

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**September 14, 2015**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr called to order the work session meeting held September 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Council Members Randall Walker, Robert Jones, Riley Hunt, Willie King and William Jackson.

Elected Official Absent: Mayor Pro-Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk Nancy Graham

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Chief Gray – Fire and Emergency Services, Brenda King – Director of Administration, and Decius Aaron – Public Works Director and Kevin Dye – Director of Leisure Services

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Ms. Laura Mathis, Middle Georgia Regional Commission

Press: Jake Jacobs – Houston Home Journal; Ivy Nova, WGXA News; Laura Corley, Macon Telegraph

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

3a. Update relative to the Transportation Special Purpose Local Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) – Ms. Laura Mathis, Middle Georgia Regional Commission: Ms. Mathis presented an update to Mayor and Council relative to the Transportation Funding Act of 2015 with the focus on the Regional and County transportation sales tax as the two mechanisms for funding. She also provided a detailed explanation of the transportation sales tax process.

3b. Community Improvement District (CID) project discussion – R. Smith: Mr. Smith presented to Mayor and Council an analysis of the twelve possible projects to be undertaken by a CID based on the following criteria: Public Benefit, Private Benefit, Correlation with Community Goals, Sustainability, Possible Costs and General Feasibility. The criteria used determined the responsible party or parties. Mr. Smith highlighted that five (5) of the twelve (12) were determined to be projects that the City could possibly partner with the property owners in the CID and mutually benefit from them. They are as follows: enhanced landscaping on public rights-of-way, gateway

improvements, installation of enhanced signage, enhanced connectivity via multi-purpose sidewalks, bike lanes, etc., and installation of traffic calming devices along General Courtney Hodges Boulevard Corridor. Mr. Smith requested affirmation from Mayor and Council to move forward with the proposed five (5) projects. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the proposed five (5) projects.

- 3c. City of Perry Wayfinding Plan – R. Smith: Mayor and Council were provided a copy of the City of Perry Wayfinding Plan which was put together by the Wayfinding Committee. The plan was designed to lay the groundwork for a subsequent wayfinding system. Mr. Smith advised that a wayfinding system in place is the key to consistency, branding and grant funding opportunities. It was the consensus of Council to continue with the wayfinding initiative and to place it on the tomorrow's regular meeting of the Perry City Council for a vote.
- 3d. Contractual services review: Mr. Dye and Mr. Aaron presented to Mayor and Council contractual services reviews of their respective departments.
- 3e. Discussion of the Uptown Perry Partnership Board: Mayor Faircloth pulled this item from the agenda.
- 3f. Discussion of the solid waste amendment:  
Mr. Aaron presented changes/deletions to the solid waste amendment relative to yard waste collection, the dimensions of piles, trimmings from original development of the lot, collection of bulk waste from industrial, commercial, industrial, institution and multi-family or other similar facilities, carpet and appliance pickup, certain types of and the volume of bulk waste, and possible issues with the disposal of treated wood.

It was the consensus of Council to postpone any decision until Mr. Aaron provides a final copy for Council's and the City's attorney's review.

- 3g. Review of the proposed job description for Assistant City Manager - Development:  
Mayor and Council were provided a draft of the job description for an Assistant City Manager – Development for review.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward with posting the job description for an Assistant City Manager- Development.

- 3h. GDOT irrigation process: Mayor and Council were provided a memo relative to irrigation systems in GDOT rights of way. Mr. Gilmour advised that Mr. Beecham has found a possible avenue to irrigating the Exit 136 gateway project, but it will need the approval of the GDOT Commissioner. Administration's recommendation is that Mayor/Council make contact with the GDOT Board representative and the GDOT Commissioner to obtain approval for irrigating the Exit 136 gateway project.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward and schedule a meeting with GDOT representatives which Mayor Faircloth and Mr. Walker will attend.

- 3i. Request from Oldfield Baptist Church for use of the A.D. Redmond Park on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a community event: Mr. Gilmour stated his office was

contacted by a representative from Oldfield Baptist Church requesting Council's approval to use A. D. Redmond Park for an event on October 5, 2015.

It was the consensus of Council to approve the request from Oldfield Baptist Church to use A.D. Redmond Park for an event.

- 3j. Discussion of the 2015 ad valorem millage rate for the City of Perry: Mr. Gilmour reminded Mayor and Council of the official public hearing scheduled for September 15, 2015 and a request for Council to establish a millage rate for fiscal year 2016 operating budget/2015 tax year. Mr. Gilmour advised that due to the decreased amount in reassessment, the state law allows an increase from 14.05 to 14.07 mills. Administration recommended the millage rate remain at 14.05 mills.

It was the consensus of Council to keep the millage rate at 14.05 mills.

- 3k. Review highlights of the strategic plan data collection: Mr. Gilmour provided to Mayor and Council a summary of the departments' strategic planning districts data collection. Mr. Gilmour also noted percentages of out of city participants in the sports programs.

4. Department Head Items:

Chief Lynn, Chief Gray and Mr. Aaron – No report

Ms. King advised that last week the INCODE server had some issues with the drive. Ms. King stated that lost data has been restored and that everyone is up and running, with the exception of the utilities department. The department is still posting data.

Mr. Dye advised the football season kick off was September 12, 2015 and everything went great. He also thanked Council Members Jones, King, and Walker for attending and Leisure Services' staff for their hard work.

5. Council Member Items: No report from Council Members

Mr. Gilmour advised that he is anticipating that there will be surplus vehicles. He advised that in the past the vehicles were given to the Guardian Center, who in exchange provides training opportunities for the police and fire departments. Council concurred to continue this arrangement.

Mr. Gilmour recommended that streets signs in new subdivisions no longer be the responsibility of Public Works, but the developer(s). Council concurred, as long as the developer(s) follows the sign requirements.

Attorney Hulbert – No report

Mayor Faircloth advised Council of an offer from Houston Healthcare to donate a temporary building to the City of Perry with the stipulation that it must be used as part of the City's animal control facility. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to delay the decision until tomorrow's meeting relative to accept or to decline the offer.

6. Adjournment – There being no further business to come before Council in the work session meeting held on September 14, 2015, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.