

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
November 2, 2015
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. called to order the work session meeting held November 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Matthew Hulbert and Recording Clerk Annie Warren

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Joel Gray – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Police Department, Decius Aaron – Director of Public Works, Brenda King – Director of Administration and Robert Smith – Economic Development Director.

Guest(s) / Speaker(s): Carl Lumpkin

Media: Brittany Collins – WGXA News and Jake Jacobs - Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore Phyllis Bynum-Grace

3a. Request for use of Rotary Centennial Park – Mr. Carl Lumpkin. Mr. Lumpkin presented to Council a request from the Fort Valley-Savannah District and North Columbus-LaGrange District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for use of Rotary Centennial Park or Heritage Park and City services for a community-wide 2016 Easter Sunrise Worship Service. Council suggested the use of Creekwood Park for this event. Mr. Lumpkin will advise the district members of Council's decision.

3b. Review of the annual budget processes/documents. Mr. Gilmour solicited Council's input/feedback relative to the annual budget processes/documents. Council had no concerns with the processes or documents.

3c. Discussion of the amendment to Section 106 Signs of the Perry Land Development Ordinance. Council tabled this agenda item until the next work session.

3d. Update on City's first responder role. Attorney Hulbert advised Council of his conversation with Ms. Kelly Joiner relative to the use of the fire department truck to

transport individuals in extreme situations. Ms. Joiner indicated that the use of this vehicle for the transporting of an individual in extreme situations is a very close call in regard to being considered an ambulance and will have to be governed by the rules and regulations covering the licensure of first responders or ambulance services. Attorney Hulbert recommend the city's insurance carrier be consulted about the fire department truck potential use and its coverage of same.

- 3e. Discuss the process for replacement of city engineer position. Mr. Gilmour advised Mayor and Council of Mr. Harold Deal's upcoming retirement and requested Council authorize the process of filling this position. Mayor Faircloth requested a copy of the job description. Mr. Gilmour will provide electronic copies to Mayor and Council. It was the consensus of Council to authorize the process of filling the city engineer position.
- 3f. Review the General Fund Revenue Allocation Report. Mr. Gilmour reviewed the revenue sources in the General Fund and recommended Council concur with the general distribution. Council concurred with the general distribution.
- 3g. Discuss possible provision of fair tickets to city employees. Mr. Gilmour reviewed a memo dated October 29, 2015 relative to Fair Tickets and suggested the City purchase enough tickets for all eligible employees to receive tickets. It was the consensus of Council to include the fair tickets as a line item in next year's budget discussion.
- 3h. Review driving record criteria for city employees. Mr. Gilmour advised the driving record criteria contained in his memo dated October 20, 2015 is the minimum criteria. Council requested additional clarification of the driving record criteria for hiring employees to include legal definitions.
- 3i. Review of the community survey for 308 Faye Circle residents. Mr. Gilmour presented to Mayor and Council a community survey for a passive park for 308 Faye Circle residents. Council concurred to proceed with a more detail survey for the passive park.

4. Department Head Items:

Chief Gray and Ms. King – No report

Chief Lynn advised there is a meeting tomorrow relative to Family Motor Coach Association.

Mr. Smith reported

- November 8th, 3 p.m. Pastoral Alliance will meet at St. James C.M.E. Church
- Met with TSW relative to Form Base Code along General Courtney Hodges Boulevard
- November 19th, 5:30 p.m. Informational session relative to Form Base Code at the Perry Arts Center

Mr. Aaron reminded everyone of the Fall Clean Up, November 16th -20th

5. Council Member Items:

Council Member Hunt announced he will not be at tomorrow's council's meeting, he will be politicking.

Council Member King advised Council about a call he received from a constituent about the ISO rating and the increased insurance premium; requested Council's assistance with Westwood Trailer Park. Mayor Faircloth asked Mr. Gilmour to research other properties that may become uninhabitable because of this process.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace reported that some insurance companies will not change their insurance premium rates even though the ISO rating is effective November 1st.

Council Members Jones, Walker and Jackson had no reports.

Mr. Gilmour had no report.

Attorney Hulbert had no report.

Mayor Faircloth's Items

- November 14th, Ladies Auxiliary of the Perry Fire Department Fall Arts and Crafts Fundraiser
- November 16th, Flint Energies Dinner Invite
- December 10th, Employees Christmas Luncheon
- January 22nd – 25th, Mayors' Day Conference

Mayor asked for Council's consideration of canceling the November 16th work session to attend Flint Energies dinner; hosting a holiday lunch/dinner for the boards, authorities and commissions. Mayor Faircloth will revisit these items at tomorrow's meeting.

Mayor Faircloth entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of real estate acquisition.

6. Executive Session entered at 6:15 p.m.: On a motion by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Jones and carried unanimously, Council went into Executive Session for the purpose of real estate acquisition.
7. Executive Session adjourned; Council's special meeting reconvened. Council adjourned the Executive Session held November 2, 2015 and reconvened into Council's work session.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-61 stating purpose of the executive session held on November 2, 2015 was for the purpose of real estate acquisition. On a motion by Council Member Hunt, seconded by Council Member Walker and carried unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2015-61 stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on November 2, 2015 was for real estate acquisition. No action was taken. (*Resolution 2015-61 has been entered in the City's official book of record*).
9. Adjournment: On a motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Bynum-Grace, seconded by Council Member Jackson and carried unanimously, the reconvened work session of Council held November 2, 2015 was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.