

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
JULY 17, 2007

1. Call to Order: Chairman James Worrall, Mayor called to order the work session meeting held July 17, 2007 at 5:05 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James Worrall, Presiding, Mayor Pro-Tempore Joe Kusar, Council Members: Brian Bowen, Riley Hunt, and Bobby Glover

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace and Council Member James Moore.

Staff/Guests/Press: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Director of Public Works, Ronnie Jones, Public Works Secretary, Dianne Abney, Director of Administration Brenda King, Director of Community Development Mike Beecham, Recording Secretaries Joni Ary and Annie Warren, and. Guests: Justin Spearman and Venie Crawford, Interns. Press: Ms. Charlotte Perkins, Houston Daily Journal.

3. Items of Review/Discussion:

- 3a. Interns' presentation: City Manager Lee Gilmour introduced the Interns from Fort Valley University, Justin Spearman and Venie Crawford. They presented a slide show to the Council. The presentation purpose was to show Perry, Georgia strengths and possible improvements. In conclusion they found that the departments foster a great working relationship and for the most part are fully accredited in their various departmental areas. There are no fatal errors in any department that need immediate improvement, however some fine tuning for optimum efficiency could help Perry better handle its day to day affairs. Perry also needs more qualified employees to handle the booming population increase that are facing the city. They also stated they believe that recruitment of employees are crucial because of the rising population there must be qualified people in place to meet the various burdens created by the additional number of future Perry citizens. The Council thanked them for their presentation.

- 3b. Council consideration of outdoor advertising criteria: City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that this proposal is for an outdoor advertising for PUD along Interstate Corridor District. Mike Beecham, Community Development Director addressed the Council stating the in his opinion PUD does not allow additional

outside advertising signs. Mike Beecham also spoke with the City Attorney David Walker about the proposal, City Attorney David Walker stated that he had a conflict of interest with the parties involved and suggested an opinion from an outside attorney's office. Mike Beecham Director of Community Development asked the Council if he should pursue the counsel of an outside attorney on this matter, the Council stated that they agree with Mike Beecham's assessment of the proposal. Mayor James Worrall asked for a motion to accept the proposal by Mr. Mike Beecham, Community Development Director, and Council Member Joe Kusar moved to accept the proposal. Council Member Riley Hunt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3c. Review of Mayor's memo regarding early retirement for public safety personnel: City Manager Lee Gilmour present to Council the memo from Mayor James Worrall about the retirement for public safety personnel. Mayor James Worrall memo ask the Council to put the memo on the agenda for the next City Council meeting, and that all Council Member's be in attendance for a full discussion. The Mayor asked that the discussion be discussed at one City Council meeting and voted on at the next City Council meeting. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that GMA report with the early retirement would also be included for discussion. If due to a conflict of scheduling for a full council meeting, the Mayor stated that a special meeting would be held.

3d. Consider hosting legislative appreciation dinner: City Manager Lee Gilmour asked for approval for the appreciation dinner for Legislative. City Manager Lee Gilmour would notify Council when the appreciation dinner would take place. The City Council all concurred that this would be an excellent idea. This would give the Council the opportunity to discuss and thank all the legislative members.

4. Other Items as needed:

4a. Mayor James Worrall present to the Council information the about the Bird Flu. City Manager Lee Gilmour stated that he has asked all department heads to present a Pandemic Plan with prioritization to the Council at the next meeting.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council at the work session meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.