

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 2, 2019**  
**5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the work session meeting held December 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

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

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Brooke Newby, and Recording Clerk Joni Ary.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn– Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Mitchell Worthington – Assistant Finance Director, Ashley Hardin – Department of Economic Development Director, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, Haley Bryant – Main Street Coordinator, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, and Tabitha Clark – Communications Manager.

Guest(s)/Speaker(s): Meredith Lockerman, Scott Cox, Georgia Power and Dawn Jerles, DDA.

Press: Jada Dukes – Houston Home Journal

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Department of Leisure Services.

1. Presentation: Generational Values in the Workplace.

Mr. Swan shared with Council the presentation relative to Generational Values in the workplace that he presented at the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association annual meeting. Mr. Swan was asked to present on the National level.

3b. Department of Economic Development:

1. Downtown Development Authority's pole relocation project.

Ms. Meredith Lockerman the new owner of 902/904 Commerce Street

stated that the property will be turned into a restaurant with an Airbnb upstairs.

Mr. Scott Cox of Georgia Power presented to Council the recommendation to remove the current power pole on the property at 902/904 Commerce Street and move it the City parking lot and bore to another power pole that will be installed in the alley way.

Ms. Dawn Jerles of DDA presented the pole relocation cost estimate of \$63,000.00. Ms. Jerles asked that Council concur to release \$50,000.00 of DDA restricted account and the remainder of the funds would come from the sale of the parking lot.

The recommendation of the Administration authorize the use up to \$50,000.00 from Downtown Improvements Restricted Account for DDA's pole relocation project, authorize the necessary easements through Georgia Power for City property and authorize rebate from Georgia Power for any additional new load as a result of DDA pole relocation to be paid or allocated to DDA. Council concurred to proceed.

3c. Office of the City Manager:

1. Consider possible refund proposal for hotel development.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed request to consider possible refund proposal for hotel development at the fairgrounds. It is the recommendation of the Administration to proceed subject to review by the City Attorney. Council concurred to proceed.

4. Other Business/Supplemental Agenda:

4a. Houston Springs/Pebble Beach Drive stormwater repairs:

Mr. McMurrian shared with Council the repair options for Houston Springs/Pebble Beach Drive stormwater repairs. The Administration recommendation to authorize UAM to clean out stormwater pipe on Pebble Beach Drive, based on cleaning results, authorize UAM to complete spincast or half spincast on stormwater pipe pending engineering recommendation. Council concurred to proceed.

5. Council Member items: None.

6. Department Heads/Staff items:

No reports from Ms. Newby, Mr. Worthington, Ms. King, Chief Lynn, Chief Parker, Mr. Smith, Ms. Hardin, Mr. Swan, Mr. McMurrian and Mr. Wood.

Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Council Christmas outdoor lighting. It is the recommendation of the Administration to have the Christmas outdoor lighting turned

on the week of Thanksgiving. Council concurred with Administration's recommendation.

Ms. Bryant stated that the downtown merchants had a record-breaking weekend for Black Friday and Shop Small Saturday events.

Ms. Clark stated that the Your City participants will be graduating tomorrow night at City Council meeting and Ms. Turpin had the military tree up at the Welcome Center.

Mayor Walker entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel.

7. Executive Session entered at 6:25 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tempore King moved to adjourn the work session and enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. Executive Session adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Council adjourned the executive session held December 2, 2019 and reconvened into the work session.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2019-58 stating the purpose of executive session held December 2, 2019 was to discuss personnel. Council Member Hunt moved to adopt a resolution stating the purpose of the Executive Session held on December 2, 2019 was to discuss personnel. Council Member Albritton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No. action was taken. (*Resolution 2019-58 has been entered into the City's official book of record*).
10. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council in the reconvened work session held December 2, 2019 Council Member Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.