

**Minutes**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
October 3, 2011  
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. presiding officer called to order the work session meeting held on October 03, 2011 at 5:00pm.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tempore Randall Walker, Council Members Phyllis Bynum-Grace, Riley Hunt, William Jackson, and Willie King. Councilmember Joe Posey was absent.

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Rick Kilgore – Parks & Recreation, Capt. Bill Phelps and Chief Joel Gray – Public Safety and Christine Sewell, Recording Secretary.

Guests: Mr. Davis Cosey – Friends of the Perry Animal Shelter

Press: Jessica Clark – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

- 3a. Review proposed contract between City and FOPAS, Inc.

Mr. Gilmour provided a draft agreement between the City and FOPAS, Inc. (Friends of the Perry Animal Shelter, Inc.) for review and discussion. Mr. Davis Cosey on behalf of FOPAS, Inc. spoke of the suggested changes to the agreement, which included pre-admission and assessment of animals prior to them being taken to the shelter. Mayor Pro-Tempore Walker inquired on the procedure for sick animals; Mr. Cosey advised assistance is sought from veterinarians for diagnosis and treatment options. Discussion ensued regarding the release of animals to FOPAS, Inc. fostering volunteers; Mayor Faircloth noted animals are held for five days and if the shelter were to be at full capacity release of animal(s) to FOPAS, Inc. volunteers can be done. Mr. Gilmour advised there should be a clear chain of custody with an animal, particularly when released to a FOPAS, Inc. volunteer to determine responsibility of the animal until such time that it is either adopted or returned to the shelter. Councilmember King inquired if a release was signed by a potential owner releasing the City of liability; Mr. Gilmour confirmed this was a current procedure. Mr. Cosey suggested a fostering agreement for the volunteers.

Mr. Cosey noted enforcement should be done regarding the animal registration program which would generate income and FOPAS, Inc. is willing to promote this

and funding could be used for low cost spay/neuter programs, microchipping, etc.

It was the agreement of Council that from the discussion and feedback from FOPAS, Inc. a revised agreement or perhaps a procedures outline be provided for review at a later date. Mayor Faircloth thanked Mr. Cosey for his efforts and dedication to the City's animal shelter.

3b. Consider proposal to require exterior cameras on banks, stores, etc.

Capt. Phelps was requesting consideration of an ordinance requiring certain businesses have exterior security cameras on the premises. Mayor Faircloth inquired if this would be a City wide ordinance and how was it determined which businesses should be made to comply; Capt. Phelps advised banks, convenience stores, and pawn shops. Councilmember Hunt was concerned with the added costs to the businesses; Capt. Phelps noted that most businesses currently have interior cameras and most could add exterior cameras into existing monitoring systems. It was the concurrence of Council to have Capt. Phelps provide research and additional information from other municipalities and bring back to Council at a later date for further consideration.

3c. Consideration of ad valorem tax relief for senior citizens homeowners.

Mr. Gilmour noted in follow up to previous discussions he contacted City Attorney, David Walker on the issue and was advised that an option would be to freeze the digest value of the senior citizen's home for the duration of that person's ownership. After brief discussion, Council concurred to leave the current policy in place.

3d. Review per Council's September 20, 2011 request committee facilities projects.

Mr. Gilmour provided to Council a Community Facilities Priorities list of projects; the list was done to bring attention to various projects and their costs, with consideration to proceed with some of the lower cost projects. Council all agreed that King Circle was still a top priority and concurred to proceed with the Tucker Road/Cooper Street stormwater piping and the Park Drive sidewalk extension subject to available funds.

3e. Discuss attendance issues with community service program.

Mr. Gilmour had been advised by Public Works Director, Ronnie Jones that community service workers assigned to the Department from the courts were not showing up and it was Mr. Gilmour's recommendation that a letter be sent advising the courts of the situation; Council concurred.

3f. PLDO amendment relative PUD perimeter buffers.

Mr. Beecham addressed Council of his concern on new residential developments and perimeter buffers. Currently the city requires a landscaped buffer with a 6' privacy fence on those new subdivisions bordering a minor or collector street. New subdivisions bordering an arterial street must have a 6' landscaped earthen berm. Mr. Beecham expressed concerns over the potential costs of providing the earthen berm and the required privacy fence on minor streets. After a brief discussion, Council concurred to keep the current regulations.

3g. Defined Contribution Pension Plans:

1. Proposed adoption agreement.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Council the agreement between the City and ICMA Retirement Corporation, which reflects changes as recommended in previous discussions; all full time employees will be vested in the program unless on probation January 01<sup>st</sup>.

2. Transfer administration for existing 457 deferred compensation plans.

Mr. Gilmour advised ICMA Retirement Corporation would also be handling the City's deferred compensation plans.

Council concurred to proceed moving forward with both items.

3h. Consider allocation of property tax funded cost centers.

Mr. Gilmour was recommending all cost centers funded with property tax dollars be distributed between a public safety category or a public asset category. This will provide for a clear discussion of what is paid for with the property tax and what are the priorities for spending said tax. Council concurred to proceed with the proposed shifting of cost centers.

4. Other items as needed:

Mayor Faircloth reminded everyone the fair starts on Thursday and Council had been invited to the opening ceremonies.

Councilmember's Bynum-Grace, Hunt, King, and Jackson had no reports.

Brenda King – Director of Administration advised the software assessments have been completed and reviewed with three candidates selected for demonstrations. All information for the tax bills has been sent to TBS and a confirmation date for mailing should be provided soon.

Capt. Phelps advised he had met with the U.S. Attorney's office in Macon, along with surrounding agencies regarding a free seminar on prevention techniques for businesses to be held at Mable White Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Notice had been provided to the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses.

5. Adjourn.: There being no further business Mayor Faircloth adjourned the meeting at 6:49pm.