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City Manager

William E. Johnson III

Agenda

January 19, 2016

Union Train Station
103 River Street

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1. **Regularly-Scheduled Meeting — 6:30 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Moment of Silence**
4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Presentations / Proclamations / Recognitions: (Each presentation will be limited to 10 minutes.):**
    a. Presentation by the Job Corps – Free Vocational Education Offerings
6. **Consent Agenda:**
    a. Minutes December 15, 2015 & January 5, 2016
    b. Schedule a Public Hearing for the Consideration of establishing a Tourism Zone.
    c. Schedule a Public Hearing for the disposition of 16 parcels of property in the Halifax Triangle.
7. **Public Hearing: (In accordance with the Rules of Council, public comment will be heard before discussion by Council. Once discussion has started, no further input from the public will be accepted. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes.)**
    a. Hold a public hearing on the proposed disposition of publicly-owned property addressed as 503 W. Washington Street.
    b. Hold a public hearing to permit the purchase of 125 W. Washington Street.

8. **Public Information Period – The Public Information Period is established by the Rules of Council to hear input from City residents or owners of businesses in the City. It will last for a maximum of 30 minutes. Speakers will be called in the order that they have signed up to speak. If there are ten (10) or fewer speakers, each shall speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. If there are more than ten (10) people desiring to speak, the time allotted to each person may be adjusted or the number of speakers limited to meet the time limitation. A speaker may speak on items <u>except</u> those that are listed on tonight's Council agenda. Any matter brought before the attention of the City Council during this public information period will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting.**

9. **Business or reports for / from the Mayor or other Members of City Council:**

    a. Consideration to amend the Weeks of Wonder History Camp special fund.

    b. Resolution in Support of Virginia's Retreat to Apply for Nonprofit Status.

10. **City Manager's Agenda**

    a. City Manager's Report.

11. **Clerk of City Council's Agenda**

12. **City Attorney's Agenda**

13. **Closed Session (if necessary)**

14. **Adjournment**

City of Petersburg

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Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

DATE: **January 8, 2016**

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

THROUGH: William E. Johnson III, City Manager

FROM: Mark Gilles, Outreach & Marketing Coordinator

RE: **Presentation by the Job Corps – Free Vocational Education Offerings**

PURPOSE: To inform Council and Petersburg City residents about the Job Corps' free vocational training offerings.

REASON: Informational only.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational only.

BACKGROUND: Job Corps will present "Job Corps – Success Lasts a Lifetime" to encourage young people to take advantage of free vocational training offered by Job Corps.

COST TO CITY: N/A

BUDGETED ITEM: N/A

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A

CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE: January 19, 2016

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES: N/A

AFFECTED AGENCIES: N/A

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION: N/A

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: 1. A Guide to Job Corps for Community Referral Partners; 2. Job Corps Eligibility Fact Sheet; 3. Job Corps Information Session flyers (2).

STAFF: Mark Gilles, Outreach & Marketing Coordinator

Wondering Who's Eligible for Job Corps?

For 16- to 24-year-olds* ready to work toward a successful future, Job Corps' free education and career training program is a great place to start.

**The maximum age limit may be waived if the applicant is a person with a documented disability.*

Young people who are school dropouts, runaways, foster youth, parents, or homeless are welcome to apply.

Because Job Corps is a voluntary program, students choose to enroll in the program and may exit at any time.

A person is eligible for Job Corps if he or she meets the following criteria:

- ☑ Is a legal U.S. resident; lawfully admitted permanent resident alien, refugee, asylee, or parolee, or other immigrant who has been authorized by the U.S. attorney general to work in the United States; or resident of a U.S. territory
- ☑ Meets low-income criteria
- ☑ Is in need of additional technical training, education, counseling, or related assistance to complete schoolwork or to find and keep a job
- ☑ Has signed consent from a parent or guardian if he or she is a minor
- ☑ Has a child care plan if he or she is the parent of a dependent child
- ☑ Does not exhibit behavioral problems that could keep him, her, or others from experiencing Job Corps' full benefits
- ☑ Does not require any face-to-face court or institutional supervision or court-imposed fines while enrolled in Job Corps
- ☑ Does not use drugs illegally

Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Job Corps is the nation's largest career technical training and education program for low-income young people ages 16 through 24. Job Corps is a U.S. Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Employer Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TDD/TTY telephone number is (877) 889-5627.

Connect with us online:

www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov www.jobcorps.gov doljobcorps YouTube doljobcorps

A Guide to Job Corps for Referral Partners

WHAT IS JOB CORPS?

Job Corps is the largest residential education and training program in the United States for youth ages 16 through 24. Created under President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964, Job Corps is administered by the United States Department of Labor and has assisted more than 1.6 million young people Nationwide. If you're eager to develop skills that will lead to a great career Job Corps pays you!

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Job Corps Scholarship, you must:

- Be 16-24 yrs. old (upper age limit waived if disability involved: Reasonable accommodations available)
- Be from a home that is considered "low income"
- Be able to benefit from and complete the training that you will get at a Job Corps center
- Be free from serious behavior problems and/or outstanding court issues (court dates, fines, restitution)
- Be drug and alcohol free upon arrival at a Job Corps center and remain drug and alcohol free
- Abstain from any acts of violence

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Job Corps offers a variety of training, GED, and High School Diploma programs for both men women. The training programs offered include: automotive trades, carpentry, bricklaying, plumbing, welding, nursing, business and computer skills, culinary arts, and many more. In fact, Job Corps offers training in over 160 different jobs! Job Corps school is different from your high school. Here, you won't be competing against other students for grades. Job Corps cares and will spend as much time as needed with you. Job Corps is available to help you!

LIFE ON A JOB CORPS CENTER

Each center offers extracurricular activities that may include: community service opportunities, arts and crafts, cultural awareness programs, student government, field trips to area malls, movies, concerts and sporting events. Job Corps strives to ensure an environment that is supportive of students who are motivated to learn and succeed.

BONUSES

Job Corps pays you! Every two weeks you will be paid depending on the number of days you're enrolled:

- 1-182 days of enrollment: $25 per pay period
- 183+ days of enrollment: $35 per pay period

Incentives are also paid to Job Corps students who earn the following while enrolled:

- High School Diploma or GED: $200
- Completion of a Vocational Trade: $500
- Obtain a High School Diploma or GED **at** Job Corps **and** completion of a Vocational Trade: $1,000

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Job Corps is committed to providing a safe place for all students. For this reason, we have a Zero Tolerance Policy for drugs and violence. Students will be immediately expelled if they commit a violent act. Students are also given a drug test upon entry into the program that is important in order to maintain a drug free environment. Above all else, we are concerned for YOUR safety and want to ensure an environment that is supportive of students who are motivated to learn and succeed. At first, these rules may seem difficult to get used to, but that is expected. After a while, the rules will make sense. Remember, Job Corps faculty will always be available to overcome any problems you might have.

What Job Corps Students Say:

"Job Corps has helped me make new friends, showed me responsibility for my actions and decisions, and helped me prepare for my future".

Every day I am thankful that I made the choice to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity that Job Corps has to offer. It's something that everyone should think about".

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SYSTEM

Career Development Services System (CDSS) is not just another new Job Corps initiative. It is an improved way of doing what we do. Beginning at Outreach and Admissions and continuing throughout training and the 12 month post placement, Career Transition Period, Job Corps personal work together to help all enrollees achieve their professional goals.

Students arrive at Job Corps with different needs and expectations. Job Corps helps all participants develop and realize personal career plans that are best for them. All trainees are potential graduates and are provided with career planning and development services throughout enrollment. All students, regardless of center tenure, leave with increased skills and the feeling that they benefited from Job Corps.

Under CDSS, the Job Corps experience is composed of these stages:

- **Outreach and Admissions (O&A)**
- **Career Preparation Period (CPP)**
- **Career Development Period (CDP)**
- **Career Transition Period (CTP)**
- **Career**

OUTREACH & ADMISSIONS (O&A)

Job Corps begins with enhanced Outreach & Admissions services. OA staff are encourage to create networks with youth development agencies, one stops and other youth service organizations to help reach prospective students. Students who attend an orientation session hear about Job Corps' new comprehensive career development system, from the Career Preparation Period up to the 12-month placement, Career Transition Period. OA staff also use labor market information to help students choose careers that are most appropriate for today's workforce.

CAREER PREPARATION PERIOD (CPP)

The Career Preparation Period (CPP) generally represents students first 60 days on center. Many of the skills that students previously learned during in their last day son center are now taught on the front end during this expanded period known as CPP. During this time, students learn about the life on center, and focus on personal responsibility and social skills. Trainees work on technology and job search skills. Throughout the CPP, students work with staff to map out and commit to a personal career development plan.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT PERIOD (CDP)

The Career Development Period represents the bulk of time enrollees are on center. During this period, students learn and demonstrate vocational, academic, and social skills. This is an opportunity for students who did not graduate from high school earn a high school diploma or GED. Students also learn and practice vocational skills on center and at actual work sites under the direction of Job Corps's employer partners. Students use this time to continue to focus on the communication and problem-solving skills they worked on during CPP. Trainees also begin the job search process and learn how to identify and access support services needed to live independently. Near the end of this period, students are linked with post-center service providers to ensure a smooth transition from center to the community.

CAREER TRANSITION PERIOD (CTP)

The Career Transition Period is one of the most markedly different aspects of Job Corps's new CDSS model. Following initial job placement, Job Corps personnel work with graduated for 12 months to help them move toward stable and productive lives beyond the center. This support may include helping graduates find housing

or health care, linking them with appropriate family services in the area, or assisting them in finding transportation to and from work. Graduates are encouraged to stay in touch with their career development specialists and report back periodically for up to 12 months to ensure they are receiving the support needed to maintain employment.

CAREER

Job Corps graduates are "on the road" to careers with high wages and the opportunity for upward mobility. As a result, they remain productive members of the workforce and their communities for years to come.

Job Corps Career Success Standards:

Success Standards	Success Definition
Workplace Relationships and Ethics	The student will leave Job Corps with the ability to productively interact with co-workers and deal with problems and situations with honesty, integrity and responsibility.
Communications	The student will leave Job Corps with the ability to listen actively, follow directions and communicate with others to solve problems and accomplish tasks.
Personal Growth and Development	The student will leave Job Corps with the personal skills, attributes and behaviors that foster confidence and drive for life-long growth.
Interpersonal Skills	The student will leave Job Corps with the ability to get along with others and adjust to a variety of social and professional situations.
Information Management	The student will leave Job Corps with the ability to interpret and evaluate data, organize and maintain information, and use technology to perform work.
Multicultural Awareness	The student will leave Job Corps valuing diversity, practicing cultural sensitivity and able to work with people of different backgrounds and cultures.
Career and Personal Planning	The student will leave Job Corps with a personal plan that outlines a step-by-step process for entering and advancing in a fulfilling career.
Independent Living	The student will leave Job Corps capable of finding, managing and utilizing the resources needed to maintain employment, satisfy physical and emotional needs, and lead a productive life as an independent

IN ORDER TO PROCESS AN APPLICATION FOR JOB CORPS, THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED:

- DMV Picture ID / Driver's License / Military ID (school ID is not acceptable)
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- High School Diploma/GED (If applicable)
- Health Insurance Card (If applicable)
- Certified School Transcripts (if you do not have a high school diploma or GED)
- Immunization (Shot) Record
- IEP/504 Plan (If applicable)
- Income Verification (Bring to information session) Ex: Last 2 check stubs, public assistance documents, food stamps, TANIF, Statement of Support (Get from Admissions Counselor)
- 4 -5 Contacts (Including Name, Address, Phone Number, Relationship to Applicant) these individuals need to be at completely different addresses, include who you live with as one contact.
- Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. (Legal guardian must show proof of guardianship.)
- Anyone between the ages of 16 - 19 must obtain an attendance and behavior (discipline) record from the last or current school if you did not graduate from high school.

ANYONE NOT A LEGAL NOT A LEGAL U.S. CITIZEN MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:

- Working Papers
- Passport / VISA
- Alien Registration Card
- 194 Form

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THESE DOCUMENTS AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW

Our Regional Job Cob Corps Centers and their Trade Programs

Blue Ridge Job Corps Center
Marion, Virginia

(Females Only)
Certified Nursing Assistant
Health Occupations Trade
Medical Office Support

Charleston Job Corps Center
Charleston, West Virginia

Carpentry
Certified Nursing Assistant
Dental Assistant
Facilities Maintenance
Heating & Air Conditioning HVAC
Medical Office Support
Network Cable Installer
Office Administration
Painting
Pharmacy Technician

Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center
Morganfield, Kentucky

Automotive Service Technician
Business Technology
Carpentry
Cement Masons / Cement
Collision Repair
Computer Service Technology
Culinary Arts
Deckhand
Facilities Maintenance
Inland River Towing
Material Handling
Medical Office Technology
Network Cabler
Plumbing
Roadway Express Professional
Tile and Marble Setters
Welding

Flatwoods Job Corps Center
Coeburn, Virginia

Carpentry
Cement Masonry
Electrician
Office Administration
Painting
Plastering
Plumbing
Welding

Frenchburg Job Corps Center
Mariba, Kentucky

Business Clerical
Bricklaying
Cement Masonry
Culinary Arts
Facilities Maintenance
Carpentry

Great Onyx Job Corps Center
Mammoth Cave, Kentucky

Brick Masonry
Business / Computer Technology
Carpentry
Painting
Plumbing
Urban Forestry
Welding

Muhlenberg Job Corps Center
Greenville, Kentucky

Medical Assistant / Office
CDL Class B
Construction Equipment
Health Occupations
Heavy Equipment Operators
Pharmacy Technician
Welding

Old Dominion Job Corps Center
Monroe, Virginia

Automotive Repair
Carpentry
Electrical Wiring
Facility & Apartment Maintenance
Medical Assistant / Office Support
Painting
Pharmacy Technician
Plumbing

Potomac Job Corps Center
Washington, DC

Bricklayer / Cement Masonry
Business Technology
Carpentry
Culinary Arts
Electrical Wiring
Facilities Maintenance
Heating & Air Conditioning (HVAC)
Hospitality - Hotel/Motel
Pharmacy Technician
Plumbing
Security
Transportation Communication

Woodstock Job Corps Center
Woodstock, Maryland

Bricklaying
Business Technology / Data Entry
Carpentry and Painter
Electrician or Electronic System
Facilities Maintenance
Health Occupations
Landscaping
Retail Sales
Security
Stationary Engineering
Welding

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE JOB CORPS PROGRAM

ORIENTATION/INTRO TO CENTER LIFE: Orientation is designed to introduce students to the Job Corps program and to teach them about the Job Corps center (work and life) 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Living at Job Corps, educates students in adapting and co-habituating with others from diverse environments and backgrounds.

DRUG TEST UPON ARRIVAL: All students will receive a drug test on the day they arrive at the Job Corps center. Drug tests are conducted upon suspicion of use. If you are a readmit and you tested positive anytime during your 1st enrollment and you re-enroll in the program and test positive upon entry, you will be terminated immediately.

SAFETY/ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY: Job Corps is committed to offering all students a safe, drug-free environment. This is why Job Corps has a Zero Tolerance Policy for violence, alcohol and drugs. Violent behavior, such as robbery and physical or sexual assault, and the use or possession of drugs, alcohol or weapons will result in dismissal.

MEDICAL EXAM UPON ARRIVAL: All students are required to have a complete medical exam upon arrival to the Job Corps Center. They will be seen by a medical doctor, a dentist, and have an eye exam. Females are required to have a pelvic exam and Pap smear. Males will have a physical exam. If a student refuses any part of the medical examination, he or she will be terminated from the program.

TABE TESTING UPON ARRIVAL: Job Corps is a self-paced program. All students will be required to participate in academic testing regardless of whether or not they have a High School diploma or GED. Job Corps gives students the opportunity to obtain their High School diploma or GED.

DORMS & RESTROOMS: There are four or more students in each room depending on the Job Corps Center. Students have their own bed, locker, and night stand. Depending on the center, there may not be bathrooms located inside the room, but instead on each floor. Sexual intercourse is strictly prohibited at the Job Corps centers. Dorms are closed from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Washing machines and dryers are located in each dorm for student use free of charge. Students must bring their own laundry detergent and irons.

CLEAN UP DUTIES: Each student is responsible for making up their own bed and picking up behind himself or herself. Once a week, all students clean the assigned area given by the Resident Advisor in the dorms where they live.

TELEPHONE USE: Cell phones can be used after the training day. Failure to abide by the cell phone policy will result in your cell phone being taken away. Cell phone policy varies from center to center. Cell phones will be taken for inventory upon arrival on center.

SMOKING POLICY: Smoking is allowed at most Job Corps centers, but only outdoors in designated smoking areas. Job Corps has a no smoking indoors policy which it takes very seriously. No Black & Mild's, No brown paper cigarettes, no rolled cigarettes. White store brought cigarettes only. No cigars.

RESTRICTIONS: Restrictions occur when a student fails to follow center rules. For example, if a student did not attend class on time, failed to keep a medical appointment, was told to leave the dorms at a set time but did not, failed to complete dorm duties, he or she may receive a restriction. A restriction means that a student is

restricted from receiving a weekend pass. If a student leaves the center while on restriction, he or she will be permanently sent home.

CURFEW: Lights come on at 6:00 a.m. and go off at 10:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday, students may sleep in. Most Job Corps centers are co-ed. Students are prohibited from entering the room of the opposite sex. If a student of the opposite sex enters the room, he or she will be permanently sent home. Sexual intercourse is strictly prohibited at the Job Corps centers. The dorms are closed at 7:30 a.m. and reopen at 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On the weekends, the dorms are open all day.

VOCATIONAL TRADES: Students will not enter classes for the first 60 days. All Job Corps Center offer different trades; therefore, students must be certain about the trade they want to pursue. Students will be asked to select three (3) trades. If the first trade is not available, they will be assigned their second or third trade choice. Students will be able to tour each trade the center offers in order to help in the selection of their trade choices. In order to take the GED test, the student will need to pass academic and GED requirements before they are assigned a GED test date. Job Corps is a self-paced program allowing students to work at their own pace.

HBI TRADES: Students who select "hard trades" or Union trades must be at least 17 ½ and have their driver's license in most cases. The admissions counselor will contact the center to ensure that the student's trade choices have available openings.

WORK BASED LEARNING: After students complete a trade, they will be required to work for an employer outside of the Job Corps program for approximately six weeks free of charge to ensure that the student gains experience and knowledge in their trade. This is called work based learning.

RECREATION: All centers have recreational activity. Activities may vary per center. Some activities offered at the centers include: basketball, softball, weight room, pool tables, outdoor activity, movies, shopping, and more. Each dorm has a TV lounge. There are no horses or stables at the Job Corps centers. Some but not all Job Corps centers have swimming pools.

ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAM: Advanced training program means a student has completed a trade and wants to further his or her knowledge of the trade. Students can apply for the advanced training program at the Job Corps center. Job Corps encourages all student seek advance training for better job placement.

CAREER TRANSITION PREPARATION ASSISTANCE: Each student will be assigned a Career Preparation Specialist upon arrival to a center. This person will assist the students with developing a plan to achieve their educational and training goals while at the Job Corps center. During the first weeks at the center, students will work on resume development, interview skills, computer skills, social development, hands on training, and help with finding a great paying job with an employer.

BIWEEKLY PAY: On the Friday after students arrive at the Job Corps center, they will receive $25.00. Students will be paid at different rates based upon the number of days in a paid status: **All monies are taxable income**!

1 to 182 paid days: $25.00 per pay period 183 + Days: $35.00 per pay period

TRANSITION PAYMENT FOR GRADUATES/FLAT PAYMENT:

GED/HSD Only: $200.00 Trade Only: $500.00 Trade & GED/HSD: $1,000.00

DRESS CODE: All students will be required to wear a uniform. According to the Trade chosen, the uniform will be assigned. Job Corps provides the uniforms for the students. Regular clothes may be worn after school and on weekends (clothes may not be tight or revealing or brand offensive messages).

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED: Students cannot candles/incense, large boom box radio, expensive jewelry, cars, bikes, bandanas, hats or caps, do-rags, razor blades, weapons, tools, more than $50.00 in money orders, offensive clothing that promotes drugs, sex, violence, weapons or alcohol. If a student violates any of these, they will be permanently sent home.

WEEKEND PASSES: For students who are living at the centers a pass is required to leave. Passes for minors require parental consent. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for paying for their child to come home. Students with a pass may leave the center Friday after classes and return by their assigned time the center sets on Sunday. Passes are distributed to students for weekend visits with family or overnight trips from the center. Passes are given for holidays and for emergency situations that may arise. Students' parents or legal guardians are welcome to visit the Job Corps center. If students fail to return on time, they will be marked "Temporarily Unaccounted For." After the first day of being unaccounted for, a student will be marked "AWOL." If a student receives six (6) AWOL days or twelve (12) days in a 6 month period, he or she will go before a Behavior Review Panel.

BODY PIERCING: Job Corps does not allow body, nose, eyebrow, chin, stomach, or private parts piercing. Employers hire based on a personal face-to-face interview and a candidate's appearance and resume' are the first things employers base their judgments on. If a student refuses to remove a piercing, he or she may be permanently sent home.

VISITOR POLICY: All visitors must receive the Center Director's permission before visiting. Centers require 24 hours advance notice before the visit. Families are defined as parents or legal guardians. Minors may visit, but they must be accompanied by a parent. Students' rooms may not be visited without the approval of the Residential Living Supervisor or the Director of Social Development. Friends are restricted from visiting. When the center holds special events that are open to the public, friends may come to visit. If transportation is provided to center, individuals will not be allowed to tour center on those days. Tours must be pre-arranged.

COLLEGE ON CAMPUS/OFF CAMPUS: Students who receive their High School diploma will be assigned a Career Transition Specialist to assist them in applying for college. If a student already has a diploma or GED, he or she can apply for college. Although college is not for all students, Job Corps encourages students to reach their goals and attain the most education as possible.

READMISSION: Job Corps students come from all across the country. Job Corps centers provide students with the opportunity to learn about different cultures and make friends with people who they may not otherwise meet. Job Corps is a voluntary program and students cannot be kept against their will. If a student decides to drop out, readmission is based on their length of stay at the center. If a student leaves a center, he or she may not be readmitted to the same center. Job Corps is not obligated to accept students back into the program.

DRIVER'S LICENSE: Students must bring original documents to the Job Corps center in order to obtain their driver's license. A student 16 or older can apply for a driver's license while in the Job Corps program. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requires the following documents for a driver's license application: original Birth Certificate, Social Security card, DMV issued ID, Valid passport, Permanent Resident Card or Certificate of Citizenship. If a student has a learner's permit, bring that document along with your original Birth Certificate and Social Security Card.

MONEY ORDERS: While at the Job Corps center, students' families can send a postal money order for no more than $50.00. If money orders sent are more than $50.00 a month, they will be returned to the sender. Do not send cash in the mail. Any mail received at the center for a student will be opened by the center staff in front of the student. Job Corps opens all mail and keeps a record of what is sent to the students. If any prohibited items

are mailed to a student at the center, he or she may be permanently sent home due to the content of the package.

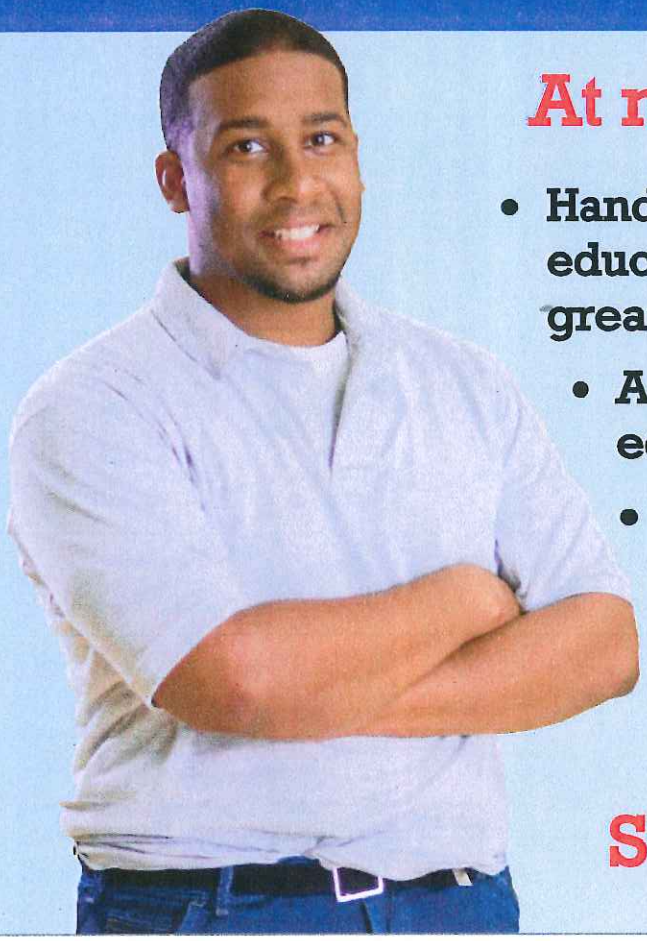
TRANSPORTATION: If and when a student is accepted into the Job Corps Program, a ticket will be in the admissions office where the student signed up for Job Corps. The student will be contacted and the ticket will be mailed to him or her. Arrival, departure, summer break, and winter break are the only tickets that will be paid for by Job Corps. Students will be given their departure date by the center or their admission's counselor.

TRANSFERS: If I do not like the center upon arrival you **cannot** transfer to another center. If you decide to leave the center due to this reason, you will be terminated and will have to wait 1 year to reapply.

Outreach & Admissions Offices in Virginia:	Job Corps Centers in Virginia:
Richmond Outreach & Admissions Office 3404 Hermitage Road Richmond, VA 23227 (804) 683-6064	**Old Dominion Job Corps Center** 1073 Father Judge Road Monroe, VA 24574 (434) 929-4081
Norfolk Outreach & Admissions Office 5900 E. Virginia Beach Boulevard, Suite 214 Norfolk, VA 23502 (757) 466-3202	**Blue Ridge Job Corps Center** 245 West Main Street Marion, VA 24354 (276) 783-0935
Alexandria Outreach & Admissions Office 4900 Leesburg Pike, Suite 307 Alexandria, VA 22302 (757) 671-5300	**Flatwoods Job Corps Center** 2803 Dungannon Road Coeburn, VA 24230 (276) 395-3384
Fredericksburg Outreach & Admissions Office 10304 Spotsylvania Avenue, Suite 100 Fredericksburg, VA 22407 (540) 322-5781	
Lynchburg Outreach & Admissions Office 1073 Father Judge Road Monroe, VA 24574 (434) 929-8466	
Marion Outreach & Admissions Office 245 West Main Street Marion, VA 24354 (276) 7836-0935	

Job Corps

Free Career Technical Training



At no cost, we'll provide:

- **Hands-on technical training and education to prepare you for many great careers.**
- **An opportunity to continue your education at the college level.**
- **Housing, meals, and basic medical care, and a living allowance.**
- **Job placement assistance to help you after you graduate.**

Success Lasts a Lifetime!

Job Corps is a career-training program for16 through 24 year olds that offers you a chance to continue your education, train with experienced instructors, gain hands on experience and start a real career. All at no cost to you.

Plan to attend the information session:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, at 10:00 AM

Petersburg Public Library
201 W. Washington Street
Petersburg, VA 23803

Call: (804) 340-5540

Job Corps is a U.S. Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Employer Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TDD/ TTY telephone number is (877) 889-5627.

What is Job Corps?

Job Corps is the nation's largest career technical training and education program for low-income young people ages 16 through 24. Established in 1964, Job Corps serves approximately 60,000 young people each year and takes pride in its diverse student population, welcoming all who qualify.

WHERE IS JOB CORPS?

There are 125 Job Corps centers located in 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. To support all of the centers, Job Corps manages outreach, admissions, and career transition operations at hundreds of locations nationwide.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

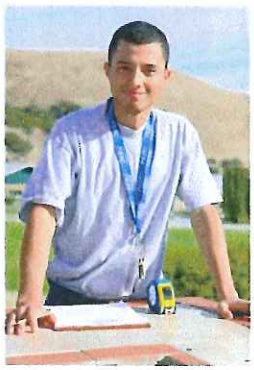
The Career Development Services System (CDSS) is Job Corps' way of providing seamless services to students, including recruitment, education, career training, job assistance, and transitional support services after graduation.

Upon joining Job Corps, each student works with staff to develop an individualized Personal Career Development Plan (PCDP) to stay on track for success.

Students can receive hands-on training in career areas such as Construction, Finance and Business, Health Care, and Information Technology. Additionally, Job Corps is committed to the development of green job training and preparing students for careers in fields that will lead to a cleaner, more energy-efficient future.

Job Corps students participate in on-the-job training at real work sites through work-based learning opportunities. In the academic classroom, students have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma or the equivalent, and learn employability and independent-living skills.

While enrolled in the program, students receive housing, meals, basic medical care, and biweekly living allowances.



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WHERE IS JOB CORPS?

There are 125 Job Corps centers located in 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. To support all of the centers, Job Corps also manages outreach, admissions, and career transition operations at hundreds of locations nationwide.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The Career Development Services System (CDSS) is Job Corps' approach for providing seamless services to students, including recruitment, education, career training, job assistance, and transitional support services after graduation. Upon joining Job Corps, each student works with staff to develop an individualized Personal Career Development Plan (PCDP) to stay on track for success.

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GREEN TRAINING

Job Corps is committed to the development of green job training and preparing students for careers in fields that will lead to a cleaner, more energy-efficient future. All students who enter the Advanced Manufacturing, Automotive and Machine Repair, Construction, or Renewable Resources and Energy career technical training areas will develop specific knowledge and skills in the latest technology and industry-based practices.

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The Special Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at City Hall in the Mayor's Conference Room. Mayor Myers called the special meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Member John A. Hart, Sr.
Council Member Darrin Hill
Council Member Brian A. Moore
Council Member Treska Wilson-Smith
Vice Mayor Samuel Parham
Mayor W. Howard Myers

Absent: Council Member David R. Coleman

Present from City Administration:

City Manager William E. Johnson, III
City Attorney Brian Telfair
Clerk of Council Nykesha Jackson, CMC

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to extend the lease period for Virginia State University to lease the Harding Street Recreation for Virginia.

BACKGROUND: Virginia State University leases 453 Harding Street known as the Harding Street Recreation Center. It is currently being used to develop an indoor urban food production facility for the purpose of research. The University was awarded a 3 year federal grant by the United States Department of Agriculture to "build a sustainable food production system and distribution hub to address the existing food deserts in the City. The current lease term ends on December 31, 2015. The University would like to extend its new lease for a lease period of 10 years (January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2026.)

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council authorize the City Manager to amend the lease for the Harding Street Recreation Center at 453 Harding Street by extending the lease period to 10 years.

Council Member Hill made a motion to authorize the City Manager to extend the lease period for Virginia State University to lease the Harding Street Recreation for Virginia. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Parham. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers; Absent: Coleman

15-ORD-74 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE LEASE FOR THE HARDING STREET RECREATION CENTER AT 453 HARDING STREET BY EXTENDING THE LEASE PERIOD TO 10 YEARS.

3. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

Clerk of Council Nykesha Jackson, stated that it was City Council's desire to enter into a closed session under Section 2.2-3711.A (1) of the Code of Virginia, and specifically under the Subsection 1 to discuss certain matters relating to the performance and evaluation of specific employees, officers or appointees; and under Subsection 3 to discuss or consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City.

Vice Mayor Parham moved that the City Council go into closed session for the purposes noted by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hart. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Hart, Hill, Parham and Myers; Absent: Coleman; Abstain: Moore, Wilson-Smith

City Council entered closed session at 6:04 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Council Member Hart made a motion to return City Council into open session and certify the purposes of the closed session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Hart, Hill, Parham and Myers; Absent: Coleman; Abstain: Moore, Wilson-Smith

15-R-71 **A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING, AS REQUIRED BY THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, SECTION 2.2-3712, THAT TO THE BEST OF EACH MEMBER'S KNOWLEDGE, ONLY PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS LAWFULLY EXEMPTED FROM OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF VIRGINIA LAW WERE DISCUSSED IN THE CLOSED SESSION, AND ONLY SUCH PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS AS WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE MOTION CONVENING THE CLOSED SESSION WERE HEARD, DISCUSSED, OR CONSIDERED.**

4. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

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Mayor

The regular meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at the Union Train Station. Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

1. **REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETING – 6:30 P.M.**

2. **ROLL CALL:**
Present:

Council Member David R. Coleman
Council Member John Hart, Sr.
Council Member Darrin Hill
Council Member Brian A. Moore
Council Member Treska Wilson-Smith
Vice Mayor Samuel Parham
Mayor W. Howard Myers

Absent: None

Present from City Administration:

City Manager William E. Johnson, III
City Attorney Brian K. Telfair
Clerk of Council Nykesha D. Jackson, CMC

3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

a. Clerk of Council, Nykesha D. Jackson, led council and the audience in a moment of silence.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

a. Clerk of Council, Nykesha D. Jackson, led council and the audience in a moment of silence.

5. **PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: (Each presentation will be limited to 10 minutes.)**

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. Minutes December 8, 2015.

b. Schedule a public hearing on the proposed disposition of publicly-owned property addressed as 503 West Washington Street on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Council Member Hart made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda to schedule public hearing "6b" on January 19, 2016. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Parham. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

7. **OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS: (In accordance with the Rules of Council, public comment will be heard before discussion by Council. Once discussion has started, no further input from the public will be accepted. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes.)**

a. Hold a public hearing for the expansion of the City's tax abatement program to include vacant lots in areas designated as rehabilitation areas.

BACKGROUND: The Code of the State of Virginia allows a locality to expand the tax abatement program to include vacant lots in designated rehabilitation areas of the City of Petersburg. The proposed expansion gives the City of Petersburg an opportunity to attract developers to the City who can build infill housing and commercial uses to support the neighborhood.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Council approve the expansion of the City's Tax abatement program.

Michelle Peters, Director of Planning and Community Development, gave a brief overview of the expansion of the City's tax abatement program to include vacant lots in areas designated as rehabilitation areas.

Ms. Jackson opened the floor for public comment.

Willie Noise, 1508 Circle Drive, stated Happy New Year's to everyone. He stated that these lots that houses have been torn down on and they start growing up and that he wanted to adopt one of the lots. He stated that the location is probably where undesirables hangout. He stated that this is an ideal place to put a picnic table and a trash receptacle so that these same people can come back and enjoy that lot until something is done with it. He stated that he ask that with this plan they throw in picnic table and trash receptacle until something has been done with it.

Vernel Gannaway, 652 Old Wagner Road, stated that he remembers this being the same ward the Dollar General. He stated that he hears the program and that it seems like it is taking out the kids. He stated that they have to remember that this is a big place. He stated that the City has a lot of empty buildings. He stated that the administrative stated that they people are not asking for homes that they are asking for duplexes. He stated that they do not want this to come up that they are building duplexes. He stated that after while the City will end up having projects like he stated on time before. He stated that not to take away from projects but they have their place. He stated that they have not grocery store but they have the Family Dollar. He stated that the Family Dollar will need security. He stated that when he looked in that area he asked himself what homes are in that area. He stated that they are still tearing down homes in that area. He stated that the City is utilizing this program hoping that people will purchase or build single homes. He stated that on the particular lot that was for that gentleman to help the stores a piece of land was voted down by City Council. He stated that is lot was to help the children go forward. He stated that they have to have the entire City to go forward not just one area.

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, stated that in listening to the explanation that Mrs. Peters stated it definitely sounds like a good idea. He stated that they are trying to get the vacant properties to start turning in some money therefore, generating the tax basis. He stated that he is all for this. He stated that one of the problems that he is seeing is in the 5th Ward they have one of the highest concentration of deadbeat landlords in that area. He stated that what is concerning him is that those deadbeat landlords will come in to build a single-family home or something of that nature and it ends of becoming like some of the homes on Halifax Street, Mistletoe Street, and Harding Street that end of becoming rooming houses. He stated that this concerns him because if you go on the registry now that is sent out by the police department that area alone has a high concentration of sex predators. He asked how things are going to be monitored to make sure they do not have someone come put a door on it to keep them off it. He stated that they see stuff not going on and they come to their City Council representative and never hear anything. He stated that he does not hear anything from the Mayor.

Mrs. Peters stated that this is a residential development. She stated that you are talking a one-family, two-family, three-family and a quad. She stated that commercial is not a part of this expansion. She stated that this is residential development homeownership. She stated that this is not rental property. She stated that there are provisions in this ordinance that will guide how a developer who comes in Ward 1, 4 or 5 would acquire the property and construct a single-family development up to a quad. She stated that this has to be a permitted use. She stated that the zoning ordinance governs the design that will be required. She stated that this ordinance does not override the zoning ordinance. She stated that because someone has the ability to

take advantage of this program they cannot use it for a rooming house. She stated that when they do a building permit they will know that it is for a single-family up to a quad. She stated that when you are looking at a building permit you can determine the size and tell whether it is a rooming house or not. She stated that they look at it based on locks. She stated that if you have a key lock or a padlock on the door it constitutes a rooming house before a building permit is permitted. She stated that the City of Petersburg for a number of years had a project where they did demolition on properties. She stated that she always said that a plan is needed to rebuild buildings. She stated that if they are going to continue to demolish they have to have a plan to put back or restore those communities. She stated that this will be a tool that they can use to begin that restoration process.

Richie McKeithen, City Assessor, stated that they built in this particular ordinance to address certain issues and one of them being absentee landlords. He stated that if in fact you do not have an individual for a quad or a triplex in that particular property that has an executed lease agreement to purchase the property in a certain amount of time then you get put out the program. He stated that you have a certain amount of time of three years to get this. He stated that if in fact you get into the program and you do not meet the requirements in the audit process then you will be excused or put out the program. He stated that he audits the program as well. He stated that this is something that they are trying to do to put vacant lots in use and be taxable property. He stated that he thinks that they built somethings in the program that will address some of the concerns in regard to absentee landlords. He stated that the actually property has to be owner occupied. He stated that if they don't occupy one of the units then they have to have a tenant who has an agreement in their lease to purchase the property after a certain amount of time. He stated that if they do not do this then they are put out of the program.

Mr. Gannaway stated that his only other concern is how the program would be monitored.

Mr. McKeithen stated that he has an audit process in which he would have the individual property owner fill out documentation and an affidavit. He stated that there is a lot of information that they have to fill out proofing certain things. He stated that this is how they monitor everything.

Seeing no further hands, Ms. Jackson closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Council Member Coleman made a motion to approve the City's Tax Abatement Program and Ward 1, 4 and 5 would be used as a pilot. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hart. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Wilson-Smith, Moore, Parham and Myers

16-ORD-1 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 106, TAXATION, TO ADD SECTIONS 106-139, PURPOSE, 106-140, EVALUATION OF EXEMPTION PROGRAM; 106-141, RULES AND REGULATIONS; 106-142, ELIGIBILITY; 106-143, APPLICATION; 106-144, AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION; 106-145, PENALTY, 106-146 LAND BOOK; AND 106-147, DEMOLITION; TO DIVISION IV OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 106; OF THE 2000 CODE OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, AS AMENDED.**

b. Hold a public hearing to purchase 512 University Boulevard and an easement to the rear of 525 University Boulevard.

BACKGROUND: The City is proposing gateway improvements along this corridor and needs to have control of the property currently owned by CSX. The proposed gateway improvements will change the aesthetics of this important thoroughfare as it welcomes visitors to our great City. A passive park is a feature of the improvements and will be very inviting and interactive for all who visit.

RECOMMENDATION: Permit the purchase of 525 University Boulevard.

Michelle Peters, Director of Planning and Community Development, gave a brief overview on the purchase of 512 University Boulevard and an easement to the rear of 525 University Boulevard.

Ms. Jackson opened the floor for public comment.

Larry Smith, 1151 Normandale Avenue, stated that this was flashed around a little too fast. He stated that he needs to know where these properties are. He stated that it was not clear. He stated that he sees 512 and 525 University Boulevard. He asked would these properties be on the same side of the street.

Mrs. Peters stated that it is near the railroad and then near the trestle.

Mr. Smith asked whether this was across the street with one on one side of street and the other portion on the other side. He asked what the easement would be.

Mrs. Peters stated that the easement would be behind the trestle and that the easement is already there.

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, asked for clarity on purchase.

Mrs. Peters showed Mr. Christian with the laser on the map on the projector.

Mr. Christian asked that the City does not own this now.

Mrs. Peters stated no. She stated that CSX owns it currently.

Mr. Christian asked isn't this area where people are parking now to go fishing. He stated that he applauds Mrs. Peters and her staff for this work. He stated that he has to ask this question. He stated that when they are talking about University's, he stated most University Boulevards have something that relates to the university. He stated that he is wondering why the City is buying this and what is going to be done with it. He stated that they have seen a sharp decline in the students patronizing Petersburg. He stated that he is not sure what visitor is coming thru the gateway in that area other than people that are going in the old towne area. He stated that there is nothing that says Virginia State University on University Boulevard. He stated that most of the students are being shuttled to Southpark Mall. He stated that in that area they can say University Boulevard more than the City of Petersburg can. He stated that there are very few businesses that cater to Virginia State University students. He stated that whatever they build there to have it have something that connects to the school. He asked what was the reason of naming the street University Boulevard.

Michael Edwards, 409 Grove Avenue, stated that last year the City went into an agreement with the Petersburg Foundation to take over the park in Squaw Alley. He asked whether this was where the turnaround would be. He stated that when they access the parking lot from University Boulevard and it goes down to the bridge.

Mrs. Peters stated that if she is not mistaken, Squaw Alley is outside this area. She stated that she can check on this information to make sure that it is accurate.

Mr. Edwards stated that the way the picture is shown it is going all the way back to the substation. He stated that there is a boat launch in that area. He stated that in the area where they are hanging out fishing it does not seem like there is enough room right there.

Mrs. Peters stated that the picture that everyone sees is illustration only. She stated that they can scale it and get actual property lines. She stated that this is not the case here though. She stated that all of the property that is developed is currently on City owned property other than what they are trying to acquire from CSX. She stated that nothing is changing and that it will still have the parking and have where people can go and fish. She stated that it is just going to be improved. She stated that it will have a curb appeal that it currently does. She stated that nothing is being taken away from what is currently there.

Mr. Edward asked Mr. Johnson was it 2014 when the City took the property from the Petersburg Foundation.

Mr. Johnson stated that the pavilion will always be as a passive piece of property due to the environmental condition. He stated that it will never be heavy activity use.

Mr. Edwards asked that the properties that the City is getting are where the arcs are sitting.

Mrs. Peters stated yes.

Mr. Edwards asked about the old fish market that is sitting in the corner.

Mrs. Peters stated that it is outside the scope of the property.

Seeing no further hands, Ms. Jackson closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Parham made a motion to approve the purchase of 525 University Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

16-ORD-2 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 525 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD.

8. **PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD:** The Public Information Period is established by the Rules of Council to hear input from City residents or owners of businesses in the City. It will last for a maximum of 30 minutes. Speakers will be called in the order that they have signed up to speak. If there are ten or fewer speakers, each shall speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. If there are more than six (6) people desiring to speak, the time allotted to each person may be adjusted or the number of speakers limited to meet the time limitation. A speaker may speak on items **except those that are listed on tonight's Council agenda.** Any matter brought before the attention of the City Council during the public information period will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting.

Larry Smith, 1151 Normandale Avenue, stated that something so simple as what they just saw can be complicated when the information is not clear. He stated that he would like to ask can City Council clarify to them what the news article was talking about when it highlighted the thousands of dollars that is being spent to go to the municipal league conferences. He stated that last year he asked about what they got. He asked for the bank for their buck when they sent the City Manager and a Council Member to London. He asked what they got in return. He stated that he was subsequently sent a pack of information from the City Attorney's office and charged a fee for this. He stated that after further discussion and clarity the fee was dropped and they reached an agreement. He stated that from the news article they sent five times as many people to this latest conference as did Colonial Heights by spending a lot more tax dollars. He stated that this would make it imperative that they tell the City what happens at these things and what they get out of it. He asked do they attend and go to a class and what did they learn from the class. He asked how the $12,000 or $13,000 from them sending them somewhere benefits the City. He stated that this is all that he was asking last year. He stated that he did not get an answer and that what he got was a charge. He stated that he wants an answer. He asked that when they go to a municipal league conference what is it that they do. He asked did anyone go and not attend one single class. He asked did they just have a $50 hamburger or did they do something to help benefit the City. He stated that he would like to have a report. He stated that he does not think anyone knows. He stated to have the citizens talk positive about what they are doing. He stated that they cannot do this if they do not know what the City is doing. He stated that he asks what classes they attended and what they got from this. He asked what they brought back.

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, stated that he would like some clarity as well. He stated that he did not know that someone would ask the same questions. He stated that he read the article about the amount of money that was spent at the conference. He stated that it bothered him. He stated that what they went

through with the sheriff it was in the paper about the sheriff attending conferences and spending money and not bringing back a report. He stated that City Council is guilty of the same thing. He asked how this is benefiting the citizens when they are spending money. He asked what the citizens are getting out of this. He asked who put together the "I AM PETERSBURG." He stated that this bothers him. He stated that all that is shown is everyone that does not live in his hood. He stated that there are those of the poor people that are of Petersburg. He stated that they fight for Petersburg and argue as well. He stated that they do not necessarily criticize the City but criticize leadership. He stated that they need to do better than what they are doing. He stated that they do not have ward meetings when they say that they are. He stated that when they try and call City Council Members they do not return phone calls. He asked that with the skating rink gone what kind of negotiating is being entered into with the fire department and others. He stated that he has done his own little investigation and some of the reports and findings that the investigator stated that he found is wrong. He stated that if they want the citizens to be together then City Council needs to do the same thing. He stated that it does not look good when Council Member Wilson-Smith has talked the water bill and sending a letter that it looks like it went on left field. He stated that when Mr. Johnson puts it out there in the paper then everyone wants to stand up like the City Manager is doing something. He stated that Council Member Wilson-Smith took it upon herself to organize the health fair at the bus station. He stated that they go out to the sports complex like it's something new. He stated that this is the same thing with the Juneteenth celebration. He stated when she has spoken or Council Member Hart or others have spoken they are turned off. He stated that this is a bad thing. He stated that this looks like the house representative. He stated that republicans on one side and democrats on the other. He stated that they want the City to be united as one then they need to see if from the leadership.

Delores Smith, 410 Mistletoe Street, asked that when they as citizens bring a concern to City Council why no one gets back with them. She stated that it needs to be some kind of way or in the papers that are on the back table. She stated that they can let them know that they are working with the people and the citizens. She stated that maybe she is wrong and maybe they do get back with the citizens and she does not know it. She stated that this is very important and that this is why the citizens are here. She stated that she hears all the time when people come out to the City Council meetings that City Council is not going to do anything. She stated that she would like to know if City Council has been investigating this thing with the skating rink. She stated that this was a question. She stated that the skating rink is a good activity for the young people in the City of Petersburg. She stated that she thinks that the owner was wrongly accused and that things happen. She stated that she does not think that she should be accused. She stated that it should have been more investigation on what happened with the skating rink owner. She stated that she believes that if this was a white person then it would have been much more said and done about it. She stated that she wishes that City Council would get on this and find out what it going on with the skating rink. She stated that the owner has spent most of fall her money opening up this business and that it is a good business. She stated that it is bad that the City has some bad eggs. She stated that they need to fix the problem. She stated that they do not need to go to the person to own the business. She stated that there are some things that they found out that needs to be investigated. She stated that she is wondering whether City Council will find out what is going on with this. She stated that she wishes everyone a prosperous New Year coming in.

Michael Edwards, 409 Grove Avenue, stated that he stands before them in a new year. He stated a New Year in positive Petersburg. He stated that they may say why positive with all the negative statements that they hear. He stated that they begin this journey in 2016. He stated that they should not forget the good things in 2015. He stated that they opened a new on site medical center at the Freedom Support Center. He stated that the City progressed on the "I AM PETERSBURG" campaign. He stated that whether people know it or not google does wonders. He stated that the "I AM PETERSBURG" has reached all the way to the west. He stated that they announced plans for Petersburg first brewery. He stated that they completed the clubhouse at Dogwood Trace Golf Course. He stated that also just right before Christmas they were blessed with the multimillion dollar announcement of a hotel at Exit 52. He stated that this was a long awaited development. He stated that it was stated in the press conference that well over a hundred thousand cars travel I-95 a day to come through the City. He stated that this number increases as the holiday approach. He stated that not everything is negative in the City of Petersburg. He stated that he grew up in the City and has lived on the same street for 29 years. He stated that he is now 30 and that he moved away for one year. He stated that his grandfather was a deputy sheriff for many years and that his grandmother was the school crossing guard for

Peabody Middle School. He stated that they may say why come and speak positive on Petersburg when he has done his fair share of negativity. He stated that he will be the first to admit that they have had a lot of negative things go on. He stated that everyone can agree that the positive things that have happened will outweigh the negative. He stated that out of the press conference he posted on his facebook page the development for Exit 52. He stated that he was in shock of all the negative comments that he received from this post. He stated that people said that this will be like the rest of the negative hotels on Wythe Street. He stated that this is highly unlikely. He stated that they have to continue to put their priorities forward and that Exit 52 is a main priority. He asked himself do he agree on the upcoming announcements of a New City Hall. He stated that if the City can pay for it then let's do it. He stated that most of them have heard him circulate that he is running for City Council. He stated that tonight he is making that formal announcement. He stated that as of yesterday he has filed his paper and that he has been certified to be a candidate for Ward 4 City Council. He stated that if anyone has any questions his number is 804-720-0314. He stated that he will be happy to tell them anything about his plans, platform or anything about his past. He stated that he hides nothing and that he looks forward to working with everyone in 2016.

Brandon Martin, 1546 Berkeley Avenue, stated that he would like to speak on potholes. He stated that he would like to congratulate Public Works on taking care of problems. He stated that sometimes this is in 24 hours or less. He stated that this is amazing and that he would like to thank them. He stated that he is going to speak in reference to what he calls the little green box. He stated that this little green box was in the vault in the Clerk of Council office from 1860 until around 2005 or 2006. He stated that it is his understanding that it resides in the vault in the Finance Department. He stated that amongst the papers in this box there is advertising for lots for sale in the Blandford Cemetery from 1830s. He stated that there is a receipt for repairs to the clock in Hustings Courthouse. He stated that there is a special investigative report of 1855 dealing with the financial information of the railroad. He stated that this is just the beginning of what is in that box. He stated he has not seen it in about ten years. He stated that it probably belongs back in the vault in the Clerk of Council office. He stated that he would suggest that it belongs to the Virginia State Law Library. He stated that he would suggest that this body hold a separate town hall meeting and take input from citizens on anything without regard to a 3 minutes limit and do it on a Saturday and one week night. He stated that they need to also see video of this meeting and the Architectural Review Board meeting and the Board of Zoning Appeals meetings as well. He stated Happy New Year to everyone.

Vernel Gannaway, 652 Old Wagner Road, stated that he would like to say dido on what Mr. Martin stated. He stated that it is time for the City to televise the City Council Meetings so people can see this action. He stated that in a democratic society you have a choice of voting for who you want. He stated that it may not be pleasing to the decisions that you make. He stated to not let it get to the point that your character is out of place. He stated that this offended him when a situation happened to his daughter. He stated that the person won and he congratulated them. He stated that he is pleased in know that they all go to a conference. He stated that he would like to know one question. He asked Council Member Coleman what he ate that no one else at. He stated that whatever he ate it was not expensive. He stated that he loves Petersburg but that he does not like the things that are happening. He stated that the Christmas event at the high school was a beautiful event. He stated to Council Member Hill that the situation regarding the drainage at his home is not finish. He stated that he had a drainage problem and that they found out that it was another problem. He stated that they sent a letter and it was not addressed and that they sent a letter stating it was his fault. He stated that this is not his property and that it belongs to the City. He stated that the next problem is the light on Rives Road and Crater Road. He stated that everyone is still doing a U-turn. He stated that the only difference is that now they put the green light on but for only two seconds. He stated that then there is a backup at the light. He stated that one day he saw a lady stand there for about 45 minutes watching the light. He stated that he does not see where she did anything. He stated that they need to fix this. He stated that he thought the police officer was going to give him a ticket for a making a U-turn but he saw that the officer had to make a U-turn as well. He stated that he still would like them to check into this.

Willie Noise, 1508 Circle Drive, 1508 Circle Drive, stated that it seems like the only thing that works real good in the City of Petersburg is the clock and timer that Ms. Jackson operates. He read a letter out loud to the audience and City Council Members. He stated that he is returning home from the military to another drop off spot. He stated that he does what he always does to survive. He stated that he finds out where he is and

that he is not happy. He stated that he does not care about other places to much but that home is Petersburg and that he lives here. He stated that to City Council that they are followers. He stated that Petersburg is a leader. He stated for them to look at some of the fallen brothers and sisters. He stated that for the time that he has been coming down here he has been accomplishing a couple of things. He stated that arithmetic and the common denominator, you factor things out. He stated that until City Council starts doing this they will always be behind. He stated that they should never disrespect seniority. He stated that last year Mr. Petersburg went to the VA for over extortion. He stated that Mr. Petersburg is back. He stated that you know that he never went to recess because everyone knows that he does not play. He stated that he wants the Mayor of the Year. He stated that this is coming from the Mayor. He stated that he has two bad habits and that the other one is you.

9. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FOR/FROM THE MAYOR OR OTHER MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Wilson-Smith thanked everyone for being in attendance tonight. She stated that she would like to start out by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and that she is glad to start the year out by serving them.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion that they as council review all of the City's appointee's contracts prior to the next City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman.

Council Member Moore asked Council Member Wilson-Smith why in regards to her motion.

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated that according to the current contracts they were to look at them prior to the December 15 date. She stated that it has been a year and that it is customary to review the contracts of the people that you supervise.

Mr. Telfair stated that with the understanding he is one of the appointees, the discussions related to the appointee's contracts are best in closed session and not subject to open discussion among the public. He stated that the reason is that the appointees have a certain right to privacy that must be protected. He stated that as to Council Member Wilson-Smith concern in reviewing the contracts it is his understanding that they have been reviewing them. He stated that this is neither here or there for him to say.

Council Member Moore stated that they had a meeting last month and that he thought that this would have been one of the questions that would have come up and that he thought that there were somethings that were discussed in that closed session.

Council Member Wilson-Smith that it appears to them that what they did last month was an evaluation of the employees which is quite different. She stated that she did not ask that they discuss any contracts in open session. She stated that she just asked that they review the City appointee's contracts prior to the next Council meeting. She stated that she does not want to discuss them or bring them out tonight. She stated that she is asking that they as a council can look and discuss them.

The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion to reinstate according to the charter Section 4.9 the Commission on Community Relations and Affairs.

Mr. Telfair stated that this type of motion requires a public hearing and that it has to be an agenda item. He stated that it the next meeting would be setting the public hearing and the meeting after it would be the actual public hearing.

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated that the next item is in reference to the school board liaison committee. She stated that if they are not going to have the quarterly or twice a year meeting with the school board and the school board liaison committee is still in effect, can they have a report from the school board

liaison committee at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Myers stated that there is a liaison meeting already schedule for this month.

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated that it is that time of the year when they honor five women who reside in the City of Petersburg. She stated that it is called Ordinary Women doing Extraordinary Things. She stated that they would like the citizens to nominate a desiring woman who lives in the City who volunteers to make this City better.

Council Member Hart stated to everyone Happy New Years. He stated that he only has a couple of items. He stated that he will be having a Ward 7 Meeting and that it will be the last Thursday of January. He stated that he does not have the date with him but that it will be at Stuart Elementary School. He stated that he will get the information out. He stated that he would like to wish everyone who works for the City of Petersburg a great 2016.

Council Member Coleman wished everyone a Happy and Safe New Year. He stated that when he attends these conferences he gains a lot of knowledge. He stated that with this knowledge it allows him to better serve his ward. He stated that they attend various seminars and that there are various subjects that they get involved in. He stated that hopefully his colleagues gain the same knowledge so that they can better serve their wards as well.

Council Member Hill stated that on March 21st he will be having a "Getting Acquainted" Meeting. He stated that this meeting will be at Traditions at 6:30pm-9:00pm. He stated that they will have food, fun and activities. He stated that he may have a raffle as well or play some games. He stated that it is primarily for Ward 2 but all are welcome to come. He stated that he would like to thank the City employees for their hard work over the past year. He stated that they are turning the corner. He stated that he is asking all the citizens to continue to bear with the City. He stated that he is one of the new kids on the block and that he is still learning. He stated that he is a citizen of Petersburg and that he takes all of this serious. He stated that he takes all of the comments that he said very seriously. He stated that he would like to thank the Economic Developer and the City Manager on the excitement with the hotel. He stated that this is a major step. He stated that everyone wants to come to Petersburg. He stated that no one wants to be the first. He stated that this company is the first. He stated that the City Council needs for everyone to talk positive about of Petersburg. He stated that he knows that the City does have its challenges like other areas do. He stated that they the City have a group of people that are united. He stated that they all have seven different opinions and that they all have seven different backgrounds. He stated that it is not the Republicans and the Democrats its Petersburg. He stated that they talk and they get along and that any conferences that they have attended help them to better serve the citizens. He stated that he has gone to one conference and one Retreat and that he has gained knowledge. He stated that there is no such thing as a $50 hamburger that they ever ate. He stated that these things like this are out in the air. He stated that he has a business here and that his family is here. He stated that when you throw things out there and that they hear a lot of things coming from their family. He stated that a lot of things are being said from certain people in attendance. He stated that it gets back to them and that they do have feelings. He stated that he is not politician that is going to sit back and let people talk about him. He stated that he is not there yet and that he is not going to just sit there is take it. He stated that he is not that dude. He stated that anyone who wants to get in contact with him and that they know his number. He stated that this is who he is and that he goes to church here as well. He stated that his family is here and that he was raised here. He stated that he is Petersburg before the slogan came out.

Council Member Moore stated that he wanted to congratulate City staff and Mr. Johnson and everyone that worked hard on the hotel project. He stated that it has been stated that whoever builds the first hotel wins. He stated that as they look forward these are the blocks. He stated that you have to win block by block. He stated that at the next City Council meeting they need to have a discussion in regards to parking downtown. He stated that he knows that there are some comments that were in the newspaper about this. He stated that it was discussed about City parking that was used to do projects. He stated that this was done in the downtown area and that they have helped out Mr. Isaac Ward in the past. He stated that they look forward to working with Ms. Peters in doing some great worked. He thanked Ms. Peters for all she does. He stated to Mr.

Johnson to look in the Graham Road and the gravel on the road. He stated that curb is broken and that the sidewalk and stone is now in the road.

Vice Mayor Parham stated Happy New Year's. He stated that everyone closed out 2015 on a great note and is now starting 2016 and will make it a fabulous year. He stated that on December 8, 2015, City Council approved a motion to direct the City Manager as a condition of employment to the City of Petersburg to require newly hired employees with an annual salary of $80,000 and or above to live and or acquire residency within the City of Petersburg within six months of employment. He stated that this motion applied to essential and nonessential new hires. He stated that in order to get this motion in compliance with Virginia law he would like to make another motion. He stated that he wish to rescind this motion with the following motion.

Vice Mayor Parham made a motion that the City adopts a policy which requires all new essential and nonessential employees with an annual salary exceeding $80,000 and who are deputies, executive assistants to the City Manager, agency heads or department heads or the equivalence be required to live or acquire permanent residency within six months from the start of their employment. The motion was seconded by Mayor Myers. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers; Voting No: Moore

Mayor Myers stated that he would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a prosperous new year. He stated that he mimics what his colleagues have stated. He stated that this is a very positive City. He stated that he is humble and very proud to be the Mayor of the City of Petersburg. He stated that even though some people do not seem to think so that the City is moving very forward. He stated that the City has a wonderful administration and staff that carries out the mission of the council. He stated that he is very proud to say that he is Petersburg.

10. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

Mr. Johnson stated that this report is the answers to the questions at the last City Council meeting. He stated that the responses are put in the Council Communicates the Friday after each City Council meeting. He stated that they are responding to the questions that come from citizens at each council meeting.

a. City Manager's report

1. Please address the issues about the closing of the Skate Factory and it being referred to as a "hang out."
   Answer: The City of Petersburg met with the owner July 2015 to discuss the Skate Factory. The City is working with the owner and giving her time to address the issues. The owner has been asked to address the following items:

   a. Zoning;
   b. Fire violations;
   c. Police and public safety issues;
   d. and obtaining special use permit from City Council if there are any events at the location other than skating.

   The City of Petersburg is eager to assist businesses to ensure that they are in compliance with local ordinances and will continue to offer safe establishments for residents and visitors.

2. Please give an update on the paving of the driveway by McDonald's and AutoZone.
   Answer: A violation letter will be issued to the owner of this property. We will also send letters to the other businesses in this area asking them to address any aesthetic issues that may be present prior to the City sending official violation notices, such as parking lot, signage, dumpsters, etc.

3. Please provide an update on the cars that were taken from the Sheriff.
   Answer: Some of the vehicles were retained by the Sheriff for staff use, nine were assigned to the

Police Department and the remaining are in fleet possession that are used by City staff.

Mr. Johnson stated that he thinks that it is very important to start this year off on the right foot. He stated that local government is where the rubber meets the road. He stated that local government is where the citizens have an opportunity to reach out and touch not only the Mayor and City Council but City staff. He stated that a lot has been said about the development at Exit 52. He stated that he is present tonight to say that this is only a small piece to this puzzle. He stated that yes Mr. Harrison and his team was the one that is first. He stated that the City needs a second and a third and fourth and a fifth. He stated that the beauty of this process is that the citizens have an opportunity to come in voice their opinions during public comment period and during public hearings. He stated that this City has 33,010 citizens. He stated that everyone is not always going to agree on every solution or the policies put in place from this Mayor and City Council. He stated that it is the job of the administration to carry these policies out. He stated that they do not mind the criticism but sometimes it would be great to get a recommendation followed by that criticism. He stated that they do not get it right and that this why staff, the Mayor and City Council attend conferences. He stated that they do not have all the answers; however the other communities that are small or large or even towns face some of the same issues that are faced in the City of Petersburg. He stated that they do not have to reinvent the wheel. He stated that it is called learning from your peers. He stated that it is very important that they begin to stay solid. He stated that when a developer was coming to town and asking why should I put restaurant or retail shop to the City of Petersburg and then they are being told by citizens that they would not come to the City. He stated that when the stores are in the City the citizens need to support those stores. He stated that the bowling alley was here, the City does not dictate a private entity staying in the City. He stated that it is a business decision. He stated that the City does talk to them; however businesses run on dollars and cents. He stated if the City does not like the services that they are providing then they need to tell the business establishments what's wrong. He stated that University Boulevard is named University Boulevard for the relationship with Virginia State University. He stated that there is a lot of development coming on University Boulevard. He stated that he would encourage everyone to sign up for "Notify Me." He stated that all you have to do is go to the City's webpage and click on it and then click what they would like to be notified about. He stated that anytime that a notice or a press release is issued or council meetings, parks and recreation or anything then all they have to do is click on it. He stated that whatever addresses the put in it whether cellphone or email addresses it will come to it. He stated that there is a lot of work to do in the City. He stated that as long as he is the City Manager they are going to get it done. He stated that they have over 600 dedicated employees that are eager to do what's right. He stated that they are going to do it based on the policies, ordinances and resolution written by seven members sitting to his immediate left. He stated that they are going to have an outstanding 2016. He stated that he thanks them for their participation but that they are about business as well as the Mayor and City Council Members is about business. He stated thank you and Happy New Year.

11. CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL'S AGENDA:

Ms. Jackson stated that she would like to wish City Council, staff and citizens a Happy New Year.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA:

Mr. Telfair stated that he would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that he would like to address an issue that keeps coming up. He stated any citizen that would like to sit down and talk with him and his staff about Skate Factory his door is open. He stated that he will even make the offer that a citizen would not have to make an appointment if he is not in a meeting.

13. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY):

No closed is necessary.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

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Mayor

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City of Petersburg

Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

DATE: **January 11, 2016**

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

THROUGH: William E. Johnson, III, City Manager

FROM: Landis Faulcon, Director of Economic Development

RE: **Schedule a Public Hearing for the Consideration of establishing a Tourism Zone.**

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Downtown Petersburg Tourism Zone is to facilitate the establishment and growth of businesses that 1) increase capital investment and create jobs, 2) increase the inventory of tourism-related businesses, and 3) enhance public amenities, attractions, and revenue.

The Virginia Tourism Corporation manages two funding opportunities that are available to entities or projects located within a designated Tourism Zone: Tourism Development Financing Fund and Virginia Tourism Growth Fund. Both funds result in filling tourism product void and increasing visitor spending, tax revenue, and jobs. Both funds involve matching investments from the locality where the project will be developed.

REASON: A public hearing must take place prior to the establishment of a Tourism Zone.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council schedule a Public Hearing on February 2, 2016

BACKGROUND: Virginia Code authorizes Virginia localities to establish, by ordinance, one or more tourism zones for the purpose of granting tax incentives and providing regulatory flexibility to qualified businesses. A Downtown Petersburg tourism zone creates new opportunities for attracting capital investment and jobs, enhancing tourism, and producing other economic benefits.

COST TO CITY: N/A

BUDGETED ITEM: N/A

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A

CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE: January 19, 2016

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES: N/A

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Economic Development, Department of Cultural Affairs and Department of Planning and Zoning

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION: N/A

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

STAFF: Landis Faulcon, Director of Economic Development

City of Petersburg

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Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

DATE: **January 11, 2016**

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

THROUGH: William E. Johnson, III, City Manager

FROM: Landis Faulcon, Director of Economic Development

RE: **Schedule Public Hearing for the disposition of 16 parcels of property in the Halifax Triangle.**

PURPOSE: The City of Petersburg requests a public hearing for the disposition of 16 parcels of property addressed as 106, 119, 121, 123, 127, 140, 147, 151, 153, 155 and 116-122 Halifax Street; 110, 112, 114 and 116 South Avenue and 137 South Market Street known as the Halifax Triangle.

REASON: A public hearing must take place prior to the disposition property.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council schedule a public hearing on February 2, 2016

BACKGROUND: Petersburg City Council previously approved a letter of intent from the Woda Group to purchase properties in the Halifax Triangle. The Woda Group responded to a request for proposals from the City of Petersburg for redevelopment of the Halifax Triangle.

COST TO CITY: N/A

BUDGETED ITEM: N/A

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A

CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE: January 19, 2016

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES: N/A

AFFECTED AGENCIES: N/A

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION: N/A

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

STAFF: Landis Faulcon, Director of Economic Development

City of Petersburg

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Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

DATE: January 6, 2016

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: William E. Johnson, III, City Manager

RE: **Hold a public hearing on the proposed disposition of publicly-owned property addressed as 503 West Washington Street.**

PURPOSE: To permit the disposition of publicly-owned property.

REASON: In accordance with the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing must be held prior to the disposition of publicly-owned property.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that City Council permit the disposition of publicly-owned property addressed as 503 West Washington Street.

BACKGROUND: The City is considering the disposition of publicly-owned property addressed as 503 West Washington Street. The developer plans to build single family town homes on the property.

COST TO CITY: None

BUDGETED ITEM: N/A

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A

CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE: January 19, 2016

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES: N/A

AFFECTED AGENCIES: N/A

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION: N/A

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Renderings

STAFF: William E. Johnson, III, City Manager

503 W. WASHINGTON STREET 023-1100123

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City of Petersburg

Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

DATE: **January 7, 2016**

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: William E. Johnson III, City Manager

RE: **Hold a public hearing to permit the purchase of 125 W. Washington Street**

PURPOSE: Hold a public hearing to permit the purchase of 125 W Washington Street.

REASON: A public hearing must take place prior to the purchase of a property.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council to permit the purchase of 125 W. Washington Street

BACKGROUND: This property is needed to build the new City Hall. The City is exercising its option to purchase the property.

COST TO CITY: N/A

BUDGETED ITEM: N/A

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A

CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE: January 19, 2016

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES: N/A

AFFECTED AGENCIES: N/A

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION: N/A

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Tax Map

STAFF: William E. Johnson

125 W. WASHINGTON STREET 022-020005

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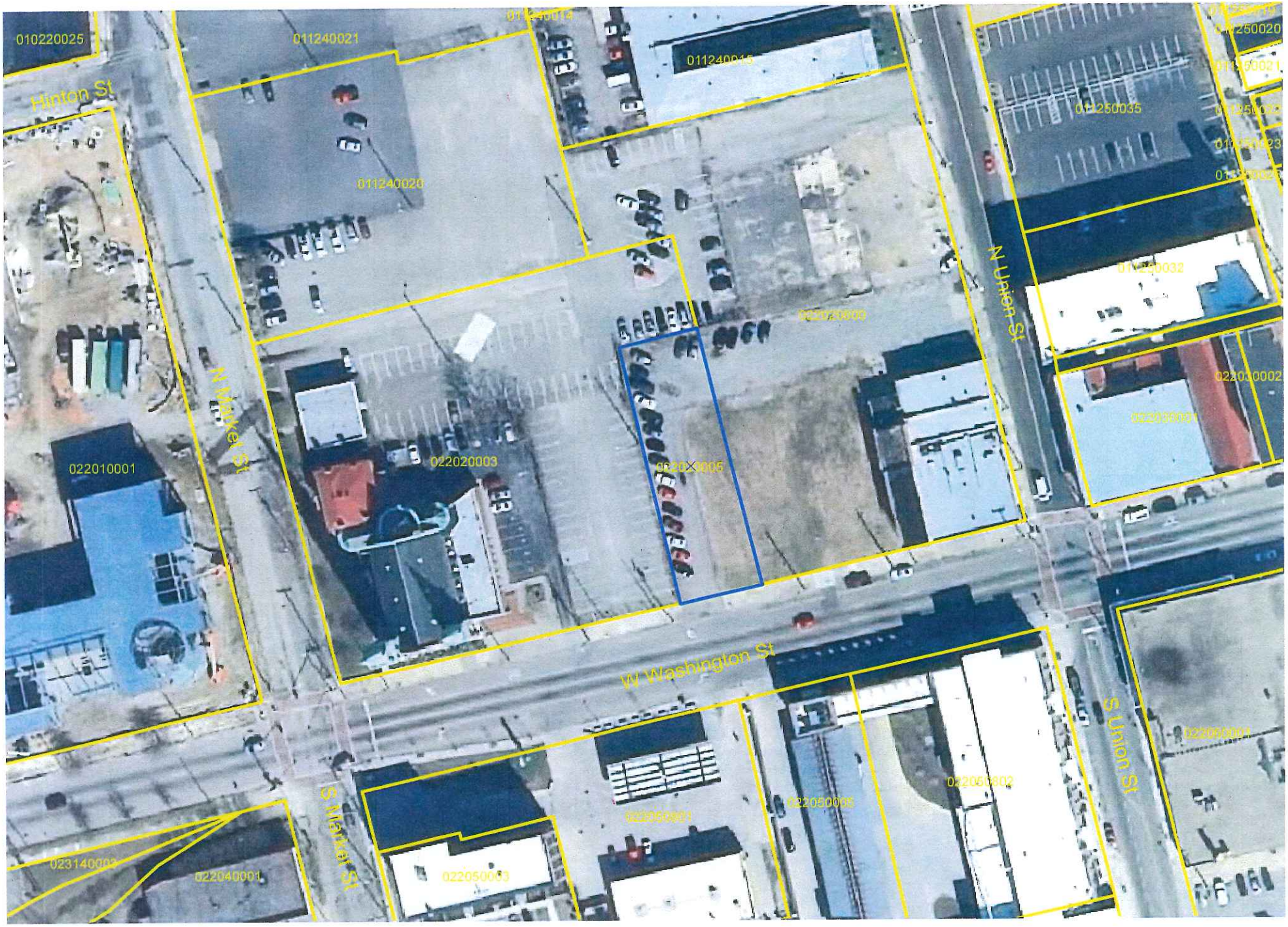

City of Petersburg

Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

DATE: January 6, 2016

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

THROUGH: William E. Johnson III, City Manager

FROM: Brian C. Little, Sr., Director of Cultural Affairs, Arts and Tourism

RE: **Consideration to amend the Weeks of Wonder History Camp special fund**

PURPOSE: To amend the special fund budget by $1,823 for History Camp funds collected.

REASON: The City has received donations from businesses, individuals, and nonprofit organizations to be used specifically for the camp.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council enact the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of $1,823 to be carried forward to 2015-2016.

BACKGROUND: Donations were sought and received for the history camp. These funds are to be used to provide for the needs of participants. These funds support the implementation of the WOW (Week of Wonder Camp) that provides valuable opportunities for youth in learning about the diverse history, culture, architecture and environmental assets in the Petersburg region.

COST TO CITY: None

BUDGETED ITEM: Yes

REVENUE TO CITY: $1,823

CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE: January 19, 2016

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES: NA

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Museums and Visitor Services

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION: 13 ORD42

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS: NONE

ATTACHMENTS: An appropriation Ordinance in the amount of $1,823

STAFF: Brian C. Little, Sr., & Anne Thomas Department of Cultural Affairs, Arts and Tourism

AN ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SAID ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2015, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016 IN THE SPECIAL FUNDS FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,823 FOR HISTORY CAMP.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Petersburg, Virginia:

I. That appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, in the Special Fund are made for the following resources and revenues of the city, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Previously adopted	**$18,894,000**
Museums:	
History Camp	1,823
Total Expenses	**$18,895,823**

II. That there shall be appropriated from the resources and revenues of the City of Petersburg for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, the following sums for the purposes mentioned:

Previously adopted	**$18,894,000**
ADD: Miscellaneous Revenue:	
Donations	1,823
Total Resources	**$18,895,823**

City of Petersburg

Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

DATE: **January 6, 2016**

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

THROUGH: William E. Johnson III, City Manager

FROM: Brian C. Little, Sr., Director - Department of Cultural Affairs, Arts and Tourism

RE: **Resolution in Support of Virginia's Retreat application for Nonprofit Status**

PURPOSE: To approve a resolution requested by Virginia's Retreat to apply for nonprofit status.

REASON: Petersburg is a member of Virginia's Retreat, established 1993 to promote tourism in the region. All participating member government entities have been requested by Virginia's Retreat to provide a resolution in support of its efforts to apply for nonprofit status. The pursuit of nonprofit status for VAR has been researched and has been shown to be a potential benefit to the work of the organization. Such status will allow for avenues of funding to be expanded, thereby allowing greater attention to the marketing effort and by expansion bringing in more visitors to the region with an increase in spending by visitors providing revenues to the localities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval. The majority of the counties involved in Virginia's Retreat have already passed the resolution of support at their recent Board meetings.

BACKGROUND: In 1993 the counties of Amelia, Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Prince Edward and the City of Petersburg came together to better promote the region's tourism assets. Representatives from each county joined forces with the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the Virginia Division of State Parks and the National Park Service to design a regional approach and, out of this collaboration came Virginia's Retreat and the development of the Lee's Retreat trail and the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail®.

The Virginia's Retreat board of directors, recently completed a two year strategic planning process one of the recommendations of the strategic plan was that the Board of Virginia's Retreat should apply for nonprofit designation in order to fund raise, receive corporate donations, apply for more grant opportunities to increase to a higher level the return on investment so that Virginia's Retreat can increase the marketing activity for the region.

COST TO CITY: N/A

BUDGETED ITEM: N/A

Resolution In Support of Virginia's Retreat Request to Apply for Non Profit Designation

WHEREAS, In 1993 the counties of Amelia, Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Prince Edward and the City of Petersburg came together to better promote the region's tourism assets. Representatives from each county joined forces with the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the Virginia Division of State Parks and the National Park Service to design a regional approach and,

WHEREAS, Out of this collaboration came Virginia's Retreat and the development of the Lee's Retreat trail and the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail® and,

WHEREAS, Since 2000, Brunswick, Charlotte, Lunenburg and Mecklenburg counties have joined this regional approach and,

WHEREAS, The Virginia's Retreat region of South Central Virginia offers travelers meaningful historical attractions and abundant outdoor recreation. Boasting the nation's first Civil War History Trail, the Lee's Retreat driving tour and Wilson-Kautz Raid Civil War driving tours, as well as the stirring Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail® and,

WHEREAS, The mission of Virginia's Retreat is to market the recreational, historical, natural and scenic assets of the region and,

WHEREAS, Virginia's Retreat has been successful for the past five years obtaining matching Virginia Tourism Leveraging Marketing Grants to obtain a higher return on the investment of the member counties and City of Petersburg and,

WHEREAS, The Virginia's Retreat board of directors, recently completed a two year strategic planning process funded by the Virginia Tobacco Commission and,

WHEREAS, One of the recommendations of the strategic plan was that the Board of Virginia's Retreat should apply for nonprofit designation in order to fund raise, receive corporate donations, apply for more grant opportunities to increase to a higher level the return on investment so that Virginia's Retreat can increase the marketing activity for the region,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Petersburg City Council fully supports the request from the Board of Virginia's Retreat to apply for nonprofit designation.

Adopted this 19th day of January, by the City Council of the City of Petersburg.

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W. Howard Myers, Mayor
City of Petersburg

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Clerk to the Council