

The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 3:30p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr
Council Member Treska Wilson-Smith
Council Member W. Howard Myers
Council Member Arnold Westbrook, Jr.
Vice Mayor Annette Smith-Lee
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent: Council Member Darrin Hill

Present from City Administration:

Clerk of Council Nykesha D. Jackson
City Attorney Anthony Williams
Interim City Manager Kenneth Miller

2. CLOSED SESSION:

- a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(7) and (8) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of receiving legal advice and status update from the City Attorney and legal consultation regarding the subject of specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by the City Attorney specifically including but not limited to discussion regarding Petersburg Circuit Court Case No.: CL21000495-00; and a contract issue and; under Subsection §2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition and disposition 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 public body, specifically including but not limited to the acquisition and disposition of real property; and under Subsection §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion pertaining to performance, assignment, and appointment of specific public employees of the City of Petersburg specifically including but not limited to discussion of the performance and appointment of specific public officers.

Council Member Myers made a motion that the City Council go into closed session for the purposes noted. Vice Mayor Smith-Lee seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, and Parham;
Absent: Hill

City Council entered closed session at 3:36 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Mr. Williams stated, "The Mayor would entertain a motion to conclude the closed session called this evening to certify in accordance with §2.2-3712 that the Code of Virginia that to the best of each members knowledge that only public business matter lawfully exempted from the opening meeting requirements were discussed and that only such public business matters were identified in the motion by which the closed

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meeting was convened, heard, discussed, or considered. If any member believes that there was a departure from the foregoing requirements should so state prior to the vote indicating the substance for departure that in his or her judgment has taken place. This requires a roll call vote Mr. Mayor.”

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee made a motion to return City Council into open session and certify the purposes of the closed session. Council Member Myers seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hill and Westbrook

22-R-35 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.

City Council returned to open session at 5:40 p.m.

Mayor Parham stated, “Next, I would like to suspend the rules to add a motion to the agenda for tonight for the execution of the purchase agreement for Petersburg Circuit Court Case No.: CL21000495-00.”

Council Member Myers made a motion to suspend the rules and add a motion to the agenda for tonight for the execution of the purchase agreement for Petersburg Circuit Court Case No.: CL21000495-00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cuthbert.

Mr. Williams stated, “And just a point of order. It is to proceed with the closing pursuant to the executed purchase agreement.”

The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hill and Westbrook

Mayor Parham stated, “Next, I will entertain a motion to authorize the city manager and the city attorney to proceed to the closing on the property pursuant to the executed purchase agreement in the Petersburg Circuit Court Case No.: CL21000495-00.”

Council Member Myers made a motion to authorize the city manager and the city attorney to proceed to the closing on the property pursuant to the executed purchase agreement in the Petersburg Circuit Court Case No.: CL21000495-00. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Smith-Lee. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hill and Westbrook

3. **ADJOURNMENT:**

City Council adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor