

**Perry Youth Advisory Council**

**Agenda – April 16, 2026**

**Perry City Hall | Council Chambers**

**808 Carroll Street, Perry, GA 31069**

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Shelton
2. Roll: Chairperson Shelton
3. Guests/Speakers:
  - 3a. Welcome & Presentation – Mayor Randall Walker
  - 3b. Q&A With PYAC Members & Mayor Randall Walker
4. Review of Minutes:
  - 4a. Council's Consideration: Minutes of the February 19, 2026, Perry Youth Advisory Council meeting.
5. New Business:
  - 5a. Community Award Proposal Presentation – Youth Council Members

5b. PYAC Vote on Community Award Parameters – Youth Council Members

6. Council Member Items: Civic Challenge 6 & Year-End Reflections

6a. Civic Challenge 6 Recap – Youth Council Members

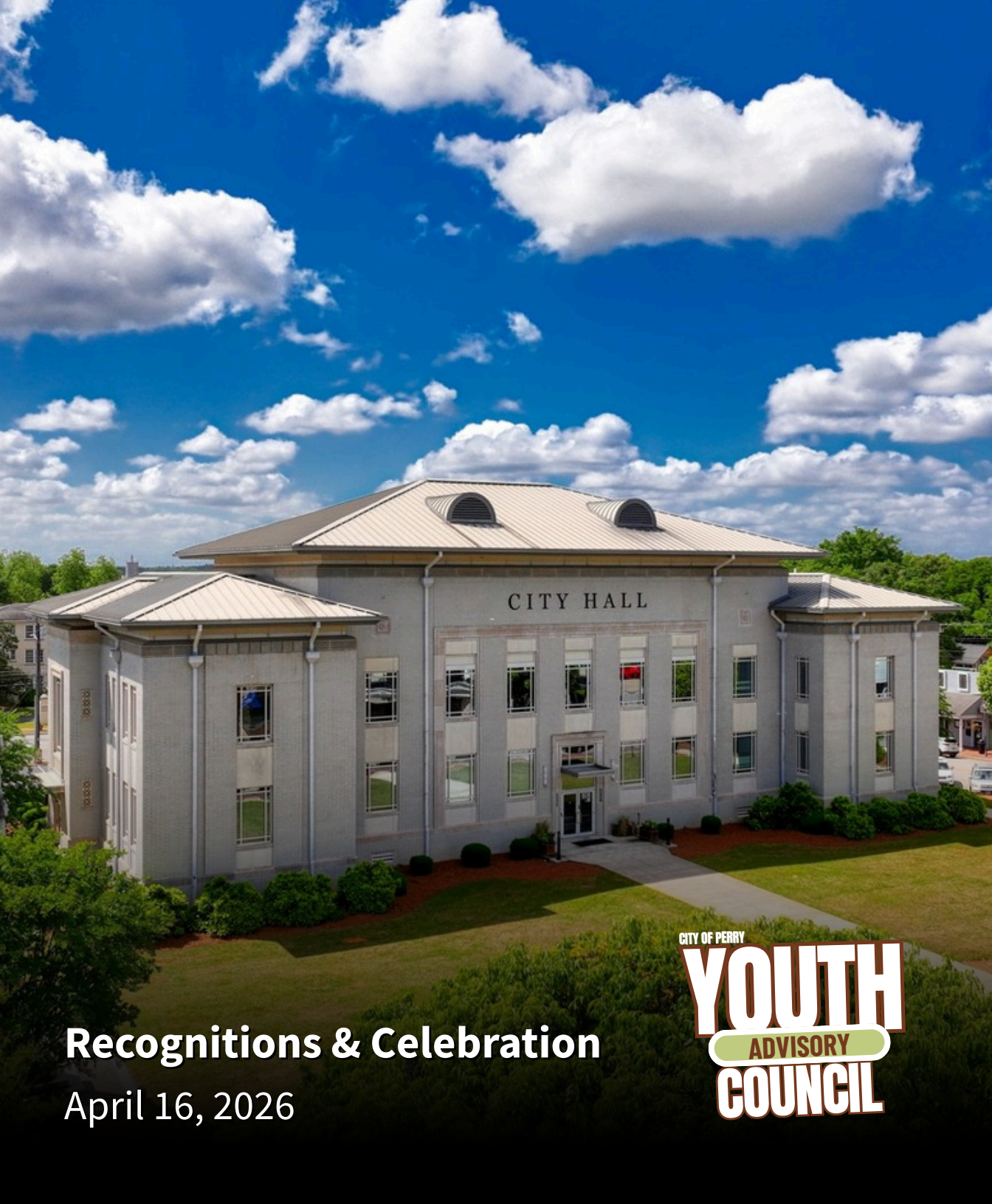
6b. Year-End Reflections – Youth Council Members

- Program experiences and opportunities
- Reflection on Department Head presentations
- Favorite Civic Challenge

7. Staff Items:

7a. Certificate of Achievement Presentation – Amber Howell

8. Adjourn.



CITY HALL

# Recognitions & Celebration

April 16, 2026

CITY OF PERRY

**YOUTH**  
ADVISORY  
**COUNCIL**

# CHAIRPERSON SCRIPT

Perry City Hall | April 16 | 5:00 p.m.

## **(1) CALL TO ORDER**

“Good afternoon. I will now call the April 16, 2026, meeting of the Perry Youth Advisory Council to order.”

## **(2) ROLL**

“We have a quorum.”

## **(3) GUESTS/SPEAKERS**

“Item 3a on the agenda is a welcome and presentation from Mayor Randall Walker.”

“Item 3b on the agenda is a Q&A with Mayor Walker.”

## **(4) REVIEW OF MINUTES**

“Item 4a on the agenda is a review of the minutes from our February 19, 2026, meeting. Are there any revisions, deletions, or additions to the minutes as presented?”

***Pause briefly.***

“Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes as presented.”

***Youth Council Member says “so moved,” another says “second.”***

“All in favor, please say ‘aye.’” (Pronounced “eye”.)

***Pause for all Youth Council Members to say ‘aye’***

“The motion to approve the minutes is unanimous.”

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## **(5) NEW BUSINESS**

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“Item 5 is New Business.”

“Item 5a is the presentation of the proposed PYAC award program. I will now invite the Impact Goal Group to lead the discussion and present the proposed program, which is intended to be carried forward into next year.”

***Allow time for presentation and discussion.***

“Item 5b is the PYAC vote on the Community Award parameters. At this time, I will entertain a motion from the Council to approve the proposed parameters as presented.”

***Youth Council Member says “so moved,” another says “second.”***

“All in favor, please say ‘aye.’” (Pronounced “eye”.)

***Pause for all Youth Council Members to say ‘aye.’***

“The motion to approve the award parameters is unanimous.”

## **(6) COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS**

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“Item 6 on the agenda is Council Member Items.”

“Item 6a on the agenda is a recap of Civic Challenge 6: Connect With City of Perry Public Safety. For those of you who contacted either the Fire Chief or Police Chief, what did you learn?”

***Pause for brief discussion.***

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“Item 6b is Year-End Reflections. We will go around the table and invite each member to share their reflections with the Council and Mayor Walker. As you speak, consider the experiences and opportunities you had during your time on PYAC, your favorite Department Head presentations, and your favorite Civic Challenge.”

## **(7) COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS**

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“Item 7 is Staff Items.”

“Item 7a is the Certificate of Achievement Presentation. Mrs. Howell will call each member forward to receive their certificate and take a photo with Mayor Randall Walker.”

## **(8) ADJOURN**

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“Item 8 is adjournment. At this time, I will entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting and conclude the 2025-2026 Perry Youth Advisory Council term.”

***Youth Council Member says “so moved,” another says “second.”***

“All in favor, please say ‘aye.’” (*Pronounced “eye”.*)

***Pause for all Youth Council Members to say ‘aye’***

“The motion to adjourn is unanimous. Our meeting is concluded. We stand adjourned at (***call out adjournment time***).”



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Perry Youth Advisory Council

February 19, 2026

5:00 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Rylee Arbogast called the Perry Youth Advisory Council meeting to order on February 19, 2026, at 5:12 p.m.

**2. Roll**

**Elected Officials Present:** None

**Youth Advisory Council Members Present:** Chairperson Chloe Shelton, Vice Chair Rylee Arbogast, Lillian Floyd, Law Leonard, and Andrew Peske

**City Staff Present:** Autumn Cameron, Special Events Administrator, Amber Howell, Communications Specialist

**3. Guests and Speakers**

**3a. Welcome & Presentation – Special Events Administrator Autumn Cameron**

Special Events Administrator Autumn Cameron provided an overview of Special Events in the City of Perry, highlighting the planning, coordination, and execution required to host City events. She explained her role in managing the event calendar, coordinating with City departments and vendors, overseeing safety and logistics, and ensuring smooth event-day operations and cleanup.

Cameron also reviewed and discussed the importance of events in strengthening community connection, supporting economic impact, enhancing quality of life, and promoting civic engagement. Students were encouraged to think about the purpose and impact of events they might plan in the future.



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### **3b. Q&A With PYAC Members**

During discussion, Peske shared that he would want attendees to feel the Perry pride reflected at City events, while Arbogast said she would want visitors to return to Perry outside of events and experience the same excitement. Arbogast suggested a community talent show as a way to better engage youth, and Peske noted that using teen-focused social platforms would improve event promotion among their demographic. Chairperson Shelton encouraged PYAC members to serve as ambassadors in their schools to help spread the word, which the whole Council supported. Peske also asked about the City's event awards, and Cameron explained that she prepares and submits event-specific packages to various organizations for consideration.

### **4. Review of Minutes**

#### **4a. Council's Consideration: Minutes of the January 15, 2025, Perry Youth Advisory Council Meeting**

A motion to approve the January 15, 2025, minutes was made by Councilmember Peske and seconded by Councilmember Floyd. The motion carried unanimously.

### **5. New Business**

#### **5a. Civic Challenge 5 Recap – Experience the Perry Bourbon Street Bash**

Youth Council members shared their observations and feedback after attending the Perry Bourbon Street Bash as part of Civic Challenge 5. Discussion included ideas for enhancing event promotion to better reach teens, as well as suggestions related to the event footprint layout. Members noted that attendees appeared excited and engaged throughout the event.

The Council also discussed ways they could become more involved in future events, including the idea of hosting a tent or designated area to sell inexpensive sodas or “dirty sodas” to



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better connect with a teen audience. Members suggested this could also serve as a potential fundraiser opportunity for the Youth Council.

**6. Council Member Items: Goal Group Updates**

**6a. Promotion Group**

The Promotion Group has filmed videos to fulfill the Promotion requirement.

**6b. Leadership Group**

The Leadership Group will continue coordinating with HALO to determine specific roles and responsibilities for interested PYAC members supporting the April 18, 2026, Dinner Party Gala at the Georgia Grown Building at the Fairgrounds.

**6c. Impact Group**

The Leadership Group presented a document detailing the proposed award program. PYAC members will review the document and submit it to Mrs. Howell for final review prior to presenting the award details to Mayor Walker on April 16. A vote will be taken at the April 16 meeting to approve and move forward with the proposed guidelines.

**7. Staff Items**

**7a.** PYAC members participated in a research study focused on a digital tool being developed to better engage PYAC members and teens in Perry with their local government.

**7b. Civic Challenge 6 – Connect with City of Perry Public Safety**

Mrs. Howell explained Civic Challenge 6, which focuses on connecting with City of Perry Public Safety staff in order to learn how public safety leaders help keep Perry safe. By reaching out to the Police Chief or Fire Chief, PYAC members will learn more about their



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operations, priorities, and how they serve the community, while building confidence communicating with City leadership.

**7c. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **March 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Fire Station 2**, located at 150 Commodore Drive in Perry. Mrs. Howell noted that this meeting will differ from the typical roundtable discussion format and will instead be a fully hands-on learning experience led by the Perry Fire and Police Departments.

**8. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Peske and seconded by Council Member Floyd. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

# CIVIC CHALLENGE 6

## *Connect With City of Perry Public Safety*

### **PURPOSE**

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This Civic Challenge introduces you to how public safety leaders help keep Perry safe. By reaching out to the Police Chief or Fire Chief, you'll learn more about their operations, priorities, and how they serve the community, while building confidence communicating with City leadership.

### **WHAT YOU WILL DO**

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- Choose one public safety leader to contact:
  - City of Perry Police Chief Alan Everidge: [alan.everidge@perry-ga.gov](mailto:alan.everidge@perry-ga.gov)
  - City of Perry Fire Chief Lee Parker: [lee.parker@perry-ga.gov](mailto:lee.parker@perry-ga.gov)
- Send a short, professional email introducing yourself as a PYAC member and asking 1-2 questions about public safety operations.
- Review the response (if received before the meeting) and reflect on what you learned about public safety services in Perry.

### **REFLECTION & SHARING**

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In our group text before March 26, each PYAC member will share which department they contacted and one thing they learned from the response (or from researching the department if a response has not yet been received).

### **WHY IT MATTERS**

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This challenge helps you become more comfortable connecting with public safety leaders and communicating with them in a professional, respectful way. Police and fire leaders are accessible members of our community, and learning how to ask questions and start conversations builds confidence and civic awareness.

