

# Hart: 'The contract they wrote up was different than the way I understood it'

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than what the city agreed to at the previous meeting on April 28.

"The contract they wrote up was different than the way I understood it as discussed in the meeting two weeks ago," Hart said. "The way I understood it, they wanted 10 years (of incentives) starting now and ending in 10 years.

"But, the contract they wrote up has a new

10-year period starting whenever they construct any new units. That's not the way I remember it," Hart added.

An amended agreement was brought back at the city's May 26 meeting, but City Attorney Hope Demps requested additional time to review it to make sure suggested changes she had proposed were included in the final version.

The new version reportedly would grant "The Grove at Perry"

a 100% ad valorem tax rebate for five years and then a 75% rebate for the next five years to assist the developers in obtaining additional financing to complete additional phases of the project.

Demps requested more time to ensure language was included that would clearly define "performance-based economic development incentives" and that the new agreement would "supercede" and declare all previous resolutions,

ordinances and agreements between the city and Prospect "no longer valid," as requested by Councilman Bill Brynes.

"I want to include those as part of this recital, so that we include that history and that this supersedes everything, and there's no other obligations noted under the prior agreements," Demps said.

At the city's May 26 meeting, Hart stated Prospect was "kind of waiting on us," adding, "they can't get their loan closing done until this is completed."

The new proposed tax incentive agreement between the City of Perry and Prospect Perry Apartments LLC could provide long-term financial support for a planned 344-unit apartment complex, while requiring the developer to reinvest savings into the project.

City officials are considering the ad valorem tax incentive as part of an effort to expand housing options and grow the local tax base. The agreement outlines terms under which the city would return a portion of property taxes paid by the developer over

a multi-year period.

Under the proposal, the incentive would begin once at least 160 apartment units are completed and added to the tax roll -- which is this year.

From that point, the developer could receive annual payments from the city for up to 10 years -- refunding a portion of the property taxes paid on the development.

The annual payment would be calculated based on the property's taxable value. For the first five years, the city would return almost 100% of the taxes paid. For the next five years (years 6-10), that rate would drop to approximately 75% of the taxes paid.

Payments would never exceed the amount of city property taxes actually paid in a given year.

For example, if the completed development had a taxable value of \$20 million, the incentive payment in the early years would be roughly \$115,000 annually, assuming full eligibility and no exclusions.

The agreement includes a reinvestment requirement aimed at ensuring community

benefit. Beginning in the second year, the developer must document that it has reinvested an amount equal to the prior year's incentive into the property. That reinvestment can include rent discounts, fee waivers for tenants, capital improvements, or a combination of those measures. If the requirement is not met, the city may withhold or reduce future payments.

To qualify each year, the developer must submit an application between Jan. 1 and July 1 and show that all property taxes and other obligations to the city—such as utility bills, fees and fines—have been paid in full. The city would then have 60 days to verify compliance and issue payment.

The agreement also allows the city to withhold payments if the developer is in default, and the city's obligations are subject to annual budget approval by the City Commission.

The agreement would remain in effect for the duration of the incentive term and would transfer with the property if sold, provided a new owner agrees to the same conditions.



Taylor County Memorial American Legion Post 96

## FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

312 E VETERANS DR  
PERRY, FL 32347



June 13th 2026  
09:00 AM



American Legion Post 96 will hold a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, June 13, at 9 a.m. at their post home located at 312 E. Veterans Drive in Perry.

## Interest meeting set for June 13 after Flag Retirement ceremony

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grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses and direct or adopted female descendants of members of the American Legion, as well as female descendants of veterans who served honorably during periods of war or conflict recognized by the American

Legion.

If you are interested in learning more about the Auxiliary and how you can get involved, you are encouraged to attend an interest meeting on Saturday, June 13, immediately following the local Post 96 annual flag retirement ceremony.

"This is a great opportunity to ask

questions, meet fellow community members and help establish a strong auxiliary presence that will support veterans and their families throughout Taylor County," Post 96 officials said.

For additional information, send American Legion Post 96 a message through its Facebook page.



OPTIMIST CLUB OF PERRY

### SALT WATER Fishing Tournament

Prizes for LARGEST TROUT | Prizes for LARGEST RED FISH | Prizes for LARGEST FLOUNDER

ALSO, PRIZES FOR YOUTH: TROUT, RED FISH, SHINERS

JUNE 13, 2026

## Optimist Fishing Tournament

The Optimist Club of Perry's Saltwater Fishing Tournament will be held Saturday, June 13, after it was postponed from its original date in March due to bad weather. Prizes will be offered for the largest trout, redfish and flounder.

# Have a first-aid kit ready for family and pets

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special toys, etc. Changing a diet can be tough on a pet.

If you lose power, consider evacuating to a shelter. If you have a generator, but it fails, you'll want to call a neighbor to see if they have power

and water. Solve problems locally if possible. If you have livestock, and can't get local water, you'll want to call the county emergency support function desk, and ask for "ESF-17" to relay that you have no drinkable water. The county team may be able to solve the problem, or may ask for

help from the state.

During Hurricane Jeanne in 2004, the disaster response team used some of the county trucks to help bring water to big farms that were willing to help house horses from the neighborhood.

Trying to find pet-friendly shelters in advance can be

tricky. Contact your county emergency management office for suggestions. Often, pet-friendly shelters change from storm to storm, and minute to minute. Most of these offices have web pages that will be updated as a storm approaches.

Mark animals. Fences are going to come down,

and animals will wander. Being able to identify lost or displaced animals is important when it comes to being able to get them back in a timely manner. There are many options: writing on the animals with shoe polish, weaving information in their manes, and more.

Have a basic first aid kit for the family and pets.

Remember, after the storm if you stay home, there are many potential dangers, ranging from downed, but live power lines, poisonous snakes in places not typically found — they are looking for shelter too — and more.

## LEGALS

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Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 6th day of July 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

\*\* To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. \*\*

Dated this 29th day of May 2026  
Signature: Gary Knowles  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Taylor County, Florida

FT LOT 9 BLK 4 - OR 500-92 QC 756-132 - OR 938-794 - SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 07  
Name in which assessed: Super Stop #407, Inc./Blackwater Capital US, LLC  
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.

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Parcel Number: R05896-900  
Described as: LEG 0001.07 ACRES - COM NE COR SECT TH W 1123.3 FT S - 562.7 FT TO POB TH S 210 FT W 221 - FT N 210 FT E 221 FT TO POB - OR 684-131 690-894 JT - OR 758-492 OR 825-258 - SECTION 01 TOWNSHIP 05 RANGE 07  
Name in which assessed: Logan Carter  
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.

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was assessed as are follows:  
Certificate Number 912  
Year of Issuance 2024  
Description of Property:  
Parcel Number: R07294-250  
Described as: LEG 0002.50 ACRES - COM NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 W 144.77 FT E - POB W 285.5 FT S 380.36 FT E 285.49 - FT N 382.53 FT TO POB - TOGETHER WITH ESMT - OR 706-185 HW OR 735-870 - SECTION 06 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 08  
Name in which assessed: Steven & Paula Montgomery  
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.

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for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number 811  
Year of Issuance 2024  
Description of Property:  
Parcel Number: R06562-147  
Described as: LEG 0001.00 ACRES - ADAMS BEACH OAKS - LOT 49 BLK A - OR 520-218 DC OR 827-967 SA OR 832-890 OR 832-893 OR 843-650 SECTION 04 TOWNSHIP 07 RANGE 07  
Name in which assessed: Johnathan & Melody Seidel  
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number 192  
Year of Issuance 2024  
Description of Property:  
Parcel Number: R02649-000  
Described as: LEG 0000.32 ACRES - PERRY HEIGHTS SUB - LOT 22 W 50 FT LOT 21 W 20 FT LOTS - 23 24 BLK 12 DESC AS COM SW COR LOT - 22 RUN E 80 FT N 170 FT W 80 FT S - 170 FT TO POB - OR 624-135 - SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 07  
Name in which assessed: Eduard L. Lillioitt, Jr.  
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 26-017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20, LLC, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number 409  
Year of Issuance 2024  
Description of Property:  
Parcel Number: R04443-000  
Described as: LEG 0000.32 ACRES - J B THOMAS ADD - LOT 8 & N 15

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 26-018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number 668  
Year of Issuance 2024  
Description of Property:

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 26-019

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 26-020

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 26-021