



# City of Petersburg Virginia

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## Special City Council Work Session Meeting

February 2, 2021

12:00 PM

### City Council

Samuel Parham, Mayor – Ward 3  
Annette Smith-Lee, Vice-Mayor – Ward 6  
Treska Wilson-Smith, Councilor – Ward 1  
Darrin Hill, Councilor – Ward 2  
Charlie Cuthbert, Councilor – Ward 4  
W. Howard Myers, Councilor – Ward 5  
John A. Hart, Sr., Councilor – Ward 7

### City Manager

Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides

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1. **Roll Call**
  2. **Prayer**
  3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  4. **Determination of the Presence of a Quorum**
  5. **Special Reports**
    - a. Report and Discussion on Boards and Commissions
    - b. COVID-19 UPDATE
    - c. Update on Petersburg Public Library
    - d. Update on Social Services Department
    - e. Future of the City and Schools Partnership
  6. **Monthly Reports**
    - a. General Assembly Legislative Update
  7. **Finance and Budget Report**
  8. **Capital Projects Update**
    - a. PowerPoint Presentations on St. Andrews Street Bridge Replacement, Park-N-Ride, and Citywide LED Streetlight Conversion.
  9. **Utilities**
    - a. An Update on the South Crater Road Emergency Waterline Replacement Project.
  10. **Streets**
  11. **Facilities**
  12. **Economic Development**
    - a. Update and Information on the Technology Zone Expansion

**13. City Manager's Agenda**

**14. Business or Reports from the Clerk**

**15. Business or Reports from the City Attorney**

- a. First Reading and request to schedule a public hearing on or before March 14, 2021. The Continuity of Government Ordinance previously adopted by Council expires on March 14, 2021. This Ordinance replaces the prior ordinance and will extend the emergency operation provisions through August 16, 2021.

**16. Public Comments**

**17. Adjournment**



# City of Petersburg

## Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

**DATE:** February 2, 2021

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

**THROUGH:**

**FROM:** Treska Wilson-Smith, Council Member Ward 1

**RE:** **Report and Discussion on Boards and Commissions**

**PURPOSE:** For discussion purposes.

**REASON:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**BACKGROUND:**

**COST TO CITY:**

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**REVENUE TO CITY:**

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**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES:**

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**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Volunteering for Boards and Commissions

# Volunteering for Boards and Commissions in the City of Petersburg, VA

## The Boards and Commissions and their Functions

Currently, there are a total of a total of 24 boards and commissions. Not all boards and commissions are active at this point. Those active boards are noted in yellow.

Board / Commission	Function	Notes
<b>Anti-Poverty</b>	To study the effects of poverty in this city and to report to council a means to assist he impoverished and a means to lessen the amount of poverty.	This group will give its final report/recommendation in June or July of 2021
<b>Appomattox River Water Authority</b>	The Authority participates in the Partnership for Safe Water program, which is sponsored by the American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, United States Environmental Protection Agency, National Association of Water Companies, and the Water Research Foundation. The drinking water quality standards for participation in this program are stricter than the regular standards of either the EPA or the Virginia Department of Health. ARWA is one of only two water plants in Virginia that has received the Directors Award for compliance with these standards for fifteen or more consecutive years.	Staff appointed board. Currently, the City Manager and Deputy City Manager, Lionel Lyons.
<b>Architectural Review Board</b>	All members shall be appointed to the review board by the local governing body and shall have a demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge in historic preservation. .	7 Citizens are appointed to this board with at least one architect.
<b>Central Virginia Waste Management Authority</b>	Plan, acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, extend, operate, contract for and maintain any garbage and refuse collection, transfer and disposal program or system, including waste reduction, waste material recovery, recycling as mandated by law or otherwise, resource recovery, waste	Staff appointed.

	incineration, operation, ash management, sludge disposal from water and wastewater treatment facilities, household hazardous waste management and disposal and similar programs or systems, within one or more of the political subdivisions which are members of the Authority.	
Citizenry Committee	This group was formed for a particular study and has not met since they came through a conclusion	They are NOT meeting
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Board	Serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council. Reviews, conducts public hearings, and makes recommendations for City Council action regarding requests for projects to be funded from the city's annual CDBG entitlement under this federal program. The City Council makes final approval of project allocations.	Not formulated yet but should be.
Community Policy and Management Team	N/A	
Crater District Area on Aging	<p>Area Agencies on Aging are local aging programs that provide information and services on a range of assistance for older adults who those care for them. By contacting your local agency, you get access to critical information including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available service in your area</li> <li>• Mobility assistance programs, meal plans &amp; housing</li> <li>• Assistance in gaining access to services</li> <li>• Individual counseling, support groups and caregiver training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respite care</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Supplemental services, on a limited basis</li> </ul>	One citizen from the City of Petersburg
Crater District Local Health Advisory Council	N/A	
Crater District Regional Building	N/A	

Code and BOCA Fire Code Appeals Board		
Crater Planning District Commission	A regional planning agency with major emphasis in the areas of transportation, economic and small business development, as well as environment issues and serving as the convener for major military-related discussions among the region's communities.	Members of Board: Mayor, City Manager and a citizen
Crater Youth Care Commissions (Detention Home)	The policy making body for Crater Juvenile Detention Center. The appointees are to report at least annually to their respective political subdivisions on the operations of the facility.	Members of Board: City Manager and a citizen of Petersburg.
Criminal Justice Board	To assist community agencies in establishing, evaluating, monitoring, and modifying programs and services for local responsible offenders based on an objective assessment of the community's needs and resources. The CJB is responsible for developing and amending a local criminal justice plan for the Judicial District and Circuit serving the City of Petersburg.	Members of Board: Judges, Attorneys, and staff members
District 19 Community Services Board	Fifteen members review and evaluate all existing and proposed public community mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services and facilities available to serve the community as well as those private services and facilities that receive funding.	Members of Board: 3 citizens from the City of Petersburg.
Eleventh District Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Services Unit Advisory Council	To advise and cooperate with the court upon all matters affecting the working of the Code of Virginia, Section 16.1-240, and other laws relating to children, their care and protection and to domestic relations; to consult and confer with the court and director of the court service unit relative to the development and extension of the court service	Members of Board: 3 members from Petersburg

	<p>program; to encourage the member selected by the council to serve on the central advisory council to visit institutions and associations receiving children under the law, and to report to the court from time to time the conditions and surroundings of the children received by or in charge of any such persons, institutions or associations; and to make an annual report to the court and the participating governing bodies on the work of the council.</p>	
<p><b>Economic Development Authority</b></p>	<p>The Authority shall have the powers to acquire, own, lease, and dispose of properties. Such authority may be able to promote industry and develop trade by inducting manufacturing, industrial, governmental, and commercial enterprises to locate in or remain in the Commonwealth and further the use of its agricultural products and natural resources; to issue its bonds for the purpose of carrying out any of its powers.</p>	<p>Members of Board: 7 citizens of Petersburg</p>
<p><b>John Tyler Community College Board of Directories</b></p>	<p>Shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the State Board for Community Colleges within the state-wide policies, procedures, and regulations. Duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:          Serve as a liaison agency between the State Board and the governing bodies of the local political subdivisions. Consult with the State Board and the Chancellor of the Community College on the selection and removal of the president of the community college. Promote the development of a program of community college education of high quality under the administration and supervision of the State Board for Community Colleges. Elicit community participation in program planning and development. Review</p>	<p>Members of Board: 2 citizens of Petersburg</p>

	and approve the regular annual and biennium budget for the community college as prepared by the college president and submit to State Board for action.	
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Promotes the orderly development of the city and its environs; serves primarily in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to land use, future development, and capital improvements.	Members of Board: 9 citizens of Petersburg.
<b>Petersburg Redevelopment &amp; Housing Authority</b>	To study slum and blighted areas within the City and to recommend programs for their improvement. To provide quality housing for low-income families at rents within their ability to pay. To serve as the duly designated agent for financial assistance in order to undertake urban redevelopment and low-rent housing programs approved by the City Council.	Members of Board: 7 citizens of Petersburg
<b>Riverside Regional Jail Authority</b>	The purpose of this Authority is to operate and maintain the jail in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 726 of the 1990 Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia.	Members of Board: City Manager and Police Chief
<b>Social Services Advisory Board</b>	Serves in an advisory capacity to the Director of social Services with respect to the duties and functions imposed by the Code of Virginia; to interest itself in all matters pertaining to the social welfare of the people of the City; to meet with the Director of Social Services at least four (4) times a year for the purpose of making recommendation on policy matters concerning the department; to make an annual report to the City Council Members, concurrent with the budget presentation of the department, concerning the administration of the public welfare program; and to submit to the City Council, from time to time other reports that the board	Members of Board: 5 citizens of Petersburg

	deems appropriate.	
Southside Central Wastewater Treatment Authority	Operates the Petersburg Wastewater Plant, which serves the cities of Colonial Heights and Petersburg along with the counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George.	Members of Board: City Manager and alternate (staff member)
South Centre' Corridor Resources Conservation and Development	The South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council is a non-profit group which was organized to help the people of southeastern Virginia plan and carry out activities that increase conservation of natural resources, support economic	Members of Board: In past, two city council members
Virginia Gateway Region (formally ABIDCO)	To enlist, encourage and promote the development of businesses and industries throughout the area.	Members of Board: Mayor and one business owner within the City of Petersburg.



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**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

**THROUGH:** Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager

**FROM:** Darnetta Tyus

**RE:** **COVID-19 UPDATE**

**PURPOSE:** Updates and information.

**REASON:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**BACKGROUND:**

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**FROM:** Wayne Crocker  
**RE:** Update on Petersburg Public Library

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**PURPOSE:** Update on Petersburg Public Library.

**REASON:**

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**FROM:** Darnetta Tyus

**RE:** **Update on Social Services Department**

**PURPOSE:** Update on Social Services Department

**REASON:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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1. City Council Presentation 2

# City of Petersburg



## Department of Social Services

## Today's Objectives

1. Who are we serving?
2. How are we serving them?
3. What programs are being used and to what extent?
4. How do we compare with the Central region and the Commonwealth as a whole?
5. What are some challenges and goals for the next State Fiscal Year?

# Population by Year

Year	Population	Growth	Annual Growth Rate (Percentage)
2021	31,926	290	.92
2020	31,636	290	.93
2019	31,346	290	.93
2018	31,056	(81)	(0.26)
2017	31,137	(243)	(0.77)
2016	31,380	(512)	(1.61)
2015	31,892	(349)	(1.08)
2014	32,241	(70)	(0.22)
2013	32,311	315	0.98
2012	31,996	(95)	(0.30)
2011	32,091	(411)	(1.26)
2010	32,502	(1,238)	(0.37)

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# Department of Social Services Benefit Program Statistics

Fiscal Year	SNAP	TANF	MEDICAID	ALL PROGRAMS	CHILD CARE		Energy Assistance Program (Households Participating)		
					Families	Children	Fuel	Cooling	Crisis
<b>FY 2012</b>	14,910	2,165	10,742	17,373	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>FY 2013</b>	15,295	1,968	12,143	18,148	385	636	1,812	851	210
<b>FY 2014</b>	15,021	1,884	12,180	17,994	447	741	1,516	892	217
<b>FY 2015</b>	14,682	1,872	12,904	18,493	428	727	1,524	953	211
<b>FY 2016</b>	13,926	1,634	13,803	18,847	303	536	1,431	903	181
<b>FY 2017</b>	13,847	1,443	14,104	18,724	242	424	1,410	1,001	170
<b>FY 2018</b>	12,807	1,295	14,451	17,956	191	342	1,511	996	222
<b>FY 2019</b>	12,770	1,238	16,390	18,880	208	362	1,604	1,024	221
<b>FY2020</b>	13,030	973	18,319	20,206	246	434	1,607	966	218
<b>% CHANGE</b>	2%	(21%)	11%	7%	15%	17%	.02%	(6%)	(0%)

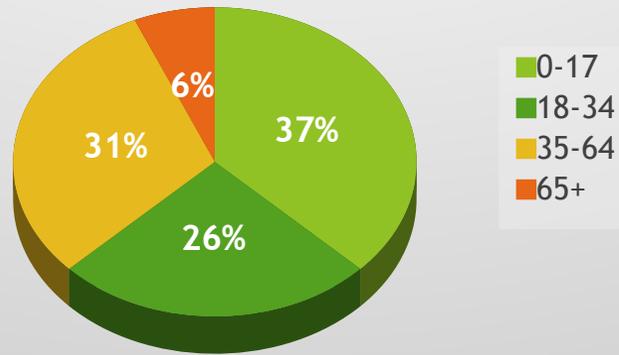
**64.2% of Petersburg Residents received benefits services (SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid) during FY2020.**

# Benefits Programs Households

Households Served By Year						
	Benefit Program			Energy Assistance		
	SNAP	TANF	Medicaid	Fuel	Cooling	Crisis
2010	7,241	1,116	7,052	N/A	N/A	N/A
2011	7,908	1,117	7,353	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	8,245	1,004	7,468	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	8,488	943	7,618	1,812	851	210
2014	8,469	878	7,653	1,516	892	217
2015	8,084	840	8,060	1,524	953	211
2016	7,714	758	8,410	1,431	903	181
2017	7,620	419	8,165	1,410	1,001	170
2018	7,218	509	9,067	1,511	996	222
2018	7,323	475	10,866	1,604	1,024	221
2020	7,535	402	12,741	1,607	966	218

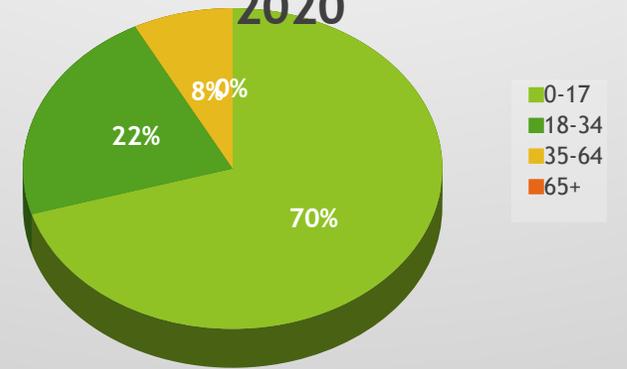
	0-17	18-34	35-64	65+
SNAP	4,483	3,344	3,395	846
TANF	685	213	75	0
Medicaid	6354	4,830	5496	1,638

**SNAP SFY 2020**

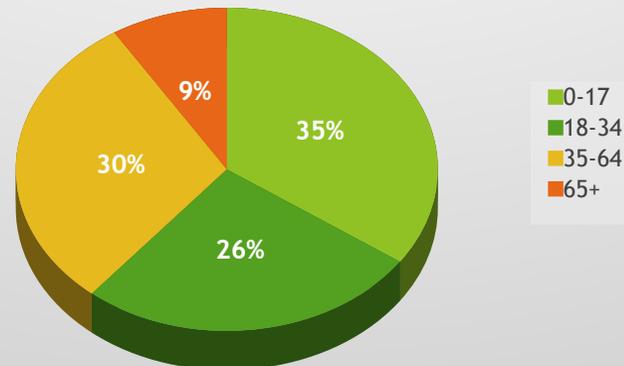


## Petersburg Benefits Usage by Category

**TANF SFY 2020**



**MEDICAID SFY 2020**



## Key Performance Indicators Quarterly Summary SFY 2020

Quarterly Trends	Target	Q1/SFY20	Q2/SFY20	Q3/SFY20	Q4/SFY20
<b>MA Applications Processed On Time</b>					
LDSS	> 97%	71.6%	78.2%	91.5%	92.6%
Cover VA		73.8%	72.5%	85.9%	94.2%
FFM		86.2%	98.5%	99.0%	95.1%
<b>SNAP Applications Processed On Time</b>					
Total		89.0%	95.6%	99.4%	98.7%
Expedited	> 97%	81.1%	91.4%	98.8%	98.4%
Non-Expedited		92.8%	98.2%	99.8%	98.9%
<b>TANF Applications Processed On Time</b>					
TANF	> 97%	83.3%	91.1%	96.7%	98.3%
<b>Child Care</b>					
Applications Processed On Time	> 97%	82.8%	97.2%	98.8%	100.0%
Children Served All Budget Lines		238	263	295	266
Children Served Budget Line 883 Fee/CC		127	157	181	160
Children on Wait List		2	2	33	92
<b>VaCMS Downtime</b>					
Downtime		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

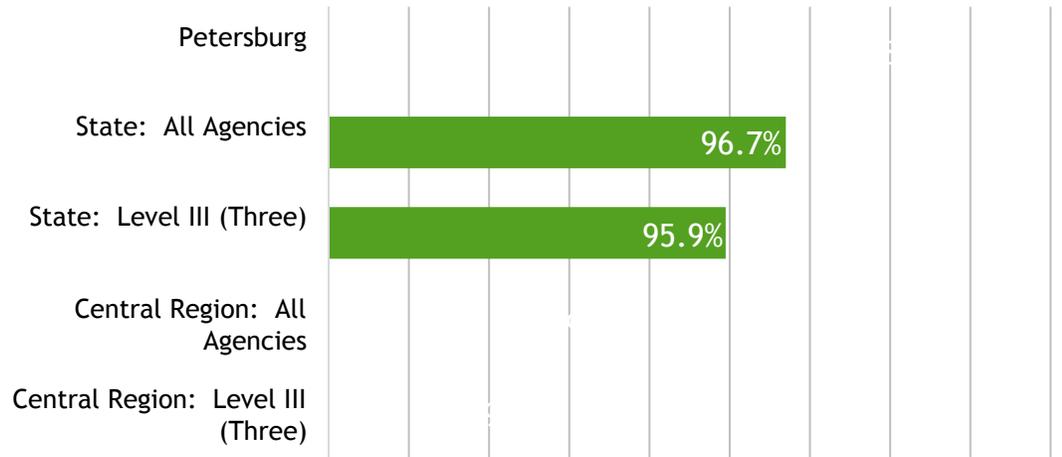
# Benefits Programs Summary

## SFY 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

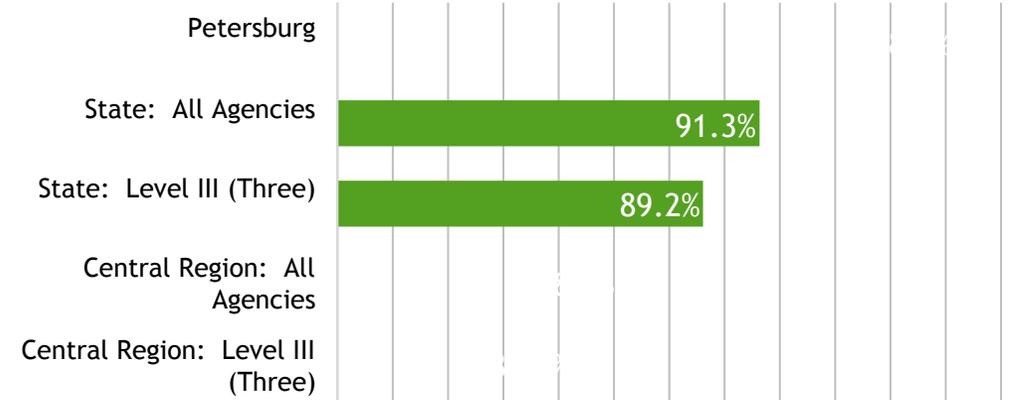
<i>Public Assistance: Percent of Applications Processed On Time</i>			
Measure	Target > 97.0%		
	Prior Quarter	Current Quarter	
Medical Assistance (MA): LDSS	91.5%	<b>92.6%</b>	
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	99.4%	<b>98.7%</b>	
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	96.7%	<b>98.3%</b>	
Child Care (CC)	98.8%	<b>100.0%</b>	
SNAP Payment Error Rate (October 2019 - February 2020)		<b>13.1%</b>	

# SFY 2020 Key Performance Indicator Comparisons

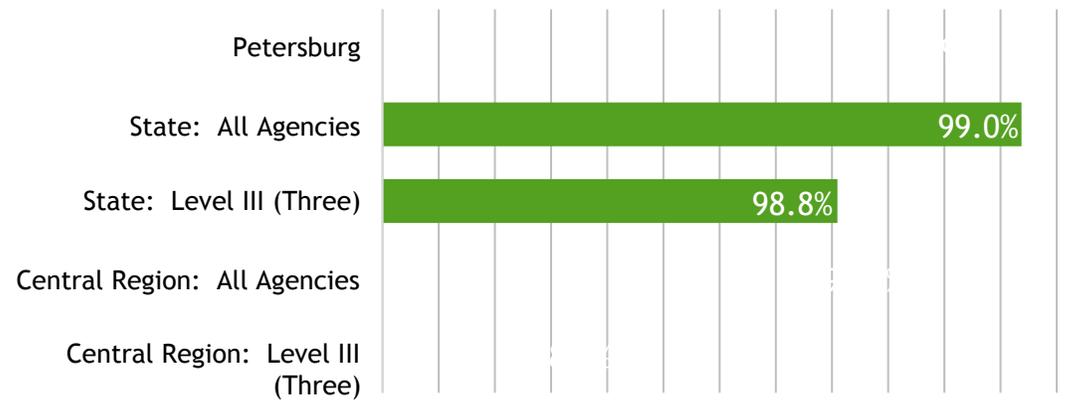
## SNAP Applications Processed On Time - Total Target >97.0%



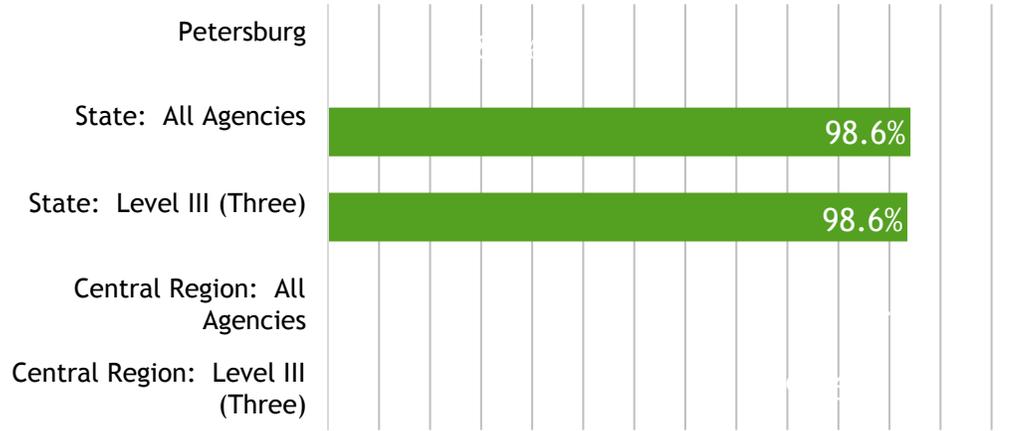
## SNAP Applications Processed On Time - Expedited Target >97.0%



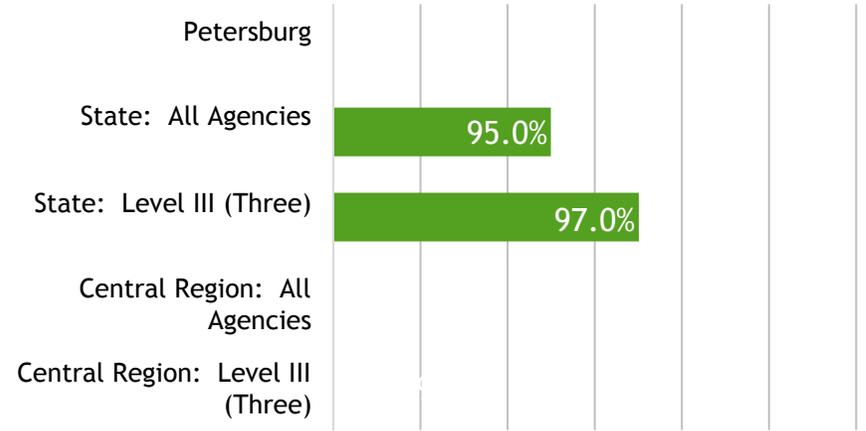
## SNAP Applications Processed On Time - Non-Expedited Target >97.0%



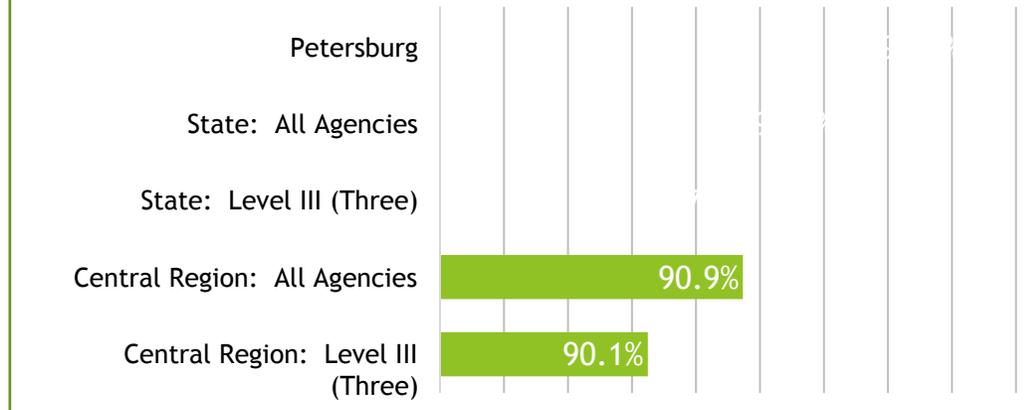
### TANF Applications Processed On Time Target >97.0%



### Child Care Applications Processed On Time Target >97.0%



### MA Applications Processed On Time Target >97.0%



# Family Services Key Service Areas

## Family Services Clients

Foster Care	Total Recipients	Race				Age Groups (Years)				
		White	Black	Other	Unknown	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-18	19+
Children in Foster Care as of 9-30-2020	39	9	24	6	0	20	11	4	4	0
Children exited to adoption (FFY 2020)	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Children Receiving adoption assistance	115	26	66	20	3	10	35	45	19	6

Child Protective Services CPS	Total Recipients	Race/Ethnicity				Age Groups (Years)				
		White	Black	Other	Unknown	Hispanic	Under 4	4-11	12-17	Unknown
	459	104	305	2	73	31	130	140	83	106

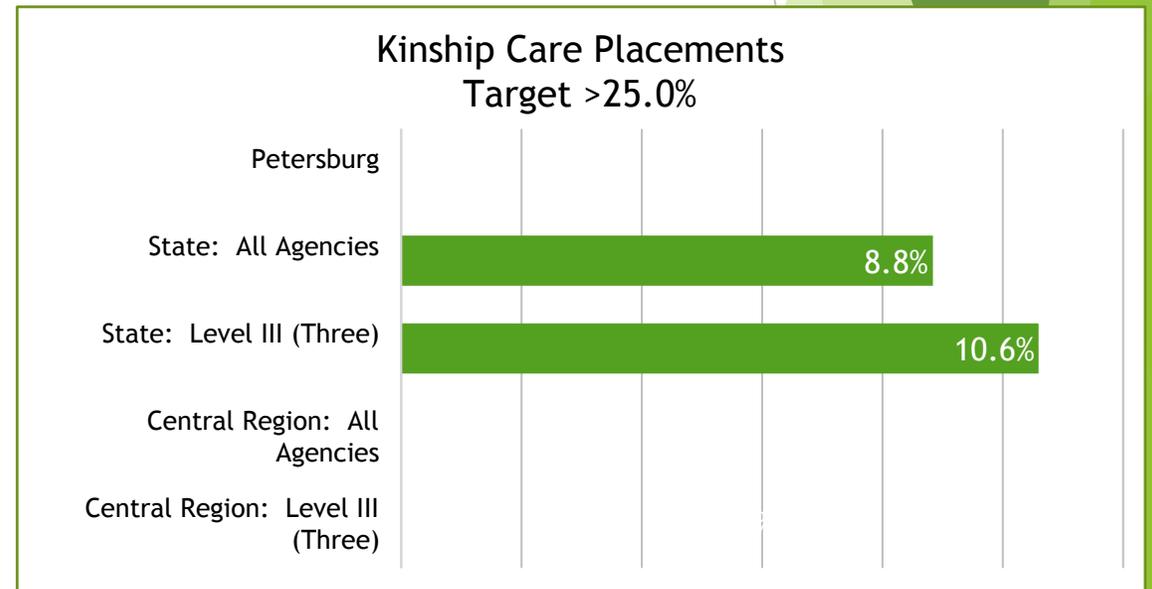
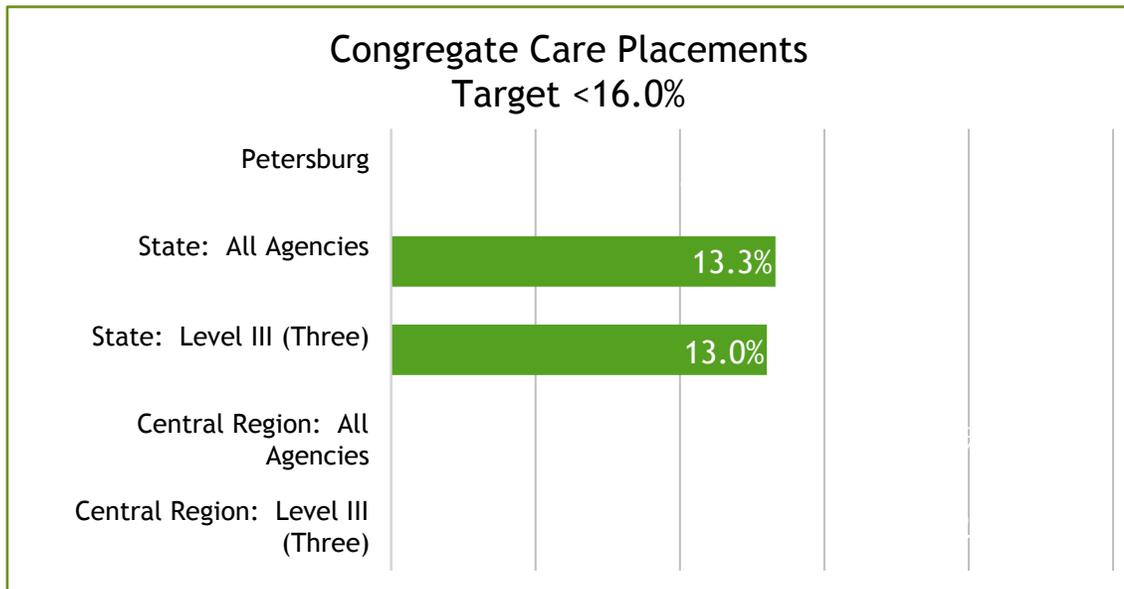
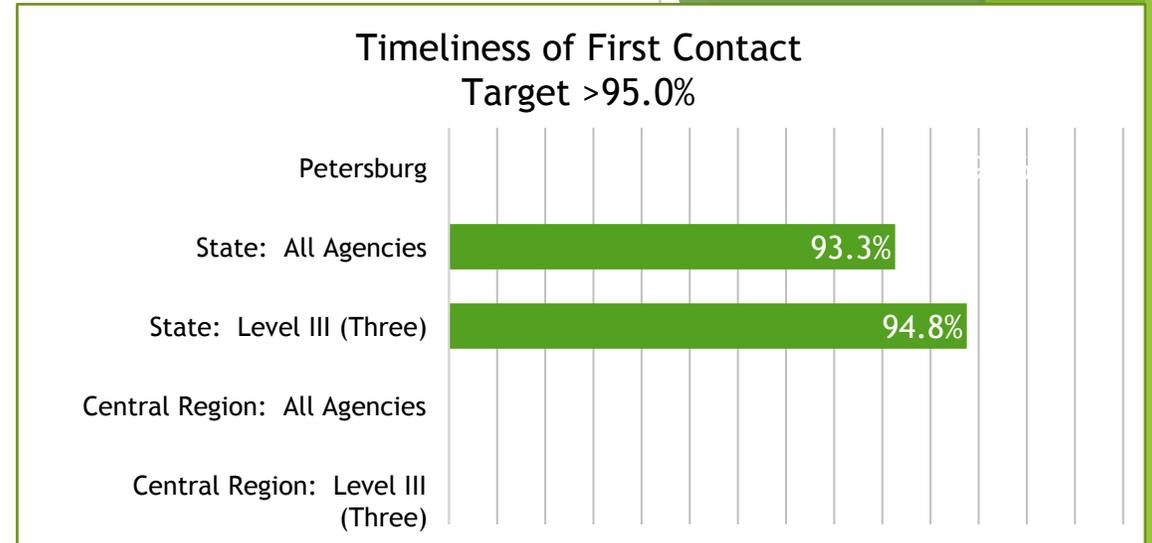
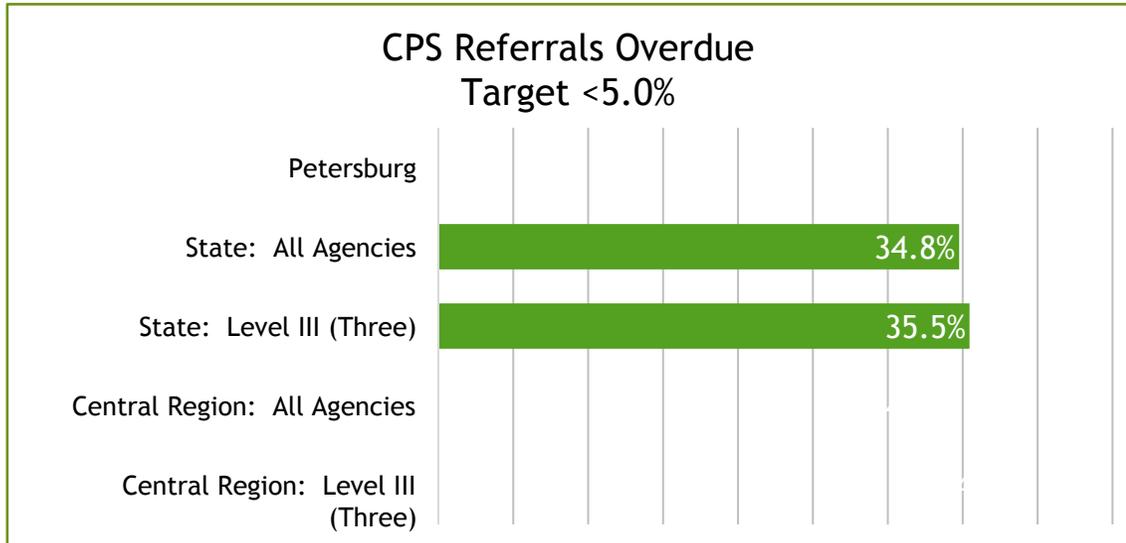
Adult Protective Services (APS)	Total Reports	Race				Age			Sex		
		White	Black	Other	Unknown	18-59	60 and Older	Unknown	Male	Female	Transgender
	210	58	122	1	29	90	108	10	105	103	0

# Family Services Programs Summary

## SFY 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

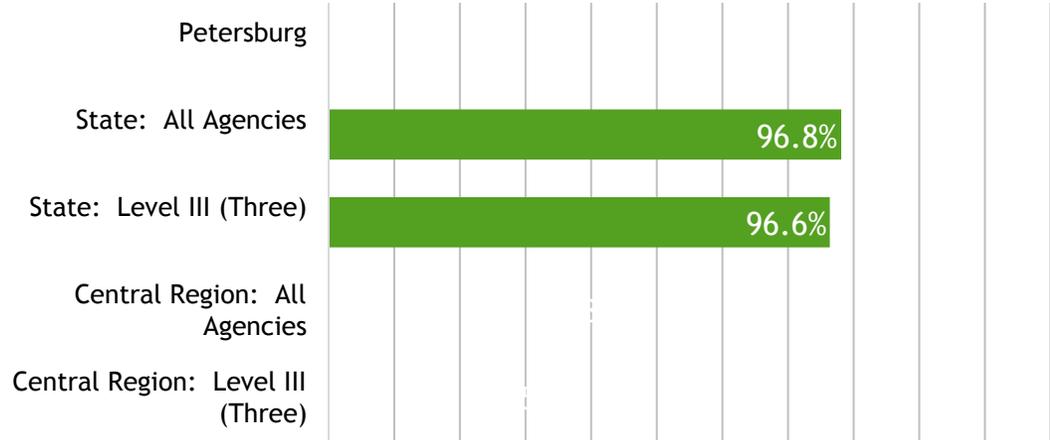
Family Services				
Measure	Target	Prior Quarter	Current Quarter	Rank Out of 28
Child Protective Services Referrals Overdue	< 5%	12.8%	20.5%	9
Timeliness of First Contact	> 95%	96.6%	89.3%	18
Congregate Care Placements	< 16%	11.7%	12.1%	14
Transcription Usage	> 85%	2.2%	1.7%	22
# of Adoptions (most recent 12 months ending September 2020)			1	

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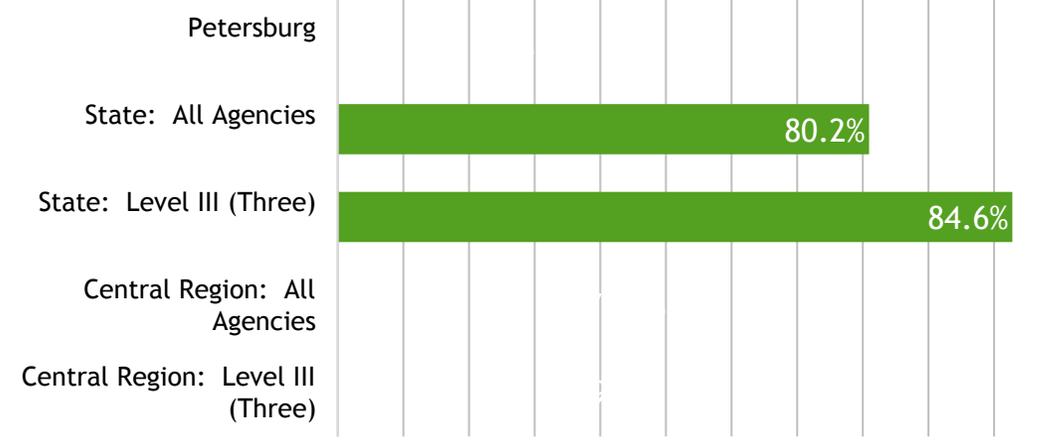


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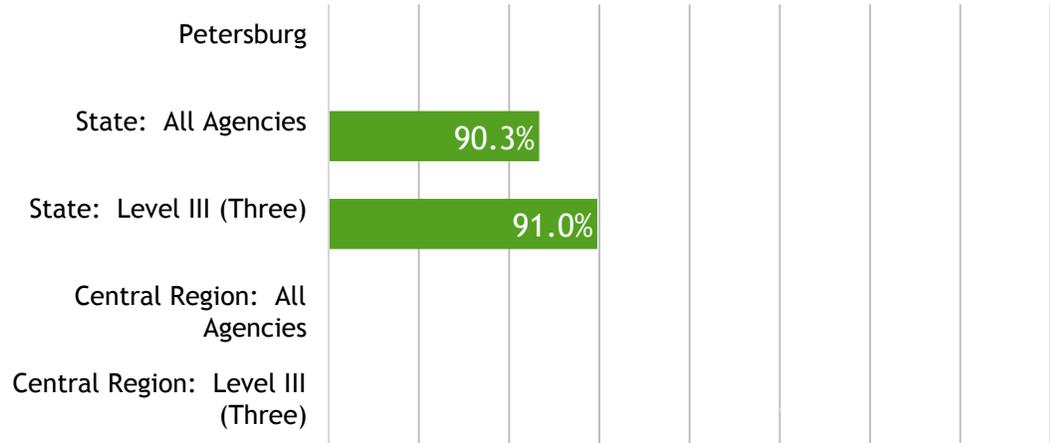
## Monthly Foster Care Visits Required Target >95.0%



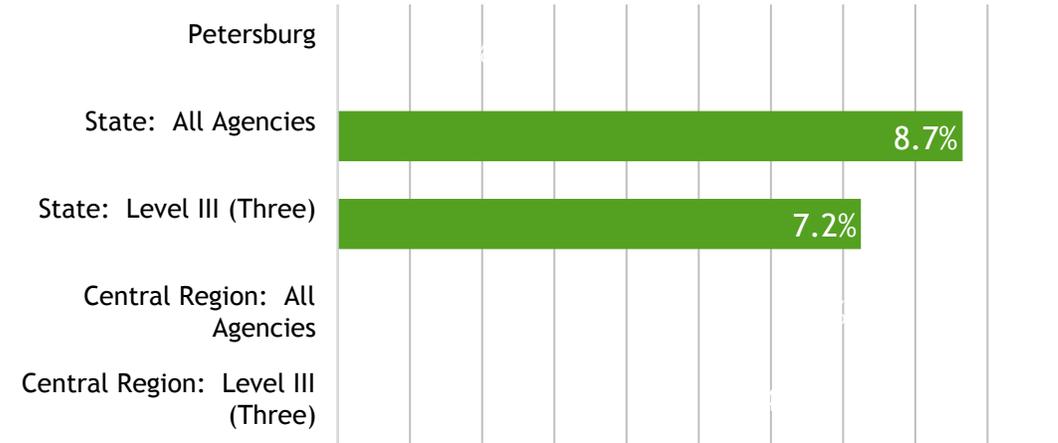
## Monthly Foster Care Visits In Residence Target >50.0%



## AFCARS - Approved Court Hearing Status Target >95.0%



## Transcription Usage Target >85.0%



## Accomplishment and Challenges

### Challenges

- Relocation of Agency to 3811 Corporate Road
- COVID-19
- Standardization of Operations
- Staffing

### Accomplishments

- Restructuring of Benefits Programs Workflows
- Steady increase in Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Adaptation of Staff to Teleworking



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**FROM:**

**RE:** **Future of the City and Schools Partnership**

**PURPOSE:** Update and information.

**REASON:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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1. Transitioning City and Schools Partnership-2

# The Future of the City + Schools Partnership

Darnetta K. Tyus  
Deputy City Manager  
City of Petersburg



Dr. Pitre-Martin, PhD  
Superintendent  
Petersburg Public Schools



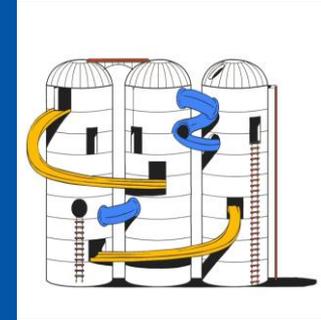
Petersburg City  
Public Schools



# 2015-2020 Partnership Accomplishments



Project Name	Program	Amount	Partner
St. Joseph's Villa	Continuation of the Petersburg High School Housing Stability Pilot	\$180,000	City of Petersburg



**Leanne Lyle, M.Ed.**

*Director of Community Impact*

*(Former Director of City + Schools Partnership)*



**United Way of Greater  
Richmond & Petersburg**

AND SO  
MANY MORE!



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# Maintaining the Mission and Vision

## Mission

- To create the climate and conditions for every child to succeed by providing a sustainable, coordinated system of supports and access.

## Vision

- To support the Petersburg City Public School Division in providing a quality education that ensure every child is college ready, career ready and life ready with marketable skills and industry certification.
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# Maintaining Common Goals

- Advance a shared agenda for child and family success
- Provide technical assistance to identify or develop effective programs, strategies, and models for child and family success
- Assist partners and diverse stakeholder groups in attracting resources to programs and support activities directly related to the Partnership's mission-driven agenda
- Advocate for policy changes to ensure resources and direct support for child and family uplift and pathways out of poverty
- Monitor the environment for emerging issues and trends in order to be more proactive than reactive to potential risks and opportunities.

# Where are we now

## Aligning Priorities, Evaluation & Outcomes

### Priorities

- Trauma-responsive and resilient Petersburg
- Bridging the Gap from High School to Workforce
- Attendance

### Evaluation & Outcomes

- What are we currently measuring?
- How (if at all) does this impact structure?
- What do we want meetings to look like?
- Are our goals the same as they were?
- How do we (or do we?) create measurable objectives to guide us to outcomes?



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# Where are we going?

- Data-informed Decision Making
- Expanded Leadership
- SMART Objectives



# Key changes regarding the process

- Moving forward, Petersburg City Public Schools and the City of Petersburg will assume management responsibility for the Partnership
- The City's Minority Strategy Committee will combine with the City + Schools Partnership Steering Committee to create the new Partnership Committee
- The Partnership is transitioning to a "Committee of the Whole" as opposed to the working group process

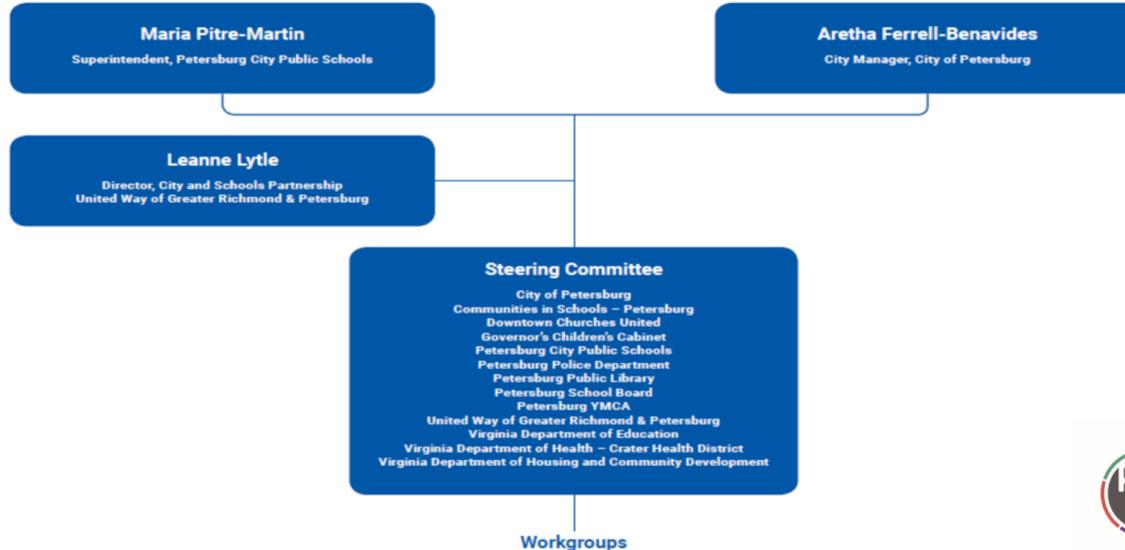
# Key changes regarding process

- There will be bi-weekly discussions on Friday afternoons to discuss the priorities and other concerns
- The City will own establishing the biweekly appointments
- The Schools will own documentation of the work
- United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg will continue to be highly involved in supporting the city of Petersburg, both through targeted local programs and by funding local nonprofits.

# History: Organizational Structure



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**Department of Community Affairs**  
3811 Corporate Road  
Petersburg, Virginia 23805

## **Minority Strategy Committee Members**

### **City of Petersburg**

1. Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager
2. Darnetta K. Tyus, Deputy City Manager
3. Travis Christian, Chief of Police
4. Jacqueline Hernandez, Police
5. Norris Stevenson, Director of Social Services
6. Wayne Crocker, Director of Library Services
7. Osoba Folakemi (Kemi), Public Information Officer
8. Tami Yerby, Director of Recreation, Volunteerism and Special Events
9. John K. Michalek, EMS Coordinator

### **Petersburg Sheriff's Office**

1. The Honorable Vanessa Crawford, Sheriff

### **Petersburg Public Schools**

1. Dr. Maria Pitre-Martin, Superintendent
2. Pam Bell

### **Crater Health District**

1. Dr. Alton Hart, Director
2. Brian Little
3. Deborah Whitcare
4. Roxanne Marr-Shears
5. Tara Rose

### **Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority**

1. Nathaniel Pride, Director
2. Yvette Bembry
3. Christine Wynn
4. Sholanda Kenner

### **CACH**

1. Erica Holmes

### **PHOPS**

1. Morgan Maxwell

### **Workforce Development**

1. Sopenia Pierce, Director
2. Pam Allen

### **Petersburg YMCA**

1. Marco Callender, Director

### **United Way**

1. Leanne Lytle

# Minority Strategy Committee Recent City and Schools Accomplishments

- Participated in Governor Northam Petersburg Health Equity Pilot Project.
- PPE Distribution
- COVID 19 Petersburg Resource Guide in English and Spanish.
- Back to School Backpack Initiative.
- Assisted in contacting students, who were “no shows” at beginning of school year.
- Assisted in connecting students to the Crimson Clinic for overdue school vaccinations.
- Assisted Students and Families with access to transportation to Crimson Clinic.
- Assisted School Department with Feed the Need Initiative.
- Assisted School Department with Holiday Feeding Initiative for students over the Winter Holiday Break.
- Assisted School Department and Public Housing Development with City-wide Wifi Initiative.

Q & A





# City of Petersburg

## Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

**DATE:** February 2, 2021

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

**THROUGH:** Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager

**FROM:** India Adams-Jacobs

**RE:** **General Assembly Legislative Update**

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**PURPOSE:** To provide City Council an update on the current legislative session.

**REASON:** To provide City Council an update on the current legislative session.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**BACKGROUND:**

**COST TO CITY:**

**BUDGETED ITEM:**

**REVENUE TO CITY:**

**CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE:**

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES:**

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:**

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION:**

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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# City of Petersburg

Office of the City Manager  
135 North Union Street  
Petersburg, Virginia 23803

(804) 733-2301

## MEMORANDUM

Date: January 22, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

Cc: Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager

From: India Adams- Jacobs, Assistant to the City Manager (Legislative Liaison)

Subject: **Virginia General Assembly Legislative Report – January 22, 2021**

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### **General Assembly (GA) 2021 Session Overview**

- Session began on January 13, 2021 and is slated to end on February 11, 2021.
- Short session (30 days, instead of 45 days); 2021 is off budget year.
- General Assembly members were given bill limits due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- House meeting virtually and Senate meeting in person with limitations due to COVID-19.

### **GA Legislation from City's Adopted Legislative Agenda**

- HB 1800, Item 114 #11h (Del. Aird) Infrastructure Upgrades for Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Economic Development for the **\$10,000,000** from the general fund to fund expenses incurred from the installation of a water tank and associated infrastructure at the Pharmaceutical Park complex in the City of Petersburg.
  - City administration has provided a formal letter of support for this budget amendment to the Del. Torian the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee in support of the budget amendment introduced by Del. Aird.
  - This funding (FY22) is contingent upon the City proceeding with pursuing and executing a loan through the Department of Environmental Quality's Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund to address sewer improvements at the Petersburg Pharmaceutical Park complex.

### **Administration of Government**

**HB 2269** - Del. Steve Heretick, Portsmouth – **RE: Revenue Share for Solar Energy Projects** – to amend Section 58.1-2636 to require that the maximum amount of the revenue share be adjusted every 5 years based on the Consumer Price Index.

REFERRED TO HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE

**SB 1363** - Sen. David Marsden, Fairfax County – **RE: Board of Local & Regional Jails** – to amend Section 53.1-5 to add to the power and duties: ensure the development of long-range policies, programs, plans for services at the local and regional level; review and comment on all budgets, funding requests, all applications for federal funds; monitor effectiveness of the implementation of standards and goals;

authorize payment of medical expenses incurred by a prisoner incurred while incarcerated after his or her release.

REFERRED TO SENATE REHABILITATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

**SB 1419** - Sen. Marsden – **RE: Project Labor Agreements on Transportation Projects** – to add to Section 2.2-4321.2 that for contracts for road, highway, bridge design or construction, a public body that wants to enter into a project labor agreement must first determine by written finding that this agreement advances the public interest, based on objective criteria that may include cost, efficiency, quality, safety, timelines, maintenance of a skilled labor force, labor stability or advancing minority-owned or women-owned participation.

REFERRED TO SENATE GENERAL LAWS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**HB 2291** - Del. Angelia Williams Graves, Norfolk – **RE: Law-Enforcement Civilian Oversight Boards** – to amend Section 9.1-601 to authorize those boards to Oversee Sheriffs’ depts.

REFERRED TO HOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

**HB 2131** - Del. Alfonso H. Lopez, Arlington- **RE: Alcoholic Beverage Control; license application, locality input**- to amend and reenact Section 4.1-230, relating to strengthen the locality’s ability to have input on ABC license requests as the locality would receive notifications of license applications and provide locality more time to respond and give reasonable consideration to comments. Also further defines criminal blight.

### **Economic Development**

**SB 1334; HB 2273** – Sen. John Edwards, Roanoke; Del. James Morefield, Tazewell County – **RE: Pilot Program for Broadband** – to amend Section 56-585.1:9 to remove “nongovernmental” in order to enable the pilot program to include the participation of municipalities and government-owned broadband authorities.

REFERRED TO SENATE COMMERCE & LABOR & HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEES

**SB 1413** - Sen. Jennifer Boysko, Herndon – **RE: Pilot Program for Broadband by Phase I & Phase II Electric Utilities** – to make the pilot program permanent.

REFERRED TO SENATE COMMERCE & LABOR COMMITTEE

**SB 1423** - Sen. Jeremy McPike, Woodbridge – **RE: Tax Exemptions for Data Centers** – to amend Section 58.1-609.3:18 to eliminate the minimum job creation requirement in distressed localities that meet the high unemployment and high poverty rate standards.

REFERRED TO SENATE FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

**SB 1425** - Sen. Frank Ruff, Mecklenburg County – **RE: Data Centers** – to amend same Code section as in above **SB 1423** to provide that if a data center qualifies for an

exemption and seeks to qualify for an exemption in another locality, it would not have to meet the jobs requirement in the 2<sup>nd</sup> locality, but would have to meet the requirement in the 1<sup>st</sup> locality.

REFERRED TO SENATE FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

### **EDUCATION**

**SJR 275** - Sen. Bill Stanley, Franklin County – A Constitutional Amendment to Article VIII to require the General Assembly to provide for a system of free public education with **equal educational opportunities** for all children.

REFERRED TO SENATE COMMITTEE FOR PRIVILEGES & ELECTIONS

**SJR 294** - Sen. Lynwood Lewis, Eastern Shore – to have JLARC **study** the **cost of education** and provide an accurate assessment of the **SOQ implementation costs**.

REFERRED TO SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

**HB 1929** - Del. Lashreese Aird, Petersburg – **The School Equity & Staffing Act**; to amend the SOQ to establish units in the Department of Education to oversee Work-Based Learning, Principal Mentorship, Teacher Leader and Teacher Mentor Programs; to establish school-wide ratios of students to teachers in high poverty schools; to grant flexibility to provide compensation adjustments to teachers in high poverty schools; to require school boards to assign licensed personnel in a manner providing equitable distribution of experienced, effective teachers among all schools in the division; to require employment of teacher leaders and teacher mentors at specified teacher/student ratios; to require state aid in addition to basic aid to support at-risk students and provide flexibility in use of these funds; to lower the ratio of ESL students/teachers; to require school boards to employ reading specialists and establish student/specialist ratios; to require that there be 1 f-t principal in every elementary school; to lower the ratio of students/ asst. principals and school counselors in every school; to require school boards to provide at least 4 specialized student support positions, including school social workers, school psychologists, school nurses, licensed behavior analysts, licensed assistant behavior analysts and other licensed health and behavioral positions/1,000 students.

REFERRED TO HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Note:** Del. Aird has proposed a budget amendment to add an additional \$504.1 million and authorize 18 FTE state positions to implement the Standards of Quality; and \$418.4 million to eliminate the cap on the number of support positions funded by the SOQ.

### **Environment**

**SB 1354** - Sen. Emmett Hanger, Augusta County – **RE: Chesapeake Bay-Wastewater Treatment** – Same as **HB 2129**.

REFERRED TO SENATE AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**SB 1360** - Sen. Jennifer McClellan, Richmond – **RE: Virginia Human Rights Act** – Sexual Harassment & Workplace Harassment – Same as **HB 2155**.

REFERRED TO SENATE GENERAL LAWS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**SB 1373** - Sen. McClellan – **RE: Environmental Permits-Community & Environmental Justice Outreach** – This bill seeks to impose broader and more detailed public outreach, notice, signage, hearings requirements for applicants for air permits, landfills, transfer stations, hazardous waste facilities, VPDES permits, Virginia Pollution Abatement Permits, individual groundwater withdrawal permits. It also **removes** from Section 10.1-1408.1 the **exemption provided to local government and public authority applications for landfill or transfer station permits**. Localities will have to comply with all of the new community and environmental justice outreach requirements.

REFERRED TO SENATE AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**SB 1404** - Sen. Lynwood Lewis, Eastern Shore – **RE: Stormwater Local Assistance Fund** – to amend Section 62.1-44.15:29.1 B. to provide that grants for Chesapeake Bay TMDL requirements may take into account total phosphorus reductions or total nitrogen reduction. Grants in localities with high or above-average fiscal stress may account for more than 50% of the project costs.

REFERRED TO SENATE AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### **Miscellaneous**

**HB 2270** - Del. Danny Marshall, Danville – **RE: Minimum Wage** – to amend Section 40.1-28.10 to delay (push forward) the effective dates of this law- would commence January 1, 2022 (current law is May 1, 2021) and all of the other increases would occur one year later than originally set.

REFERRED TO HOUSE COMMERCE & LABOR COMMITTEE

**SB 1407** - Sen. John Bell, Loudoun County – A 57-page re-write-re-names the Lottery Board to the **Virginia Lottery & Gaming Department** – It would **no longer sunset the electronic skill games** (Gray Machines). The State tax on these operators would be 34% on all gross profits, with 70% going to the Virginia Electronic & Gaming Device Educational Support Fund to be used solely for public education; **26% to the host locality**; 3% to the Lottery & Gaming Department; and 1% for Problem Gaming Treatment.

### **Taxation**

**SB 1398** - Sen. Tommy Norment, James City County – **RE: Lodging Tax** – Essentially the same as **HB 2158** in **Report #3**.

REFERRED TO SENATE FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

### **Transportation**

**HB 2256** - Del. Mark Cole, Fredericksburg – **RE: Local Authority to Regulate Parking** – to amend Sections 46-2-122 & 1222.1 to allow all localities to restrict or prohibit parking on any secondary roads and prescribe penalties (currently 8 counties have this authority including Prince George; to allow all localities to prohibit parking on any public highway watercraft, boat trailers, motor homes, camping trailers (currently 6 counties and 7 towns have this authority.

REFERRED TO HOUSE

### **Land Use**

**HB 2074** - Del. Shelly Simonds, Newport News – **RE: Local Comprehensive Plans** – to add Section 15.2-2223.5 to require that after July 1, 2021, every locality shall, when it conducts its comprehensive plan review, adopt an environmental justice strategy. It would have to:

- 1) identify each environmental justice community & fenceline community in the locality;
- 2) identify objectives & policies to reduce the health risks in those communities:
  - reduce pollution exposure
  - improve air quality
  - promote public facilities, food access, broadband access, safe & sanitary dwellings & physical activity
- 3) identify policies to promote public involvement in these communities
- 4) identify policies that prioritize improvements and programs that address needs in those communities.

An Environmental Justice Community is any low-income community or community of color.

A Fenceline Community is an area that has all or part of a low-income community or community of color that presents an increased health risk due to proximity to a major source of pollution.

REFERRED TO HOUSE AGRICULTURE, CHESAPEAKE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**Note:** This bill is a Comprehensive Environmental Justice that also address the state permitting process for electric generating facilities, landfills, sewage treatment plants, waste incinerators.

It is in the Natural Resources Subcommittee and Del. Lee Ware is the only legislator from our region on it. He represents part of Chesterfield County.

### **Miscellaneous**

**SB 1442** - Sen. Joe Morrissey, Richmond – to establish a Public Defender Office in **Chesterfield County.**

REFERRED TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

**SBs 1449, 1450** - Sen. Amanda Chase, Chesterfield – to prohibit **any** employer from requiring an employee to take the **COVID 19 vaccine**; to prohibit discrimination based on a person’s vaccination status.

REFERRED TO SENATE GENERAL LAWS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**Budget Amendments of Interest to Localities from House Members who Represent the Crater Planning District**

**Delegate Lashrecse Aird (63<sup>rd</sup>)**

- \$10 million – infrastructure upgrades for a major economic development project in **Petersburg**.
- \$400,000 this yr; \$2.6 million next yr. – **Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing**.
- \$504.1 million – to implement the **SOQ amendments** proposed in HB 1929.
- \$418.4 million – to eliminate the cap on **K-12 Support Positions** funded by SOQ Funding.
- \$5 million this yr. & next - **Community & Migrant Health Centers** to serve uninsured & low-income persons & address Covid impacts.
- \$2.1 million – using **TANF funds** to enable individuals to save thru individual development accounts.
- \$1 million – to reimburse schools for the purchase of **carbon monoxide detectors**.

**Del. Emily Brewer**

- \$3.5 million – to increase the salary scale for **Registrars** to equal the scale for Treasurers; restore funding level for registrars & electoral board members to 100% of costs. (Amendment also introduced by Del. Roslyn Tyler)

**Del. Betsy Carr**

- \$19.7 million – additional **ESL Teachers** and to distribute them based on English language proficiency levels.
- \$296,314 in each year – implement the **Solar Hands-On Instructional Network of Excellence** to provide training for employment in the solar industry.
- \$1 million – restore **State Aid to Public Libraries**.

**Del. Carrie Coyner**

- \$100,000 – Weston Manor in **Hopewell**.

## Del. Delores McQuinn

- \$4.75 in this yr. – increase the current appropriation for the **VA Food Access Investment Program** to \$6.0 million.
- \$.5 million this yr.; \$3.5 million next yr. – **VA Brownfields Restoration & Economic Development Assistance Fund** at VEDP for re-development of public housing near former landfill sites; to increase to max grant award for site remediation; add a category site assessment.
- \$100,000 – support a program of academic & baseball skills preparation for **African American youth baseball players** in VA.
- \$2.5 million – to expand the **Targeted Extended/Enriched School Year & Year-Round School Grants Program** to bring the total to \$10.3 million.
- Offset the \$20 million in Recordation Tax revenue that was redirected to Hampton Roads Transit in 2020 in order to **hold harmless all other VA localities.**
- \$1.195 million this yr. and next – Establish an **Adult Sickle Cell Disease Program.**
- Language to authorize the Commonwealth Transportation Board to waive the 25% cap for the **Transit Ridership Incentive Program**, which was set up to reduce the impact of fares on low-income people.
- \$.5 million – to **study VA’s current Public Transportation System**, with a Focus on equitable delivery & system modernization.

## Delegate Roslyn Tyler

- \$2.53 million - restore full reimbursement to localities for compensation for **Registrars & Electoral Board members.**
- Language to create a 1-yr. pilot to allow **Public Broadband Authorities** to Compete for funds from the VA Telecommunications Initiative.
- \$1.7 million this yr.; \$7.9 million next yr. – additional **‘599’ Funding.**

## Budget Amendments Submitted by Senators Who Represent the Crater Planning District

### Sen. Amanda Chase

- \$50,000 - to begin implementation of her proposed **Public Education Voucher Program**
- \$50,000 - to begin implementation of her bill requiring school divisions to provide **required technology/internet service** to students who do not have access- for low income students at no cost.

- \$50,000 - to begin implementation of her bill re: employment of **School Security Officers**.

### **Sen. Ghazala Hashmi**

- \$19.7 million – to fund changes to the ratios for **Teachers for English Language Learners**.
- Add \$4.7 million for **K-12 At-Risk funding**: Remove \$4.7 million from **School Resource Officer**/Security Officer Incentive Grant Fund.

### **Sen. Louise Lucas**

- \$2 million -Increase the **Governor’s Motion Picture Opportunity Fund** to \$5 million.
- \$1 million -additional funding for the **Industrial Revitalization Fund** – money designated for port-related buildings in Hampton Roads, Richmond, Front Royal.
- \$714,000 this year and next to cover costs for **low-income students to take AP exams**.
- \$2.5 million -**Emergency Shelter Upgrade Assistance Fund** to assist local governments prepare for emergency sheltering- to be ongoing funding each year.

### **Sen. Jennifer McClellan**

- \$4.75 million this year- increase funding for **Virginia Food Access Investment Fund** to \$5.9 million
- \$25 million this year and next- establish the **Virginia Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund** at the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development.
- \$2.5 million this year and next – additional funding for the **Extended/Enriched School Year and Year-Round School Grants Program**.
- \$414.5 million – Eliminate the **Cap on Support Positions** – SOQ funding for K-12.
- \$62 million - to **implement SOQ revisions** re: consolidation of At-Risk Add-On; Prevention, Intervention, Remediation; re-name to Equity Fund.
- \$462.3 million – to implement proposed **SOQ Revisions**.
- \$296,314 this year and next – implement **Southside Virginia Community College’s SHINE (Solar Workforce Training) Program**
- \$1.2 million this year and next – Comprehensive **Adult Program for Sickle Cell Disease**.
- \$21 million -**RE: TANF Eligibility** – to increase the standard of assistance by 18 percent annually until it equals 50% of the poverty level.

- \$2.1 million -for TANF-eligible people to save in **Individual Development Accounts**.

**Sen. Joe Morrissey**

- \$2 million -establish a **Public Defender Office in Chesterfield County**. Three budget amendments reflect savings from court-appointed attorney costs of \$1.1 million.
- \$100,00 -Weston Manor in **Hopewell**.

**Sen. Tommy Norment**

- \$1 million -additional funding for **Local Public Libraries**.

**Sen. Frank Ruff**

- \$1 million -increased funding for rent, general operating support and maintenance for **Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing**
- \$1 million this year and next – to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to release to **CCAM** as a contingency grant fund or working line of credit.

**Other Amendments**

**Sen. Hanger** - \$39.8 million this year for additional tax- supported bonds for **Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades** driven by DEQ regulations to meet Virginia’s **Chesapeake Bay Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan**.

\$50 million this year for additional tax- supported bonds for **Stormwater Upgrades** to fund needs identified in the DEQ 2020 Needs Assessment, in order to meet Virginia’s **Chesapeake Bay WIP III Implementation Plan**.

**Sen. Saslaw** - **VDOT Urban Maintenance Funding** – Add \$4.1 million this year and next.



# City of Petersburg

## Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

**DATE:** February 2, 2021

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

**THROUGH:** Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager

**FROM:** Tangela Innis

**RE:** **PowerPoint Presentations on St. Andrews Street Bridge Replacement, Park-N-Ride, and Citywide LED Streetlight Conversion.**

**PURPOSE:** Presentation to provide an update on the following projects:

- St. Andrews Street Bridge Replacement
- Park-N-Ride
- Citywide LED Streetlight Conversion

**REASON:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** No Recommendation - For Information Purposes Only

**BACKGROUND:**

**COST TO CITY:**

**BUDGETED ITEM:**

**REVENUE TO CITY:**

**CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE:**

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES:**

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:**

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION:**

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. The Department of Public Utilities & Capital Projects projects pp



# The Department of Public Utilities & Capital Projects

*City of* *Petersburg*  
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**February 2, 2021**

**Tangela Innis, Director of Utilities & Capital Projects**



# Department of Capital Improvement Projects

## St. Andrew Street Bridge Replacement

**William Riggleman, Construction Manager**

# St. Andrew Street Bridge Replacement





# Project Schedule

- Existing Bridge is Structurally Deficient
  - Closed to Traffic in 2007
- Timmons Group began design engineering August 2019
- IFB Advertised March 2020
- Contract Awarded September 2020
  - Contractor Franco's Liberty Bridge, Inc.
- Contractor Started Work January 25, 2021
- Completion Date October 31, 2021



# Proposed Bridge Design

- 34' Long Single Span x 37' Wide
  - Span over existing abutments
- Maintain Current Lane Widths and Sidewalk
- Maintain Existing Roadway Profile
- Utilize Existing Fieldstone Walls
  - Scour protection
  - Utility impacts
- Utility Relocations
  - 18" transite waterline
  - 8" water line



# Proposed Bridge Design

## Concrete Construction

- Durable
- Reduced maintenance costs
- Reduced inspection costs

## Metal Railing

- Aesthetically pleasing
- Pedestrian and bicycle protection





# Project Schedule

- Awarded Contractor – Franco’s Liberty Bridge
- Construction Management and Inspection – MBP
- Construction Phase Services – Timmons Group
- Contractor started work January 25, 2021.
- Construction is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2021





# Department of Capital Improvement Projects

## Petersburg Park -N- Ride Citywide LED Street Light Conversion

**Temidre Okeowo, Capital Projects Manager**



# Petersburg Park-N- Ride





# Project Details

- Guernsey Tingle was awarded the contract to handle the architectural design of the project amongst other functions such as preparing building plans, preparing bid documents.
- 100% Design Documents have been submitted for review and cleared. An Invitation for Bid (IFB) has been put on the City's website. Dates are as follows:
  - Solicitation Release: December 23, 2020
  - Pre-Bid: January 7, 2021
  - Questions Due: January 28, 2021
  - Bid Receipts: February 17, 2021
  - Bid Opening: February 18, 2021
- The project team agreed to select the Precast Construction option which will be the most cost-effective option instead of cast in place. A site visit was done to see how their process works. This visit was by representatives from the City and Guernsey Tingle.



## Project Details (Cont'd.)

- It was agreed upon that infrastructure for 3 electric car charging stations would be put in the construction plans to ensure the City is keeping up with current industry trends.
- Dominion Energy Engineer Angel has developed the initial conceptual design and cost estimates to relocate existing power and to provide a new transformer. He has also completed the ROW agreements for the properties that the new power poles will be located. Dominion energy is also taking steps to move the pole currently as demolition is complete.
- The Right-of-Way document has been signed and given back to Dominion Energy.
- The project is still going on as scheduled.
- The total cost for the project is \$8,000,000.
- The project is funded by the Department of Railroad and Public Transportation.



# LED Street Light Conversion

A photograph of several tall streetlights with glowing LED lamps against a clear blue twilight sky. The lights create a starburst effect. In the foreground, the word "Petersburg" is written in a large, white, cursive font, and "VIRGINIA" is written in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font below it.

*Petersburg*  
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# Project Details

- The Department of Utilities and Capital Projects has initiated a project to convert outdated incandescent street lighting to modern LED street lighting.
- The purpose is to increase lighting, ensure safety, and enhance landmarks creating a beautiful ambience to the architectural views of the City.
- Total Number of Streetlights to be converted: 3,199
- Total Cost for Conversion: \$503,581.36
- Total Monthly Savings: \$10,637.15
- Total Yearly Savings: \$127,645.80
- Number of Lights to be converted in Phase One: 163
- Number of Streets in Phase One: 34
- The project is starting in Ward 4 in the downtown area as this area is a major strip and has high pedestrian and transportation traffic.
- Dept. of Utilities and Capital Projects is working with Dominion Energy to receive direction from their designers on the most efficient process to work through all Wards via a geographical grid process.
- City staff is also recommending continuing with Ward 5 based on Public Safety recommendations.



# Benefits/Cost Savings Measures

## Benefits of LED Conversion:

- Highlights the identity and enhances the positive urban character of an area
- Increases safety
- Reduces energy use
- Reduces carbon footprint and promotes Green energy
- Contributes to longer life span for the streetlight
- Saves the City money in maintenance and replacement costs

## Cost Savings:

- The total conversion investment will cost the City of Petersburg \$503,581.36.
- This will be paid for through the City's Urban Allocation Dollars
- If all lights are converted in a 1-year period, the payback period is 3.9 years.
- Currently, the data is not available for if the full conversion isn't complete in 1 year.
- For streetlights, the City currently pays Dominion Energy \$40,146.97 monthly.
- The prospective LED monthly bill will cost \$29,509.82.
- The total monthly savings will be \$10,637.15.
- The yearly savings after the full conversion will be \$127,645.80.





# Questions



# City of Petersburg

## Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

**DATE:** February 2, 2021

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

**THROUGH:** Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager

**FROM:** Tangela Innis

**RE:** **An Update on the South Crater Road Emergency Waterline Replacement Project.**

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**PURPOSE:** For informational purposes only.

**REASON:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** For informational purposes only.

**BACKGROUND:** Please see PowerPoint Presentation.

**COST TO CITY:**

**BUDGETED ITEM:**

**REVENUE TO CITY:**

**CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE:**

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES:**

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:**

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION:**

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Waterline Replacement Project

**The Department of Public Utilities & Capital Projects**

*City of* *Petersburg*  
VIRGINIA

**February 2, 2021**

**Tangela Innis, Director of Utilities & Capital Projects**

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# Department of Public Utilities (Water & Sewer)

## S. Crater Road Emergency Waterline Replacement

**Andrew J. Barnes, P.E.**

**General Manager of Public Utilities/City Engineer**

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# S. Crater Rd – Emergency Waterline Installation



## Project Overview

- In mid-December, customers along S. Crater Road, between Maycox St. and Glenroy St., began to complain about low pressure issues.
  - Some indicated it had been long-term, while others indicated it was new.
- Staff identified that the customers were serviced by a 2" waterline that ran behind their properties.
- Staff attempted to identify any visible signs of leakage along the alignment but could not.
- Staff observed unacceptable pressure readings at residences (<20 psi) and began formulating a corrective action plan.

# S. Crater Rd – Emergency Waterline Installation



## Project Overview - Continued

- Replacement of the existing 2" water line was not possible
  - Fences, sheds, and derelict vehicles would have to be moved and/or replaced.
  - No record of an easement.
  - Not really an ideal location for a water line.
- We determined that the existing water line in S. Crater Road was on the east side of the street and transverse service connections were not possible.
- Longitudinal trenching along S. Crater Road for a new water line was not possible.

Instead, we came up with the idea to install a new waterline behind the sidewalk via Horizontal Directional Drilling, set new meters in the front, and reconnect the homes to the new line.

# S. Crater Rd – Emergency Waterline Installation



## Corrective Action Plan (Phase 1 - Ongoing)

- Contacted Rain for Rent, an emergency utility solutions company, for an above ground bypass.
  - The bypass is supplied from a hydrant and backfeeds each house through a service line connected to the hose bib.
    - One house didn't have a hose bib, so we paid a plumber to install one.
  - A bypass has to be treated like a new waterline: requires flushing, disinfection, and bacteriological sampling before being put into use.
  - The bypass had to be insulated due to below-freezing air temperature.
  - Installed hose ramps in the roadway and driveways.

Insulated aboveground bypass and a service connection. Contractor's trailers and fuel cell also shown



# S. Crater Rd – Emergency Waterline Installation



## Corrective Action Plan (Phase 2 - Completed)

- JCR Underground to install a new waterline behind the sidewalk via Horizontal Directional Drilling
  - Same technique used for fiber optic and cable installation along the side of the road.
  - The Directional Drilling contractor would install 1,200' of 4" HDPE (waterline specification) between Maycox Street and E. South Blvd.
    - Even though the problematic 2" line ended at Glenroy St., the next waterline crossing to tie-in to was in E. South Blvd.



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# S. Crater Rd – Emergency Waterline Installation



## Corrective Action Plan (Phase 3 - Mobilizing)

- Causeway Plumbing will reconnect all of the homes between Maycox St. and E. South Blvd to the new 4" waterline.
  - They'll set new service taps and meter pits.
  - Directional drilling techniques will bring new service lines to the homes without extensive excavation.
  - Contractor will connect the new service lines into the existing house plumbing
    - Either via connection in the crawlspace or with a tie-in to the rear service line.
- The City will cap or abandon the service connections in the rear of the house and install meters in the front.
- Causeway is expected to begin work on February 1, 2020. They should be completed within about 2 weeks.
- Due to the method of tapping the HDPE pipe, the new waterline will not be put into commission until they finish.
- The City will clean, disinfect, flush, and sample the new line.
- The City will clean up any debris and reseed denuded areas

## S. Crater Rd – Emergency Waterline Installation



Phase	Company	Cost	Status
Temporary Bypass	Rain-For-Rent	\$57,350	Ongoing
Directional Drilling/ Water line	JCR Underground	\$58,845	Complete
Water Services / Plumbing Reconnections	Causeway Plumbing	\$93,940	Mobilizing -- Expected Start 02/01/21
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$210,135</b>	

- All work was procured through emergency procurement.
  - Rain-for-Rent has assisted the City before with sewer pump bypasses
  - JCR and Causeway are new Vendors/Contractors to the City
    - The City solicited quotes from about 5-6 contractors and weighed cost and scheduling



# S. Crater Rd – Emergency Waterline Installation

## What happened?

- 2” Galvanized Iron water line was installed behind the S. Crater Rd properties circa 1950 for Walnut Hill Addition, Blocks 79 & 80 (this segment of S. Crater Rd wasn’t annexed into the City until 1956).
  - 70 years old
  - Galvanized iron pipe is extruded iron pipe that is coated in zinc to prevent corrosion
    - The zinc coating is sacrificial – it deteriorates and corrodes rather than the iron. Once it’s gone, the pipe is highly susceptible to corrosion.
    - **Typical life span is about 60 years. Not really used after the 1950’s.**
    - The pipe’s interior becomes tuberculated (rust and mineral deposits) over time and reduces the effective flow area.
    - Tuberculation can dislodge and clog pipes.

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# S. Crater Rd – Emergency Waterline Installation



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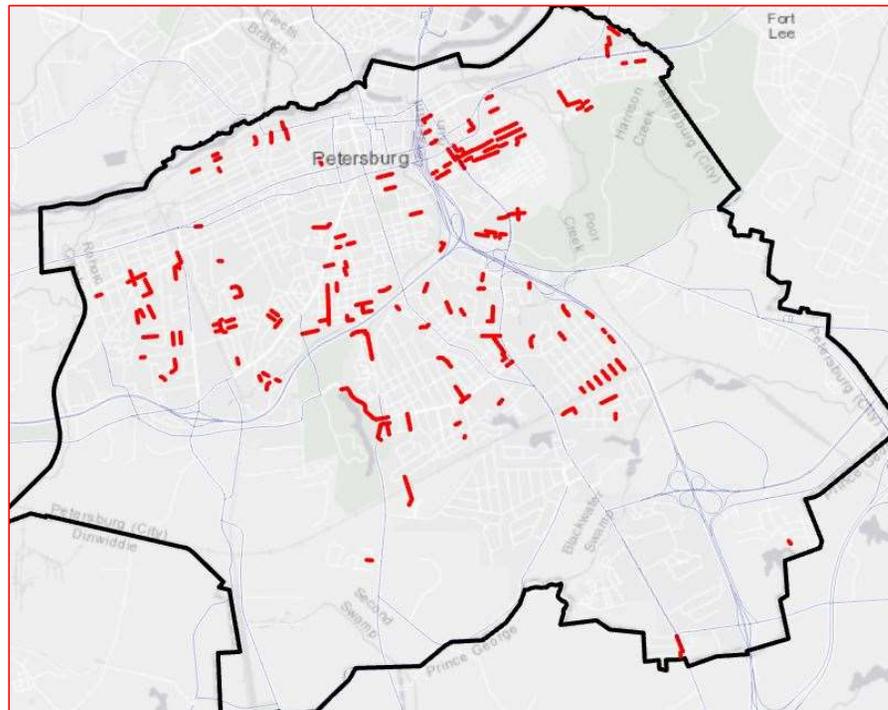
## S. Crater Rd – Emergency Waterline Installation



### What can we do moving forward?

- Inventory existing galvanized pipes (and undersized pipes) within the water distribution system and slate them for replacement (CIP)
- Maintain positive vendor relationships in case of future emergencies
- Develop Emergency Response Plans
  - In the works
- Develop Standard Operating Procedures

2" waterlines throughout the City



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# Questions

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# City of Petersburg

## Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

**DATE:** February 2, 2021

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

**THROUGH:** Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager  
Lionel Lyons, Deputy City Manager of Development  
Reginald Tabor, Interim Director of Planning & Zoning

**FROM:** Jeremy Tennant

**RE:** **Update and Information on the Technology Zone Expansion**

**PURPOSE:** This is a response to the question raised during the December 8, 2020 City Council meeting, “If we were to extend the Technology Zone to the former Southside regional medical center site what are the benefits and is it feasible?” .

**REASON:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends a land use study regarding the needs of technology businesses to determine whether conformance with RB zoning is possible and target businesses will find the site attractive prior to establishing a Technology Zone on the property. The Study should also consider alternative zoning designations if the current RB zoning would not serve the purpose of the Technology Zone. Staff also recommends that the study be conducted through the City Planning Commission and that a report be requested by the March 16, 2021 City Council meeting. Staff also recommends a visioning session with the Economic Development Authority to determine and identify uses that are currently permitted within the existing zoning districts that may serve as ideal sites for future technology zones within the City.

Visioning sessions can elapse between three to six months, pending the complexity of the subject matter. The current inquiry may take roughly four months.

**BACKGROUND:** During the December 8, 2020 City Council Public Hearing, Councilmember Cuthbert raised a question after the City Council and Public were briefed on the proposed amendments to the definitions, incentives, procedures, compliance and confidentiality sections of the I-95 Technology Zone. Councilmember Cuthbert made the following inquiry, “If we were to extend the Technology Zone to the former Southside Regional Medical Center (SRMC) site what are the benefits and is it feasible?” As a follow up to that inquiry, on January 19, 2021 Councilmember Cuthbert requested through the City Manager that staff address the potential addition of another Technology Zone at the former SRMC site or potentially anywhere else in the City of Petersburg and if applicable, the next steps to be taken to do so and a timeline to complete those steps.

The Code of Virginia provides that:

- A. Any city, county or town may establish, by ordinance, one or more technology zones. Each locality may grant tax incentives and provide certain regulatory flexibility in a technology zone.
- B. The tax incentives may be provided for up to ten years and may include, but not be limited to: (i) reduction of permit fees; (ii) reduction of user fees; and (iii) reduction of any type of gross receipts tax. The extent and duration of such incentive proposals shall conform to the requirements of the Constitutions of Virginia and of the United States.
- C. The governing body may also provide for regulatory flexibility in such zone which may include, but not be limited to: (i) special zoning for the district; (ii) permit process reform; (iii) exemption from ordinances; and (iv) any other incentive adopted by ordinance, which shall be binding upon the locality for a period of up to ten years.
- D. Each locality establishing a technology zone pursuant to this section may also adopt a local enterprise zone development taxation program for the technology zone as provided in § 58.1-3245.12.
- E. The establishment of a technology zone shall not preclude the area from also being designated as an enterprise zone.

The City of Petersburg City Council adopted Ord. No. 03-52, July 15, 2003, finding that certain classes of high technology business activities have special economic significance to the city due to the nature of the technology and their potential for high growth in employment and capital investment. The City Council further found that the most appropriate method of encouraging the location of new businesses and the expansion of certain existing classes of technology businesses is to create a technology zone with particular boundaries and located on the east side of Interstate 95, and as authorized by the 1950 Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3850, as amended. The City Council determined that the establishment of this technology zone will improve economic conditions, hasten redevelopment, and benefit the welfare of its citizens.

To incentivize high technology business development, capital investment grants were established to be provided to qualified technology businesses. The grant is based on the new or qualifying existing equipment within the technology zone. Each annual installment of the capital investment grant is calculated based on the machinery and tools taxes paid by a qualified technology business on such new equipment in that calendar year. The grant is equal to 100 percent of the machinery and tools taxes paid in years one through five attributable to such new or qualifying existing equipment.

The former Southside Regional Hospital site is located at 801 South Adams Street (Parcel 031300002). The 2014 Comprehensive Plan indicates that the area is designated for Public Use. The current zoning of the parcel is RB Office-Apartment District Regulations. Uses by businesses locating in the zone would have to conform to the zoning requirements.

Permitted uses within the RB Zoning District include:

1. Any use permitted in the "R-5" Multiple Dwelling District;
  - (1) Any use permitted in the "R-1" Two-Family Residence District and the "R-3" Two-Family Residence District;
  - (2) Multiple-family dwellings;
  - (3) Private clubs, fraternities, sororities, and lodges excepting those the chief activity of which is a service customarily carried on as a business;
  - (4) Parking areas (Ground level);
  - (5) Accessory buildings and uses not otherwise prohibited in this section;

(6) Nonprofit religious, educational and philanthropic institutions.

2. Business and professional offices, and office buildings and research laboratories; provided however, that there shall be no advertising sign or device on the lot, on the building, or in or on any of the exterior doors or windows of the building, except for each business or professional office occupying the building, there may be one advertising sign not exceeding two (2) square feet in area attached to the exterior of the building; that no building may be constructed with, or altered to produce a store front, show window or display window; there shall be no display from windows or doors and no storage of merchandise in the building or on the premises; there shall be no machinery or equipment, other than machinery or equipment customarily found in professional or business offices, used or stored in the building or on the lot; that required off-street parking shall be provided in the rear of such buildings or in the portion of the side yards, except adjacent to a street, if a corner lot, lying to the rear of extensions of the front line of such building.

The site is surrounded by residential land uses to the North, East and West. The property within the current Technology Zone is zoned M-2 Heavy Industrial District which allows manufacturing.

To achieve the Technology Zone purpose of promoting high growth in employment and capital investment by encouraging the location of new businesses and the expansion of certain existing classes of technology businesses, businesses would have to comply with the RB zoning or the property at the former Southside Regional Hospital site would have to be rezoned. The new zoning could be PUD Planned Unit Development District to allow for any potential use to be compatible with the adjacent residential uses. If the property is rezoned to M-1, Light Industrial District or M-2, Heavy Industrial District, it would not be compatible with adjacent residential uses.

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**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION:**

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Technology Zone

# Technology Zone Expansion Discussion

Presented by:

Departments of Economic Development

&

Planning and Community Development



February 2, 2021



## Purpose for the Discussion

### **December 8, 2020 City Council Meeting**

Councilmember Cuthbert raised a question after the City Council and Public were briefed on the proposed amendments to the definitions, incentives, procedures, compliance and confidentiality sections of the I-95 Technology Zone. Councilmember Cuthbert made the following inquiry, *“If we were to **extend** the Technology Zone to the former Southside Regional Medical Center (SRMC) site what are the **benefits** and is it **feasible**?”*

### **January 19, 2021 City Council Meeting**

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# Code of Virginia

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# Types of Technology Zone throughout the State of Virginia

## 79 Technology Zones Statewide Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP)

- Technological Research
  - Data Centers
  - Software
  - Cybersecurity
  - Unmanned Systems
- Design and Manufacturing
  - Advanced Materials
  - Aerospace
  - Automotive
  - Wood Products
  - Food & Beverage Processing



# Technology Zone Background

## **Enabling State Statute**

- Approved by the General Assembly of Virginia on April 2, 2002 (§ 58.1-3245.12)

## **Approval**

- Approved initially by Council on July 15, 2003 (Ordinance No. 03-52)
- Amended on October 21, 2014 (Ordinance No. 14-101)
- Amended on October 6, 2020 (Ordinance No. 193-2020)

## **Purpose**

To allow and encourage certain classes of high technology business activities (pharmaceutical research and development, manufacturing and/or production entities) that have special economic significance to the City due to the nature of the technology and potential for high growth in employment and capital investment.

## **Incentive**

Per the approved ordinances, the incentive is equal to 100% of the machinery and tools taxes paid in years one through five; however, can be extended to a total of ten years.

## **Process**

Applications are distributed to certified businesses each calendar year. Certified businesses must apply for the Technology Zone annually for the entire time they are part of the program.

The proposal presented is to clarify the program for all parties moving forward.



## City of Petersburg Intent of the Technology Zone:

- **Improve Economic Conditions**
- **Hasten Redevelopment**
- **Benefit the welfare of its citizens**



# Existing I-95 Technology Zone Boundary Map





# Existing Technology Zone **I-95 Technology Zone**

- 2820 N. Normandy Drive (Parcel 063010001)
- Property Owner: AMPAC Fine Chemicals
- Acres: 41
- Zoning: M-2 Heavy Industrial District
- Comprehensive Plan: Heavy Industrial



# Adjacent Land Uses

- Industrial Land Uses – North, East & South
- Commercial Land Uses – South
- Heavy Industrial Uses- South



Proposed  
Technology Zone  
Location:  
**Southern  
Regional  
Medical Center  
(SRMC)**

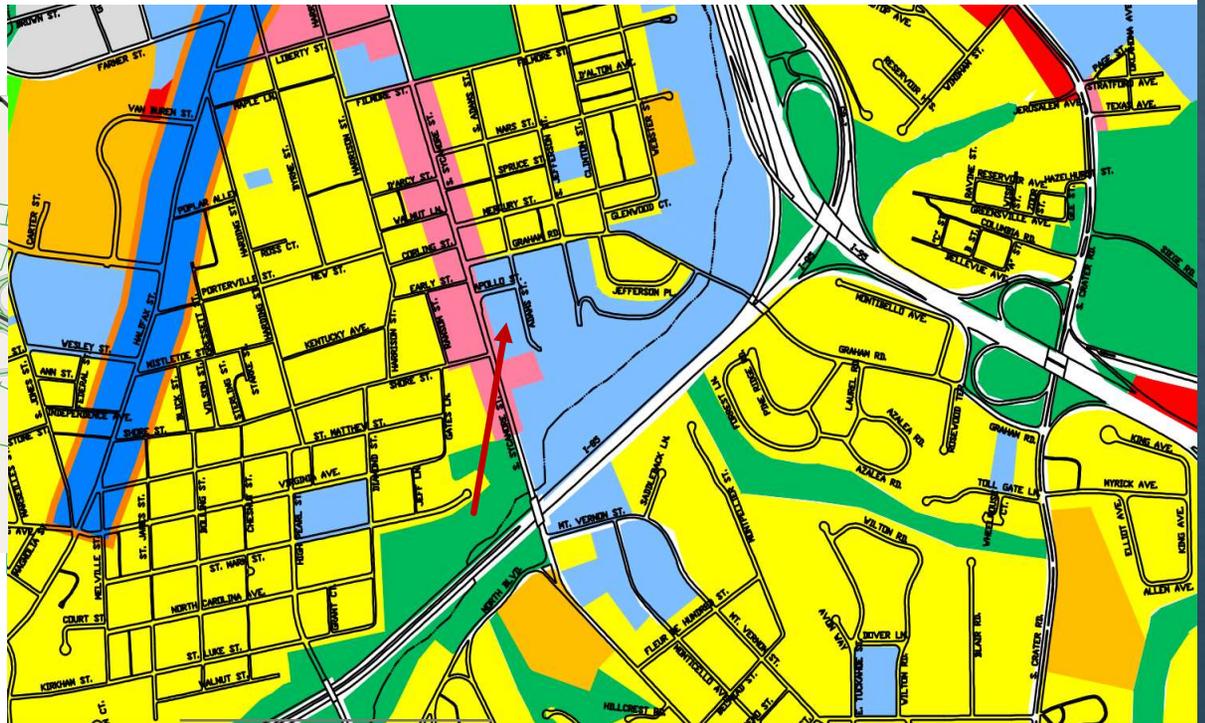
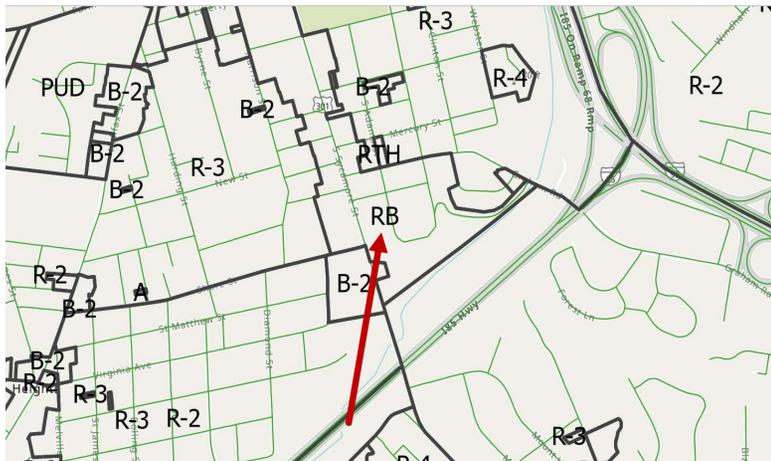
- 801 Adams Street (Parcel 031300002)
- Property Owner: City of Petersburg
- Acres: 22.5
- Zoning: RB Office-Apartment District
- Comprehensive Plan: Public Use Designation





# Adjacent Land Uses

- Residential Land Uses – North, East & West
- Commercial Land Uses – West
- Open Space - South





# Summary

**Conclusion:** Staff recommends a land use study regarding the needs of technology businesses to determine whether conformance with RB zoning is possible and target businesses will find the site attractive prior to establishing a Technology Zone on the property.

The Study should also consider alternative zoning designations if the current RB zoning would not serve the purpose of the Technology Zone.



# Recommendations

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# Questions & Comments?



# City of Petersburg

## Ordinance, Resolution, and Agenda Request

**DATE:** February 2, 2021

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

**THROUGH:**

**FROM:** Anthony C. Williams, City Attorney

**RE:** **First Reading and request to schedule a public hearing on or before March 14, 2021. The Continuity of Government Ordinance previously adopted by Council expires on March 14, 2021. This Ordinance replaces the prior ordinance and will extend the emergency operation provisions through August 16, 2021.**

**PURPOSE:** First Reading and request to schedule a public hearing on or before September 14, 2020. The Continuity Of Government Ordinance Previously Adopted By Council Expires On September 14, 2020. This Ordinance Replaces The Prior Ordinance And Will Extend The Emergency Operation Provisions Through March 14, 2021.

**REASON:** COVID-19 Pandemic

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Ordinance

**BACKGROUND:** Council's current Continuity of Government Ordinance expires on March 14, 2021. In order to continue operating under the emergency provisions, Council must schedule a public hearing and adopt this Ordinance on or before March 14, 2021. If adopted, Council may continue to operate under the emergency provisions through August 16, 2021 unless rescinded prior to that date by Council through adoption of a rescission ordinance.

**COST TO CITY:** \$0

**BUDGETED ITEM:** N/A

**REVENUE TO CITY:** N/A

**CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE:**

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES:** N/A

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** ALL

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION:** Supersedes and replaces previously adopted Continuity of Government Ordinances.

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAMS: N/A**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. continuity of government ordinance4

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISASTER.**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam issued Executive Order Fifty-One declaring a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia arising from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One acknowledged the existence of a disaster as defined by Virginia Code Section 44-146.16 arising from the public health threat presented by a communicable disease anticipated to spread; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One ordered implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, activation of the Virginia emergency Operations Center to provide assistance to local governments, and authorization for executive branch agencies to waive “any state requirement or regulation” as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020 the City Manager in her capacity as Director of Emergency Management, made a Declaration of Local Emergency for the City of Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020 City Council for the city of Petersburg did CONFIRM and RATIFY said Declaration of Local Emergency made by the City Manager in her capacity as Director of Emergency Management which declaration remains active throughout the entire City of Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413 provides that a locality may, by ordinance, provide a method at variance with general or special laws to assure continuity of government in the event of a disaster for a period not to exceed six months after the conclusion of the disaster; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disaster continues, with state imposed and recommended mask, social distancing, and limited personal contact requirements; and

WHEREAS Virginia Code Section 44-146.21(C) further provides that a local director of emergency management or any member of a governing body in his/her absence may upon the declaration of a local emergency “proceed without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements pertaining to performance of public work;” and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) allows, under certain procedural requirements including public notice and access, that members of City Council may convene solely by electronic means to “address the emergency;” and

WHEREAS, the open public meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act are limited only by a properly claimed exemption provided under that Act or “any other statute;” and

WHEREAS, federal and state guidance from the executive branch has recommended suspension of public and private gatherings of more than ten attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Executive Order 53 has prohibited public and private gatherings of ten or more persons with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of City Council that these limitations are intended in the furtherance of public health, safety, and welfare to prevent the spread of contagion; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was previously adopted by Council on March 31, 2020 with an expiration date of sixty-days (May 31, 2020) unless readopted by Council; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance was re-adopted on May 19, 2020 with an expiration date of September 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance was again re-adopted on September 14, 2020 with an expiration date of March 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disaster continues in effect with state required and recommended mask, social distancing, limited public gathering and personal contact restrictions; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of Council that due to the continuation of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is necessary to continue this Ordinance in full force and effect for a period not to exceed six months (this Ordinance will expire on ~~March~~August 14, 2021) unless rescinded earlier by Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by Council for the City of Petersburg that the regularly scheduled meetings and corresponding agenda items scheduled or proposed to be considered for the duration of the local emergency declaration (not to exceed six (6) months beyond the conclusion of the disaster) by the City Council, Planning Commission, or any other City Board or commission shall be deemed continued and the time limitations for action shall be deemed stayed (frozen) for the duration of the local emergency declaration, not to exceed six (6) months from the conclusion of the disaster, if the City Council, Planning Commission or other board or commission does not take action on the agenda item during the referenced timeframe, including those agenda items for which state or local law requires an affirmative action to be taken within a statutorily-mandated timeframe and the failure to take such action during the statutorily-mandate timeframe shall not be deemed an approval or otherwise prejudice or impact any rights or authority of City Council to fully and fairly consider the item; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that notwithstanding the foregoing, City Council, the Planning Commission, and any other City board or commission, may, at their election, conduct previously scheduled meetings or special meetings and act upon scheduled or proposed agenda items before

them for the duration of the emergency declaration thereafter, under normal procedures or solely be electronic means in compliance with public notice, access, and other requirements of Virginia Code 2.2-3708.2(A(3) to the extent reasonably practicable, and that City Council, the Planning Commission may in the exercise of reasonable discretion and consideration of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, place limitations on physical attendance consistent with Executive Orders of the Governor and/or recommendations of the State Health Commissioner; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that in the event that a public hearing matter is deemed by the applicable governing body to present a critical government function essential to continuity of government for the duration of the emergency declaration, the public hearing may be conducted by an open public comment period called for during an electronic meeting, in which case, action by the governing body may be continued to a subsequent meeting pending receipt of such comments. Public comments may be received by telephone, electronic communication or written submittal (including but not limited to email) delivered to the City Clerk of designee during the period stated in the call for public comments which comment period shall be a minimum of six (6) calendar days; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any statute, ordinance, or Rule of Council contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed superseded by this Ordinance to the extent permissible by law; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that City Council reserves the right by subsequently enacted ordinance to rescind or amend this ordinance.

An emergency is deemed to exist and this Ordinance shall be deemed effective upon the date of adoption and shall automatically terminate on ~~March 14~~August 16, 2021 unless rescinded prior by Council through subsequently enacted ordinance.