

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
August 15, 2017
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr., Presiding Officer, called to order the regular meeting held August 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll:

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

Elected Official(s) Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Mathew Hulbert, and Recording Clerk Cyndi Houser.

City Departmental Staffing: Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bryan Wood – Director of Community Development, John Schell - Public Works Supervisor, and Brenda King – Director of Administration.

Guests: Ms. Laura King, Mr. Mike Baker, Ms. Darlene McLendon – Perry Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Grady F. Griffin, Mr. Grady F. Griffin, Jr., Dr. Alvin Chapman, and Dr. Sanatu Das, Ms. Mary Lou Simon, and Mr. Penrose Wolf.

Media: Ms. Kristin Moriarty – Houston Home Journal, Mr. Wayne Crenshaw – Macon Telegraph and Ms. Marigrace Segó – Com South 100.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr.

Council Member King rendered the invocation and Council Member Walker led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

4. Recognition(s)/Proclamation(s)/Presentations(s) – Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

Mr. Gilmour introduced, Ms. Laura King, Executive Secretary for Public Works to Mayor, Council and staff. Mayor and Council welcomed Ms. King.

5. Appointment(s) to Boars/Commissions/Authorities - Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

- Ms. Suzanne Burkart was appointed to the Planning Commission by Mayor Faircloth.
- Mr. Mike Baker was appointed to the Perry Visitors and Convention Bureau Authority by Council Member Hunt.

- Council Member Walker advised his proposed appointee was transferred.

6. Citizens with Input. None

7. Public Hearing: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:09 p.m. Mayor James E. Faircloth Jr. called to order a public hearing at 6:09 p.m. to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views and concerns in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 36-67A-3(c)

6a. Petition for Special Exception Application #S-17-04. Applicant, Grady Fain Griffin, Jr., proposed to construct a car wash on approximately 1.26 acres at the Northeast corner of Wes Park Drive and Houston Lake Road (P14A-120). The proposed site does not extend to Perry Parkway. Perry Planning Commission recommended approval of the request with the following condition: Any building constructed for a car wash on the subject property shall be substantially similar to the rendering and building elevations presented in the application.

Staff Report: Mr. Wood reviewed the staff report recommending approval with the same condition as the Planning Commission. He further noted the design submitted will be a good transition from retail on one side to residential on the other.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the petition.

For: Mr. Grady F. Griffin, and Mr. Grady F. Griffin, Jr., spoke in favor of the application as submitted.

Against:

Dr. Alvin Chapman, 233 Wes Park, expressed concern about traffic congestion, but was in favor of development in general.

Dr. Sanatu Das, 209 Wes Park, also expressed concern about traffic congestion noting that currently are times when it is difficult to exit the area.

Mayor Faircloth then entertained a motion for approval or disapproval of the petition. Council Member Walker moved to approve the petition as submitted, including the condition that any building be substantially similar to the rendering and building elevations presented to the Perry Planning Commission. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Consider revoking the business license for Howard Johnson motel. Mr. Gilmour provided a staff report which indicated the motel owners were continually delinquent on property tax, accommodation tax and utility payments since they were previously warned one (1) year ago. Administration recommended revocation of the business license.

Public Input: Mayor Faircloth called for any public input for or opposed to the revocation.

For: None

Against: None

Mayor Faircloth then entertained a motion to approve revoking the business license for the Howard Johnson motel. Council Member Jones moved to revoke the business license of the Howard Johnson motel effective August 21, 2017. Council Member King seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Hearing closed at 6:21 p.m. Mayor James E. Faircloth closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.

8. Review of Minutes: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

8a. Council's Consideration – Minutes of the July 31, 2017 work session, August 1, 2017 pre council meeting and August 1, 2017 council meeting.

Council Member Bynum Grace motioned to accept the minutes as submitted and Council Member Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

9. Old Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

9a. Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr. None

98b. Council Members.

Council Members Bynum-Grace and King expressed their gratitude for the citizens that participated in the recent town hall meeting held in the Sandhill neighborhood.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson, Council Members Jones, Walker, and Hunt had no reports.

8c. City Manager Mr. Gilmour – None

8d. Assistant City Attorney – Mathew Hulbert – None

10. New Business: Mayor James E. Faircloth, Jr.

10a. Matters referred from August 14, 2017, work session and August 15, 2017 pre council meeting. None

10b. Ordinance(s) for First Reading(s) and Introduction

1. First Reading of an ordinance amending the Perry Code by adding Section 18-36, in the list of places for which parking shall not be allowed for the following two additional places: Commerce Street from Macon Road to General Courtney Hodges Boulevard and Washington Street from Commerce Street to Sam Nunn Boulevard. (No action is required by Council.)

10c. Resolution(s) for Consideration and Adoption

1. Approved Resolution 2017-26 amending the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour advised that the fire inspection fee was overlooked when reviewing the fee schedule. Council Member Hunt moved to approve amending the 2018 Perry Fee Schedule to include the fire inspection fee. Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *(Resolution 2017-26 has been entered in the City's office book of record.)*
2. Approved Resolution 2017-27 declaring official intent to reimburse costs of acquiring vehicles and equipment with tax-exempt financing. Ms. King stated approximately \$718,200 would be used to purchase six (6) patrol vehicles, one (1) SUV, one (1) pick-up truck and one (1) street sweeper through the lease/purchase program with GMA. As part of the program the City is required to pass a resolution declaring their intent. Council Member Jones moved to approve the resolution as submitted. Council Member Bynum-Grace seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. *(Resolution 2017-27 has been entered in the City's office book of record.)*

10d. Approval of Health and Dental Insurance renewal. Mr. Gilmour provided information regarding the options for renewing the City's Health and Dental Insurance renewal. Option 1 provides for a higher deductible for the city for an employee with an unusually high claim while allowing for a smaller increase for the majority. Administration recommended Option with an increase of only 3.7% . Council Member Hunt moved to approve the renewal of the health and dental insurance with Option. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10e. Approved adding Creekwood Drive to the striping list. Mr. Gilmour explained a request had come out of the recent town hall meeting and Administration recommended authorizing that Creekwood Drive between General Courtney Hodges Boulevard and the second access intersection to Ida Lassiter Circle be added to the striping list. Council Member King moved to authorize adding Creekwood Drive to the striping list. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10f. Special Events Application(s) – Chief Lynn

1. Perry Music Festival Committee and the Perry Public Arts Commission requested approval for the use of Rotary Centennial Park and a partial street closure of Martin Luther King Drive, Jr. Drive on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Chief Lynn recommended approval of a partial closure of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive for the 8th Annual Perry Music Festival. Council Member Bynum-Grace moved to approve the street closure and the use of the Perry Rotary Centennial Park on September 16, 2017. Council Member Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Perry Downtown Merchants Association and the Perry Main Street Board Promotion Committee requested approval for street closures for their 5th annual Sweets and Treats on Downtown Streets on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

Chief Lynn recommended approval of the Courthouse square configuration of street closures from 4-6 pm. Council Member Walker moved to approve the street closures. Council Member Jones seconded and it carried unanimously.

- 10g. Approved Second Amendment to the Subscribed Regulatory Compliance Service Agreement. Mr. Gilmour explained this amendment is for the agreement with Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia and will allow the association to assist in dealing with Georgia Public Service Commission and federal regulatory agencies on behalf of the City. Administration recommended approval contingent upon City Attorney review. Council Member Walker moved to approve the Second Amendment as submitted contingent upon review by the City Attorney. Council Member Hunt seconded and it carried unanimously.

11. Council Member Items: No reports

Mr. Gilmour and Assistant City Attorney Hulbert – No reports

12. Department Heads/Staff Items: No reports

13. General Public Items:

Mary Lou Simon, 1103 Creekwood Drive, Perry, Georgia. 31069. Ms. Simon asked if the center stripe for Creekwood could be painted white. She was advised that the City follows the federal guidelines for standard street markings and the center stripe must be yellow.

Darlene McLendon, Perry Chamber of Commerce.

- The business of the month is Walker, Hulbert, Gray and Moore
- The legislative appreciation dinner will be August 24th at the Go-Fish Center

14. Mayor Items:

August 21 & 22, 2017 – Council will be conducting interviews for the Public Works Director position.

August 21-25 is qualifying week for three (3) council members and the mayor.

August 29th will be the “Walk with Mayor and Council” at 5:30.

15. Executive Session entered at 6:42 p.m.: On a motion by Council Member Hunt, seconded by Council Member King and carried unanimously, Council went into executive session for litigation.
16. Executive Session adjourned; Council’s regular session reconvened. Council adjourned the executive session held August 15, 2017 and reconvened into the council’s regular session.
17. Adopted Resolution No. 2017- 28 stating purpose of the executive session held on August 15, 2017 was for litigation. On a motion by Council Member Bynum-Grace, seconded by Council Member Walker and carried unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2017-28 stating the purpose of the executive session held on August 15, 2017 was for litigation. (*Resolution 2017-28 has been entered in the City’s official book of record*).
18. Adjournment: On a motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Jackson, seconded by Council Member Hunt and carried unanimously, the reconvened session of Council held August 15, 2017 was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.