

Perry Planning Commission  
Minutes – April 13, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Martin Beeland called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**ROLL:** Chairman Beeland; Commissioners Clarington, Jefferson, Mehserle, Poole, Williams and Yasin were all present.

**GUESTS:** Mr. Don Hartley, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Couch, and Mrs. Terre Walker.

**PRESS:** None

**INVOCATION:** was given by Commissioner Yasin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 23, 2015 MEETING:** Commissioner Jefferson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted; Commissioner Clarington seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Chairman Beeland referred to the Campaign Notice, per O.C.G.A. 36-67A-3 and to please turn cell phones off.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

1. #V-15-02 1100 Ridge Circle South

Mr. Beecham read the applicants' request which was for a variance to the Perry Land Development Ordinance Section 102.5 for an 826 square feet variance of the 1,000 square feet maximum for a detached garage, along with staff responses. Chairman Beeland opened the public hearing at 6:05pm and called for anyone in favor of the request. The applicant Mrs. Couch reiterated the request and advised the new structure would not look any different from the existing and would be used to store classic cars. Chairman Beeland called for anyone opposed; there being none the hearing was closed at 6:07pm.

Chairman Beeland noted a concern with lot coverage, however, in speaking with staff the addition would only bring the total to 17% and 30% was allowable. Commissioner Mehserle inquired of Mrs. Couch if she had spoken with any of her neighbors; she advised she had to those adjacent and there was no problem.

Commissioner Clarington motioned to approve the request as submitted; Commissioner Mehserle seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

**INFORMATIONAL HEARING(S)**

1. #R-15-01 107 Hill Road

Mr. Beecham read the applicants' request which was for the rezoning and annexation request of 1.86 acres from Houston County R-AG, Residential Agricultural District to City of Perry R-1, Single Family Residential District, along with staff responses. Mr. Beecham also advised the request was being made as the Houston County Health Department would not issue a well permit, thus the request to the City so the dwelling could be serviced by City water. Chairman Beeland opened the public hearing at 6:12pm and called for anyone in favor. Mr. Don Hartley representative of the applicant Comfort Homes of Georgia reiterated the request. Chairman Beeland called for anyone opposed; there being none the hearing was closed at 6:14pm.

Commissioner Mehserle motioned to recommend approval of the application as submitted to Mayor and Council; Commissioner Jefferson seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Discussion of signs (i.e. – balloons, pendants, etc.)

Mr. Beecham advised per the current PLDO ordinance governing signage traditionally balloons, flags, etc. have been prohibited at car dealerships and recently Jeff Smith Kia had been notified regarding balloons that had been placed on the car antennas, they have been removed and now there is a hard plastic pole with a solid hard type of plastic balloon on the end placed throughout the property. Mr. Beecham's question to the commission as the current ordinance states anything that is set in motion by the wind (balloons, flags, etc.) is prohibited and therefore would these be considered a violation.

Commissioner Mehserle inquired do they move; Mr. Beecham advised they most likely do, but he did not witness that when on site. Commissioner Mehserle advised if moveable then it was his opinion it was a violation of the ordinance and further stated often times merchants think if a little signage is good then more is better, however this particular property faces public roads and is to the extreme. However, Jeff Smith Kia is a viable business and supports the community and is this issue infringing on their right to do business? Commissioner Poole commented the ordinance is an infringement on every business; Commissioner Williams noted the business should have checked with the City before proceeding with signage. On conclusion of discussion it was the consensus of the board the property was in violation of the ordinance.

Mr. Beecham also asked for input on Hamby Chevrolet and their placement of the American flag on the car antennas; the same principle of the previous discussion applied. The board concurred it was a violation of the ordinance.

**ADJOURN**: there being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.