

The Special Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Monday, April 11, 2016, at City Hall in Council Chambers. Mayor Myers called the special meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Council Member David R. Coleman  
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: None

Present from City Administration:

Acting City Attorney Mark Flynn  
Acting City Manager Dironna Belton  
Clerk of Council Nykesha Jackson, CMC

**2. CLOSED SESSION:**

\*No Closed session.

There was discussion among staff and City Council Members on whether City Council has the authority to remove the Mayor and/or Vice Mayor without cause.

Mayor Myers recused himself from the table in reference to the topic of discussion pertaining to his position as Mayor.

Acting City Manager Ms. Belton stated that she would like to address concerns with the water billing and utilities. She stated that water utilities and billing is one of the most important priorities. She stated that there are certainly concerns and categories of issues that the City would like to be resolved and answered. She stated that she ask through a unanimous vote that council authorize herself and staff to resolve any outstanding contract obligations or issued regarding the installation and automation of the meter reading and utility billing system with the city attorney and other experts as needed. She stated that it is also asked that the city attorney be allowed to hire outside counsel if needed. She stated that currently staff has worked to document all installed devices, items eligible for warranty conditions and the accuracy of billing data. She stated that in an effort to first uncover what problems the City has with regard to the contract and the system. She stated that they will move to work with the vendors to work towards a fully operable system before June 2016, allowing for an appropriate timeframe meeting the October warranty deadline, if further action is needed.

Council Member Hill made a motion to accept the direction of the Interim City Manager. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman.

There was discussion among City Council Members and staff.

Council Member Moore made an addendum to the motion to add on a friendly amendment that if any information is found that it be sent to Virginia State Police for further investigation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wilson-Smith

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

**3. ADJOURNMENT:**

City Council adjourned at 6:00p.m.

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Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

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Mayor