approach taken and materials used. Mr. Cosey committed to building the first phase. Mr. Bob Hubbard and Mr. Daniel Brown pledged half of the cost for food the first year. Council concurred as a concept plan and it will come back to Council Member James Moore committee with a proposed breakout and scheduling.

- 3b. Concur with recommendation of DDA for structure Big Indian Creek Park. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that the Perry Area Historical Society proposed to DDA and DDA has agreed to having an addition to Big Indian Creek. The City Manager advised this for information purposes and any questions they may have. DDA will handle the administration. There were no objections.
- 3c. Consider request from Allen Tabor for waiver of City policy. City Manager Lee Gilmour reviewed with Council a request from Mr. Allen Tabor who filed a claim for reimbursement of costs incurred for repairs of lawn after the City performed sewer work. The City Manager advised that the City followed standard process. Mr. Tabor had some issues relative to the release form. The form did not have a date, Council concurred to date the form.
- 3d. Discuss GMA Hometown Connection Program. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that GMA would like to use the month of September for the city officials to reach out to local legislative delegation. In the past, Council has hosted dinner for the local legislative delegation. Administration recommendation to Council to host a dinner again for the local legislative delegation. Council concurred with the Administration recommendation.

City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council because of time constraints item 3g will be reviewed at this time.

- 3g. Discussion of transit merchants and fruit stand merchants. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that DDA administers and runs the Farmers Market and has been approached with concerns about the fruit vendors paying less than the vendors at the Farmers Market. Council Member Joe Kusar stated that his concern was that there should be an adjustment so the merchants at the Farmers Market pay the same fee as the fruit vendors. Council concurred to review the fees of the fruit vendors and merchants at the Farmers Market.

- 3f. Restriction of truck traffic on Valley Drive and Airport Road extension. City Manager Lee Gilmour asked Public Works Director Ronnie Jones to run a check on viability of restricting truck traffic on Valley Drive and Airport Road extension. Mr. Jones stated that the bridge at the bottom of the hill by GDOT has a weight limit of six tons. There are a series of businesses along Valley Drive that face I-75 that have to receive truck traffic. It is possible to limit some of the truck traffic based on weight and prohibit thru traffic unless the truck is making a delivery to a business on Valley Drive but Mr. Jones can not completely eliminate truck traffic on Valley Drive. City Manager Lee Gilmour advised Council that it did not need to make a decision at this time.
- 3e. Discussion of low speed vehicles in City. Public Safety Director – George Potter. Item was deferred until next work session. Council concurred.
- 3h. Discussion relative to payment schedule Industrial Building Authority. City Manager Lee Gilmour present to Council a memo of how much the Industrial Building Authority has paid for the City of Perry on the debt for the spec building. The understanding was the Industrial Building Authority would be repaid over a period of time with the sale of the spec building. City Manager Lee Gilmour provided Council with how much has advanced from the Industrial Building Authority. The City Manager advised that we are not a position to do anything this fiscal year. This is for Council information.
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 6:00 p.m.