

The special regular meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, live streamed. Mayor Parham called the meeting to order at 12:41 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

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

Absent:

Council Member John A. Hart, Sr.

Present from City Council Administration:

Clerk of Council Nykesha D. Jackson
City Manager Stuart Turille
City Attorney Anthony C. Williams

2. PRAYER:

Mayor Parham stated, "Councilman Hill will lead us in our opening prayer."

Council Member Hill led the council meeting in prayer.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Parham led council and the citizens in the pledge of allegiance.

4. DETERMINATION OF THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM:

A quorum was determined with the presence of all City Council Members except Council Member Hart.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATION OF CEREMONIAL PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Proclamation designating the week of July 18-24, 2021, as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week in the City of Petersburg, VA.

Mayor Parham read the proclamation out loud.

Nicole Loving, Director of Petersburg Community Corrections, stated, "We thank you for allowing us to serve the city and the members of the community and participating in keeping them safe."

Mayor Parham stated, "Thank you for all you do. We appreciate it."

- b. Presentation on Legislative Update from Delegate Lashrecse Aird.

Mayor Parham stated, "In the absence of Delegate Aird we will have Joanne Williams to provide a legislative update."

*Audio available upon request.

Joanne Williams, Director of Communications, Marketing & Government Relations, gave an update on the legislative agenda.

Key points:

- The General Assembly will decide where \$4.3 billion in federal recovery funds will be used.
- The General Assembly is not mandated to direct all funding during the session. They can reserve some of it, but it must be allocated by 2024.
- The \$4.3 billion is above the \$2.7 billion that localities will receive. This does not include the \$2.6 billion in surplus that the General Assembly will address in its January 2022 Session.
- This is a living document and can be changed.
- The number one need is the Poor Creek upgrades. This would lead not only to upgrades to the pharmaceutical complex but for Southside Regional Medical Center and other development that would go in the east part of the city.
- The total cost that the city is asking would total \$26.6 million dollars.
- Tourism is a top item for dollars spent with the State for recovery.
- Petersburg is the gateway from the south to Virginia.
- Upgrades are mandatory for the South-Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. They have been mandatory for a number of years and have increased over time.
- A grant for 95% of Petersburg's share has been received. So, the \$13 million dollars is for Petersburg portion which is 5% of the cost.
- With Gun Violence Prevention several groups have already come out statewide supporting more money to be put into this fund to be distributed and hopefully Petersburg will receive some of this funding. This includes staff for social service workers and the police department.
- The Petersburg Library Education Center will be used for variety of educational purposes.
- The Technology Park that will be at the old Southside Regional site on Sycamore Street. The \$500,000 would be for site preparation, broadband, egress, and ingress. This is prime location for continued growth of economic development in the city.
- The EDA Revolving Loan Fund is \$5,000,000. This is related to tourism recovery where EDA would have money to establish those revolving loads to help business recover from COVID.
- There is \$500,000 for the Black History Museum at the old library site. Capital Improvements will not qualify for these funding's but certainly site stabilization, program development, and content creation.
- There is \$3,000,000 for Historic Blighted Recovery to help people who live in historic houses in Petersburg. Most Petersburg houses are historic. And give them some type of incentive to stay there and to keep the property and maintain the property.

Council Member Myers made a motion to adopt the Legislative Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Smith-Lee. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

6. RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD:

a. Council Communicates

Joanne Williams, Director of Communications, Marketing & Government Relations, stated, "Council Communicates is published on our city website. I have sent it to the media, and I have also posted the link on our social media. So, certainly anyone that entertained questions at the last meeting, those questions are answered in council communicates. So, I encourage the people that if they have not seen it to go to our website."

*Audio available upon request.

Mayor Parham stated, "Thank you so much Ms. Williams. We appreciate all your hard work on that. It looks great."

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (to include minutes of previous meeting/s)

- a. ABC Application for TTT Enterprises LLC (Monarays)
- b. ABC Application for 115 North Sycamore Street
- c. Minutes of the Closed Session City Council Meeting of July 6, 2021, and minutes of the Work Session City Council Meeting of July 6, 2021.

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "Mr. Mayor, I would like to remove item 7b from the consent agenda and move it down to the portion of our agenda dealing with items removed from the consent agenda, number 11. There is no detail at all in our agenda as to what is being proposed here for 115 North Sycamore. If you look at the paperwork all you see is information about a beauty salon. Nothing indicating whether it is off premises or on premises. And that is troubling at least potentially. So, I would like to remove and ask that 7b be removed. Perhaps the City Manager has an answer and if so, he can give it to us when we get to item 11."

Mr. Turille stated, "Answer to which question."

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "What is the ABC application for? Is it on premises or off premises?"

Mr. Turille stated, "Okay. Thank you."

Council Member Myers stated, "I believe they are opening an event space. So, it would be on premises. I do not believe that it will be off premises."

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee stated, "Yes. I think so too."

Council Member Myers stated, "It is on premises. It does not need to be moved."

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "Well Mr. Mayor as long as it is on premises, I have no problem with it. But I would ask the City Manager in the future to include documentation that indicates whether the license being sort is on premises or off premises. It is a big deal and bid difference at least in my view. We are dealing with a business area and the last thing that we want is off premises sale of alcohol. But on any event and on the representation and knowledge of other members of council that we are dealing with on premises only, I will withdraw my request that this be removed from the consent agenda."

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read by the mayor. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

8. OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. A public hearing regarding an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Joel Erb towards the sale of City-owned property at 115 Jolly Alley, parcel ID 031-050038.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Economic Development received a proposal from Joel Erb to purchase City-owned property located at 115 Jolly Alley which is currently a vacant lot. He is requesting to add this property to his adjacent residential property located at 414 Harrison St and maintain it as open space.

*Audio available upon request.

The proposed purchase price for the parcel is \$6,800 which is 50% of the assessed value, \$13,600. Mr. Joel Erb has provided financial documentation supporting his ability to purchase the property.

This proposal is in compliance with the Guidelines for the Disposition of City Real Estate Property, Zoning, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Property Information

The zoning of the parcel at 115 Jolly Alley is R-3, two family residential district.

Address: 115 Jolly Alley

Tax Map ID: 031-050038

Zoning: R-3

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Economic Development recommends that City Council approves the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Joel Erb towards the sale of City-owned property located at 115 Jolly Alley.

Cynthia Boone, Program Coordinator for Economic Development, gave a briefing of the public hearing regarding a purchase agreement for property located at 115 Jolly Alley.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council Members and staff.

Council Member Cuthbert made a motion to approve the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Joel Erb towards the sale of City-owned property located at 115 Jolly Alley. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-ORD-42 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT TOWARD THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 115 JOLLY ALLEY, PARCEL 031-050038.

- b. A public hearing regarding an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Robert Jones, Jr., and Crystal Jones towards the sale of City-owned property at 357 University Boulevard, parcel ID 010-150029.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Economic Development received a proposal from Robert Jones, Jr., and Crystal Jones to purchase City-owned property located at 357 University Boulevard which is currently a vacant single-family residential structure. The proposed use is to renovate the structure for occupancy by the purchaser as an owner-occupied residence.

The proposed purchase price for the parcel is \$35,250 which is 50% of the assessed value, \$70,500. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have provided financial documentation supporting their ability to purchase the property. This proposal is in compliance with the Guidelines for the Disposition of City Real Estate Property, Zoning, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Property Information

*Audio available upon request.

The zoning of the parcel at 357 University Boulevard is R-3, two family residential district.

Address: 357 University Boulevard
Tax Map ID: 010-150029
Zoning: R-3

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Economic Development recommends that the City Council approves the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Robert Jones and Crystal Jones towards the sale of City-owned property located at 357 University Boulevard.

Cynthia Boone, Program Coordinator for Economic Development, gave a briefing of the public hearing regarding a purchase agreement for property located at 357 University Boulevard.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "I would like to say that I really like this autistic rendering. It is on page 86. I think that it is a great improvement over the double tenant look that the building now has. And I vote aye."

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Robert Jones and Crystal Jones towards the sale of City-owned property located at 357 University Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-ORD-43 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT TOWARD THE SALE OF CITY-OWED PROPERTY AT 357 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD, PARCEL 010-150029.

- c. A public hearing for the purpose of considering a resolution offering City Council Concurrence of a proposed detour into the City of Petersburg for Construction of a Roundabout in Dinwiddie County.

BACKGROUND: The Virginia Department of Transportation will be constructing a roundabout at the intersection of River Road and Ferndale Road in Dinwiddie County. During part of the construction, it will be necessary to detour traffic through the City of Petersburg on Washington Street, Wythe Street, Adams Street, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge. The detour will be performed on weekends. The Virginia Department of Transportation seeks concurrence from the City of Petersburg with the detour plan.

RECOMMENDATION: Concur with the Virginia Department of Transportation plan to detour traffic into the City of Petersburg from Ferndale Road in Dinwiddie County into the city of Petersburg.

Andrew Barnes, City Engineer and General Manager of Utilities, gave an overview the request for approval of a resolution offering City Council Concurrence of a proposed detour into the City of Petersburg for Construction of a Roundabout in Dinwiddie County.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

*Audio available upon request.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the resolution offering City Council Concurrence of a proposed detour into the City of Petersburg for Construction of a Roundabout in Dinwiddie County. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Smith-Lee. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-R-64 A RESOLUTION OFFERING CITY COUNCIL CONCURRENCE OF PROPOSED DETOUR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROUNDABOUT IN DINWIDDIE COUNTY.

- d. A public hearing for the purpose of considering a resolution offering City Council concurrence of a proposed detour for I-95 bridge work over South Crater Road.

BACKGROUND: The Virginia Department of Transportation will be making repairs to the southbound lanes of the I-95 bridge over South Crater Rd. Work will be performed on one southbound lane of I-95 at a time, requiring a lane closure and detouring traffic onto city streets. Work will be performed at night to reduce the impact to the traveling public.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Virginia Department of Transportation to detour traffic from I-95 on city streets to make repairs to the I-95 bridge over South Crater Road.

Andrew Barnes, City Engineer and General Manager of Utilities, gave an overview the request for approval of a resolution offering City Council concurrence of a proposed detour for I-95 bridge work over South Crater Road.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Ron Moore, 307 N. Boulevard, stated, "Good afternoon. I heard my name called earlier but I did not realize how to go into the participant section and raise your hand and be recognized that way. So, I apologize. So, right to the point. My concern is that I looked at the map regarding Crater Road rerouting I believe it comes through Crater Road and then it goes back through Washington Street and then comes back around. As you know going the other way coming from Colonial Heights onto the Washington Street exit it already gets congested. My concern is what appropriate plans can we watch to make sure that the rerouted traffic is facilitated appropriately. And secondly, exiting traffic off 95 North onto Washington Street is not impeded would it be appropriate to a temporary traffic light to modify the situation so that people will not be backed up unnecessarily there if it gets crazy because it is a lot of traffic of 85. That is my only point. To make sure that the people exiting 95 off Washington Street are facilitated adequately. While I am briefly on that I hope that VDOT revisit that with the City of Petersburg to allow a free flow entrance into that highway. Because I do not think that you need four lanes there generally. That is all that I have. Thank Mayor."

Marcus Omar Squires, 1701 Monticello Street, stated, "When I first reported this issue to VDOT a few years ago. I had made a request to install lighting under the bridge. And looking over the plan I did not see anything talking about lighting going under the bridge. Running through this area at nighttime it is very dark. Is it something that the city could request that VDOT install under this bridge? Thank you for your time and consideration."

Seeing no further hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee made a motion adopt the resolution offering City Council concurrence of a proposed detour for I-95 bridge work over South crater Road. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill

*Audio available upon request.

Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-R-65 A RESOLUTION OFFERING CITY COUNCIL CONCURRENCE OF PROPOSED DETOUR FOR I-95 BRIDGE WORK OVER SOUTH CRATER ROAD

- e. A public hearing for the purpose of considering a resolution offering City Council Concurrence of proposed detour on I-95 for the South Sycamore Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg utilizing State of Good Repair funding will be making repairs to a concrete box culvert that carries Lieutenant Run Creek under South Sycamore Street. Construction access for construction vehicles to the site will be from I-85 and only allowed during nighttime hours. One lane of I-85 will be closed to allow dump trucks and heavy equipment access, and traffic from East Washington Street and East Wythe St. to the I-95/I-85 southbound ramp will be detoured to South Crater Road southbound to I-95.

RECOMMENDATION: Concur with the plan to detour traffic from I-95 onto City of Petersburg streets for the South Sycamore Street Bridge Rehabilitation project.

Mrs. Innis asked for this item to be removed from the agenda. This may not require approval from City Council.

- f. A public hearing for the purpose of considering a resolution authorizing the City Manager Authority to accept fee simple conveyance of real property on behalf of the City of Petersburg for the S. Crater Road Signal Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND: Authorize the City Manager to accept fee Fee Simple Conveyances of Real Property on Behalf of the City of Petersburg.

RECOMMENDATION: The City of Petersburg received Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding (CMAQ) to make improvements to the traffic signals on South Crater Road at six intersections from Flank Road to Rives Road. As part of the project, right-of-way and easements must be obtained from various properties.

Andrew Barnes, City Engineer and General Manager of Utilities, gave an overview the request for approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager Authority to accept fee simple conveyance of real property on behalf of the City of Petersburg for the S. Crater Road Signal Improvements Project.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee made a motion adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager Authority to accept fee simple conveyance of real property on behalf of the City of Petersburg for the S. Crater Road Signal Improvements Project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hart, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-R-66 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT FEE SIMPLE CONVEYANCES OF REAL PROPERTY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG.

- g. An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a revised Purchase Agreement between

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the City of Petersburg and PB Petersburg Owner, LLC towards the sale of City-owned property at 1000 Diamond St, 612 Pegram St, 151 St Mark St, 521 St Mark St, 709 Ann St, 735 Halifax St, 808 Halifax St, 811 Halifax St, 334 Harrison St, 803 Jones St S, 839-41 Jones St S, 829 Jones St S, 804 Jones St S, 809 Jones St S, 604 Shore St, 408 Shore St, 328 Shore St, 425 West St S, 715 West St S, 731 West St S, 716 Harding St, 627 Harding St, 517 St. Matthew St, 415 St Matthew St, 708-10 Kirkham St, 712-714 Kirkham St, 716 Kirkham St, 249 North Carolina Ave, 742 Mount Airy St, 742 Blick St, 135 Kentucky Ave, 204 Kentucky Ave, 202 Kentucky Ave, 1004 Farmer St, 852 Rome St, 725 Sterling St, 919 Wythe St W, and 151 Virginia Ave.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg City Council adopted ordinance 20-ORD-40 on September 1, 2021, authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and PB Petersburg Owner, LLC for the purchase of City-owned property at 1000 Diamond Street. The purchase agreement expired April 1, 2021. The prospective purchaser PB Petersburg Owner, LLC has requested amendments to the purchase agreement. The requested amendment includes:

1. Adding of 38 City-owned properties to the Purchase Agreement
2. Amending language specifying type of housing.
3. Amending the reversion provision.
4. Adding language regarding closing costs.
5. Adding language regarding addenda.

This proposal is in compliance with the Guidelines for the Disposition of City Real Estate Property, Zoning, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Property Information:

	1000	Diamond	044-080006	3.93	PUD
1	612	Pegram St	030-090003	0.43	R-3
2	151	St Mark St	044-090016	0.39	R-2
3	521	St Mark St	044-050011	0.12	R-2
4	709	Ann St	030-180009	0.31	R-3
5	735	Halifax St	030-200011	0.31	R-3
6	808	Halifax St	030-250011	0.2	R-2
7	811	Halifax St	030-240007	0.2	R-3
8	334	Harrison St	022-350010	0.29	R-5
9	803	Jones St S	030-200018	0.29	R-3

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10	839-41	Jones St S	045-060002	0.2	R-3
11	829	Jones St S	030-240011	0.19	R-3
12	804	Jones St S	030-230012	0.17	R-3
13	809	Jones St S	030-240014	0.15	R-3
14	604	Shore St	030-250003	0.27	R-2
15	408	Shore St	031-390005	0.15	R-2
16	328	Shore St	031-380003	0.14	R-2
17	322	Shore St	031-380004	0.13	R-2
18	425	West St S	029-150006	0.27	R-3
19	715	West St S	030-090035	0.24	R-3
20	731	West St S	030-090029	0.12	R-3
21	716	Harding St	031-250012	0.22	R-3
22	627	Harding St	031-200046	0.18	R-3
23	517	St Matthew St	030-260005	0.23	R-2
24	415	St Matthew St	031-390009	0.15	R-2
25	708-10	Kirkham St	045-380033	0.22	R-2
26	712-14	Kirkham St	045-380032	0.16	R-2
27	716	Kirkham St	045-380031	0.2	R-2
28	249	North Carolina Av	044-110020	0.21	R-2
29	742	Mount Airy St	030-220012	0.2	R-3
30	742	Blick St	031-230009	0.18	R-3
31	135	Kentucky Ave	031-200028	0.17	R-3
32	204	Kentucky	031-	0.12	R-3

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		Ave	260036		
33	202	Kentucky Ave	031-260037	0.11	R-3
34	1004	Farmer St	030-040002	0.14	R-3
35	852	Rome St	023-400025	0.14	R-3
36	725	Sterling St	031-250024	0.12	R-3
37	919	Wythe St W	024-270022	0.12	R-3
38	151	Virginia Ave	031-320023	0.11	R-2

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Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Council Member Cuthbert asked the City Attorney to

Council Member Myers made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the subsequent changes that it has the wrong names and that they be replaced with PB Petersburg. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. There was discussion on the motion. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Voting No: Cuthbert; Absent: Hart

21-ORD-44 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE

*Audio available upon request.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG AND PB PETERSBURG OWNER, LLC TOWARD THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1000 DIAMOND STREET AND 38 ADDITIONAL PARCELS.

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "Point of order. Mr. City Attorney, I believe that the motion fails because it includes the Virginia Avenue School. A building that has clearly been a public use. And under the Virginia Constitution as well as the Virginia Statue of supermajority of members of council is required to approve the sale of such land. And with Mr. Hart being absent and my vote against it we do not have a supermajority. So, I believe that the motion fails. Do you agree Mr. City Attorney?"

Mr. Williams stated, "I think that you are correct on the law that in order to convey property that is publicly used that you have to have a three-quarter vote or supermajority of City Council. But I believe that the three-quarter supermajority vote applies when it is current public use. I think that we did have this issue come up previously and that was the conclusion. I do not believe that this property has been used for public use for quiet some time. I believe that the vote would have passed as it pertains to Virginia Avenue School."

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "Do you have any authority to support that distinction between current public use and previous public use?"

Mr. Williams stated, "I think that I can provide that. I do not have it with me currently, but we did have this exact issue come up previously. I cannot remember which property it was on but that was the conclusion. In fact, I think that you may have been the one to raise that distinction in that case in the other direction. I am not certain. I think that the fact that this has not been used for quite some time, we are talking years, as a public building can allow it to be passed without the supermajority."

Mr. Fechter stated, "May I add that the building was rezoned as a PUD in the fall. And that we made a commitment to providing community spacing to about 3,000 squares in the building as well as opening up the athletic and recreation amenities around the building."

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "Mr. City Attorney within the next week would you please supply council with authority of your understanding that the Virginia Constitution and the corresponding Virginia Statute make the distinction between current public use and previous public use."

Mr. Williams stated, "Will do."

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "Thank you."

- h. An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and PB Petersburg Owner, LLC towards the sale of City-owned property located at 857 Bank Street, 741 Blick Street, 1411 Farmer Street, 10 Foley Street North, 1111 Halifax Street, 1115 Halifax Street, 1230 High Street, 1206 Hinton Street, 751 Jones Street, 205 Maple Street, 1011 Mckenzie Street, 921 Priam Street, 110 Richland Street, 351-23 University Boulevard, 201 Virginia Avenue, 710 Wesley Street, 118 West Street South, 323 West Street South, and 1114 Wythe Street.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Economic Development received a proposal from PB Petersburg Owner, LLC to develop lots located at 857 Bank Street, 741 Blick Street, 1411 Farmer Street, 10 Foley Street North, 1111 Halifax Street, 1115 Halifax Street, 1230 High Street, 1206 Hinton Street, 751 Jones Street, 205 Maple Street, 1011 Mckenzie Street, 921 Priam Street, 110 Richland Street, 351-23 University Boulevard, 201 Virginia Avenue, 710 Wesley Street, 118 West Street South, 323 West Street South, and 1114 Wythe Street to develop single family residential housing.

*Audio available upon request.

PB Petersburg (PBP) is proposing to purchase 19 vacant lots from the City of Petersburg for the construction / development of 4-bedroom homes to be sold as homeownership. This proposal stems from the commitment made to the city for homeownership as part of the redevelopment of the Virginia Ave. Elementary School that the city initially approved in July and Sept 2020. At the time of the approval by the City Council, PB Petersburg committed to set aside 10 lots out of those purchased with the school for homeownership. However, due to legal complications around financing both a rental and homeownership transaction, they needed to pull that piece from the Council Approved development and purchase and sale agreements. This proposal seeks to make good on that commitment.

Commitment to Petersburg: PBP will endeavor to 1) make the homes affordable to residents of Petersburg (between 80 and 120% of AMI, and 2) partner with local non-profits, housing counseling agencies and others to identify potential homeowners from local residents as part of our marketing plan.

Estimated Home Prices: ~\$206,000 for a 1,386 sq. ft. 4 BR house.

Homes: PBP is committed to developing a safe and attractive community that complements the surrounding neighborhoods. To ensure affordability and quality they will use high-end off-site built homes that are indistinguishable from site-built homes, and feature aesthetic and build quality elements that exceed many newly built homes on the market today. The homes adhere to federal building regulations and will also meet Fannie Mae’s criteria for their MH Advantage loan product, which offers low down payment 30-year fixed rate mortgages at the same terms as site-built homes.

The proposed purchase price for the parcels are \$119,475 which is 75% of the assessed value, \$159,300. The construction start date will be the second quarter of 2022 and the estimate completion date will be third quarter of 2024.

This proposal is in compliance with the Guidelines for the Disposition of City Real Estate Property, Zoning, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Property Information

The zoning for each parcel is R1, R2, R3 and R5. The proposed use meets the current zoning requirements.

#	Premise	Street	Parcel ID	Land Area	Lot Width	Lot Depth	Zoning
1	857	Bank St E	012070015	0.124	50	108	R-3
2	741	Blick St	31240016	0.1044	42-47	105.5-108.3	R-3
3	1411	Farmer St	29080022	0.0583	50	101	R-3
4	10	Foley St N	012180010	0.1229	51	105	R-3
5	1111	Halifax St	045200010	0.2066	80.4-48	133-148	R-3
6	1115	Halifax St	045200011	0.2011	58	151	R-3
7	1230	High St W	024100005	0.1228	50	107	R-3
8	1206	Hinton St	024220036	0.1245	50	108.5	R-3
9	751	Jones St S	30200019	0.1028	40	112	R-3
10	205	Maple Ln	022320016	0.0442	55	148	R-5
11	1011	Mckenzie St	024050002	0.1971	58	148	R-3
12	921	Priam St	013190007	0.1263	50	110	R-3
13	110	Richland Rd	104010014	0.357	100	155	R-1
14	351-53	University Blvd	010-150027	0.144	55-59	114	R-3
15	201	Virginia Ave	031350014	0.0872	76	50	R-2
16	710	Wesley St	30180004	0.0781	40	85	R-3
17	118	West St S	024290024	0.225	70	140	R-3
18	323	West St S	029120016	0.0999	50	87	R-3
19	1114	Wythe St W	024290017	0.1779	50	155	R-3

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RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Economic Development recommends that the City Council approves the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and PB Petersburg Owner, LLC towards the sale of City-owned property at 857 Bank Street, 741 Blick Street, 1411 Farmer Street, 10 Foley Street North, 1111 Halifax Street, 1115 Halifax Street, 1230 High Street, 1206 Hinton Street, 751 Jones Street, 205 Maple Street, 1011 Mckenzie Street, 921 Priam Street, 110 Richland Street, 351-23 University Boulevard, 201 Virginia Avenue, 710 Wesley Street, 118 West Street South, 323 West Street South, and 1114 Wythe Street.

Cynthia Boone, Program Coordinator for Economic Development, gave a briefing of the public hearing regarding a purchase agreement for properties located at 857 Bank Street, 741 Blick Street, 1411 Farmer Street, 10 Foley Street North, 1111 Halifax Street, 1115 Halifax Street, 1230 High Street, 1206 Hinton Street, 751 Jones Street, 205 Maple Street, 1011 Mckenzie Street, 921 Priam Street, 110 Richland Street, 351-23 University Boulevard, 201 Virginia Avenue, 710 Wesley Street, 118 West Street South, 323 West Street South, and 1114 Wythe Street.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no further hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Council Member Myers made a motion to adopt an ordinance with applicable changes to the address of 351-23 to 351-53 be amended and authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase of properties located at 857 Bank Street, 741 Blick Street, 1411 Farmer Street, 10 Foley Street North, 1111 Halifax Street, 1115 Halifax Street, 1230 High Street, 1206 Hinton Street, 751 Jones Street, 205 Maple Street, 1011 Mckenzie Street, 921 Priam Street, 110 Richland Street, 351-23 University Boulevard, 201 Virginia Avenue, 710 Wesley Street, 118 West Street South, 323 West Street South, and 1114 Wythe Street.. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. There was discussion on the motion. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Myer, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Voting No: Cuthbert and Wilson-Smith; Absent: Hart

21-ORD-45 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT TOWARD THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 857 BANK STREET, 741 BLICK STREET, 1411 FARMER STREET, 10 FOLEY STREET NORTH, 1111 HALIFAX STREET, 1115 HALIFAX STREET, 1230 HIGH STREET, 1206 HINTON STREET, 751 JONES STREET, 205 MAPLE STREET, 1011 MCKENZIE STREET, 921 PRIAM STREET, 110 RICHLAND STREET, 351-53 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD, 201 VIRGINIA AVENUE, 710 WESLEY STREET, 118 WEST STREET SOUTH, 323 WEST STREET SOUTH, AND 1114 WYTHE STREET.

- i. A public hearing for July 20, 2021, for the consideration to amend and re-adopt ordinance 14-ORD-24 regarding the procedure for citizens desiring to change the name of public and private streets in the City of Petersburg.

BACKGROUND: The City Council requested the City Attorney review the Street Name Policies and Provide recommended changes. Upon review of the policies the proposed changes were recommended to the policy and ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION: City Council approves the attached ordinance and revised policy.

Tangela Innis, Director of Public Works and Utilities, and Anthony Williams, City Attorney, gave an

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overview of the consideration to amend and re-adopt ordinance 14-ORD-24 regarding the procedure for citizens desiring to change the name of public and private streets in the City of Petersburg.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion that Mrs. Innis and Mr. Williams go back and consider the items that she has stated in the policy. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Smith-Lee. There was discussion on the motion.

Mayor Parham stated, "I just want this to go on record that no one on council initiated this. The churches followed the policy that we had in place, and it came to us, and they voted on it. So, they followed the policy that we have in place. This was not something that any council person created and just put on the floor. They followed the process, and it came to use, and we voted aye or nay. So, if we wanted to come up with something to restrict the public on what they can and cannot do is basically what I am hearing. For the record this was not a council decision to create the policy that we put in place. It was already there. I just don't want it to get twisted on public record that this is something that council did without following the policy that we have in place."

Council Member Myers made a motion to table action on the request until the City Council Retreat. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

- j. A public hearing and second reading/consideration of adoption of an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of property in association with southeast Petersburg water infrastructure upgrades.

BACKGROUND: The City has contracted with PHLOW Corp., to design and manage the construction of a 12" water main along Normandy Drive and connection of a water loop to be incorporated into the City's water utility system.

This Ordinance is proposed to approve the public use specified and authorize the City to use all legal means including but not limited to the exercise of eminent domain (condemnation) to acquire the necessary property rights to complete the project.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the ordinance.

Anthony Williams, City Attorney, gave a briefing on the consideration of adoption of an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of property in association with southeast Petersburg water infrastructure upgrades.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

Council Member Myers made a motion to adopt the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of property in association with southeast Petersburg water infrastructure upgrades. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

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21-ORD-46 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN ASSOCIATION WITH SOUTHEAST PETERSBURG WATER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES.

- k. Ordinance Housekeeping to Correct a Typographical Omission to Sec.106-30 Rehabilitation Real Estate Located in the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Commercial and Industrial Federal and Historic District.

Brian Gordineer, City Assessor, gave a briefing of the request for approval of ordinance Housekeeping to Correct a Typographical Omission to Sec.106-30 Rehabilitation Real Estate Located in the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Commercial and Industrial Federal and Historic District.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no further hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Council Member Myers made a motion to adopt the substitute ordinance to amend and re-adopt Section 106-30 of the Petersburg City Code to correct the clerical omission regarding the duration of the partial exemption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, and Parham; Absent: Hart and Smith-Lee

21-ORD-47 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ADOPT SECTION 106-30 OF THE PETERSBURG CITY CODE TO CORRECT THE CLERICAL OMISSION REGARDING THE DURATION OF THE PARTIAL EXEMPTION.

- l. Requesting adoption of an ordinance revision to make the duration of the New Residential Tax Credit Exemption (Sec. 106-141 through 145) five years to be consistent with all other real estate exemptions.

Brian Gordineer, City Assessor, gave a briefing on the adoption of an ordinance revision to make the duration of the New Residential Tax Credit Exemption (Sec. 106-141 through 145) five years to be consistent with all other real estate exemptions.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no further hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Council Member Hill made a motion to adopt the revision of the ordinance to make the duration of the New Residential Tax Credit Exemption (Sec. 106-141 through 145) five years to be consistent with all other real estate exemptions. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Smith-Lee. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-ORD-48 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ADOPT SECTION 106-139 THROUGH 145 OF THE PETERSBURG CITY CODE TO ADJUST THE DURATION OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION INCENTIVE CREDIT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH ALL OTHER REAL ESTATE CREDIT AND EXEMPTION PROGRAMS.

- m. A public hearing, second reading, and consideration of adoption of an ordinance to adopt

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section 74-213 of the City Code prohibiting the possession, carrying, or transportation of any firearms, ammunition, or components thereof in specified public places.

BACKGROUND: Effective July 1, 2020, the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-915 was amended to authorize localities to regulate the carrying of firearms and ammunition in specified public places. This ordinance is being proposed to implement such regulations in the City of Petersburg.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt ordinance.

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "Thank you Mr. Mayor. I did propose this I supposed so we are at the point of having the public hearing and then I would like to make a motion."

Mayor Parham read background information out loud.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Ron Moore, 307 North Boulevard, stated, "I didn't thank you all for voting for me for participating on the Planning Commission. I meant to do that earlier in the comment period, but I got confused with getting the audio to work. I appreciate you all letting me serve Petersburg. Thank you very much. I know that Charlie is a stickler for details. I seen prior testimony today. I know that Councilor Cuthbert has mentioned the Constitution procedures. This procedure outside violates my Constitutional Rights to bear arms on a public roadway. It is not procedurally enforceable or defined in such a way that someone would want to follow along if the law was out there like that as an example can even follow it. Now what do I mean by that. I live across the street from a park, Berkeley Park. It is a little park. Someone from the community files for an event there and I am not aware of the events, and I come out my door in the morning. And I have an emergency and I have to take my wife who is expecting a baby to the hospital on a roadway. I can be subject to being guilty or a misdemeanor when I have not done anything but walk out my door. Now there is no procedure to alert the public of when and where a permanent event will take place and then on top of that there is also the mention of events that are not permitted. What does that mean? Do you mean a protest? What are you talking about? Now, as you know Central Park, let's talk about the big park, Poplar Park, I think it's called on Sycamore. I have to go down the road for an emergency and I am transporting my arm in my glove compartment. And there is a whatever and the city deems that it will fall under this ordinance and then I am pulled over and I get a misdemeanor. Or I am impeded on my normal way of lawful travel to go to an emergency or to go out of town on vacation or any other reason that I should freely move on the streets. Now that is part of my problem with this. Another part of the problem is the city part. What about Wilcox Lake? It is remote. Need I remind the City Council and Petersburg that the Department of Corrections and the Governor took it upon themselves to release someone prematurely that is residing in this jurisdiction. I think you know who I am talking about. Would it be right for a woman that is by herself in Wilcox Lake exercising to not be armed and reasonably protect themselves? I saw the words and I appreciated that Mr. Cuthbert mentioned in regard to Willie Noise. But I do not believe that Willie Noise would support this. I believe that Willie Noise was exercising his Constitutional Right to bear arm in a public space and defended himself against someone that took his life. I think that this is wrong. Until you come up with a procedure on how you are going to notify someone that doesn't know otherwise. What if there is an emergency? These are practical things that are very problematic in the way that this ordinance is submitted. So, I hope that you will table this until you figure out how to implement it in a reasonable manner. Buildings are defined and you know where a park is. But you do not know where an event is. We do not have time to go around looking at events on spreadsheets. We are busy. I should be able to get in my car and go wherever I want without worrying about this. So, that is my opinion. I hope that you table this. And by the way in front of my house there was a shootout. I had to pull my wife who is pregnant to the floor and my neighbors car had a bullet shoot through it. This is not going to do anything but impede me from what I feel is just normal self-defense. I do not think that it is going to do anything. If you feel like you do not agree I would like to see the statistics where you can prove otherwise. Because I don't think you have them. We have a massive problem

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here. Gang violence, fireworks, trash, speeding and things that we can make a difference with. And this this not going to make a difference with anybody but me who is just going down the street somewhere. Thank you so much for your time. Again, I appreciate the time in serving on the Planning Commission.”

Denise Tipton, 20 West Old Street, stated, “I have never spoken at one of your City Council Meetings before, but I appreciate the opportunity. This thing that you are getting ready to vote on, is there a way that the public can be made for aware of what you are asking so that we understand the law a little bit more. I do appreciate Mr. Moore’s comments that he made about not understanding the policy and I would agree with that. I guess that I am concerned as a citizen with the legal right to carry my gun around. Will this policy be in conflict with my Constitutional right? I apologize there are drum lessons in the other room, and you are hearing that. That is all that I have.”

Seeing no further hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

Council Member Cuthbert made a motion to adopt an ordinance of Section 74-213 of the city Code prohibiting the possession, carrying or transportation of any firearms, ammunition, or components thereof in specified public places.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Mayor Parham stated that he would recommend that they bring this back to the City Council Retreat.

Council Member Cuthbert made a motion to table until City Council Retreat. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

9. PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD: A public information period, limited in time to 30 minutes, shall be part of an Order of Business at each regular council meeting. Each speaker shall be a resident or business owner of the City and shall be limited to three minutes. No speaker will be permitted to speak on any item scheduled for consideration on the regular docket of the meeting at which the speaker is to speak. The order of speakers, limited by the 30-minute time period, shall be determined as follows:

- a) First, in chronological order of the notice, persons who have notified the Clerk no later than 12:00 noon of the day of the meeting,
- b) Second, in chronological order of their sign up, persons who have signed a sign-up sheet placed by the Clerk in the rear of the meeting room prior to the meeting.

Marcus Omar Squires, 1701 Monticello Street, stated, “First of all I would like to thank Parks and Recreations for the amazing park cleanup on Jefferson Street. Next, what is the plan for Titmus Optical. The building is caving in, and it is owned by the city. The second complex of buildings which are owned by the city which are caving in is the Peabody School’s Complex. What are the action plans? As our leaders you should be advocating for these buildings. Is the City actively doing inspections on these buildings to determine the public safety threats here? The historic bath house and cottage at Wilcox Lake is blighted and needs attention from the city. What is the city going to do? And where is the presentation on the dam at Wilcox Lake? I was told that it was structurally compromised. Does council know about this issue? Would the City be willing to hear a presentation on making Cooper’s field into a dog park? The major components are already there, and the field has not been played on in years. We need to reenergize that section of the city. Each time I go back there is something illegal that is usually going on. Just recently there was a death there. Can we look at making this space utilized by the community again. What is the City’s plan for the A.P. Hill Community Center? What is the City’s plan in getting reinvested into the Walnut Hill Business District? Many businesses are moving out. The city should look at focusing on keeping the business district alive here. The city needs to look at the vacant

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housing fee and violation fee schedules. They are not very efficient. What is the city going to do about the hotel at the intersection of Wythe and Crater? Almost 140,000 people visit the Petersburg National Battlefield each year and they are driving through this portion of Petersburg, and it is very blighted and run down. There are women standing on the corners and I am not sure exactly what they are doing but it doesn't set for a great image for almost 140,000 people driving through Petersburg. Not sure they are going to actually continue down Washington to visit the historical district or if they are going to get back on the interstate and go back to Colonial Heights where a lot of them are staying in the hotel over there. This is all just food for thought. Thank you so much for your time and consideration. Have a great day."

Ron Moore, 307 North Boulevard, stated, "I saw some prior testimony on the city parks that we have. And in discussion on whether or not the city can maintain the parks. I would like to suggest further use of the inmate program to take care of the parks. And also, assistance with Blandford Cemetery. I think that we need to keep the parks and find a way to make them more attractive and make them work because they give a wonderful environment for us to leave in Petersburg. It is one of the reasons why me and my wife loved moving here. We have little, teeny neighborhood parks and we have larger parks. And they make us happy when we drive by them. I think that defunding them or eliminating them or making them less is the wrong direction to go in. And the last time was to reiterate the inmate program where they were cutting the grass. I seen this in effect directly in front of my house. And they did a really good job. They trimmed it and they did the edging that is not being kept up in the city. And I hope that you grow the program to fill the deficiency that Councilman Myers mentioned in being able to fund grass cutting and things like that. That is all that I got today. Thank you for your time again."

JaVonni Brustow, 118 Crater Woods Court, stated, "I have a pet peeve about our virtual meetings for the last year. Some of you may know that I have been live streaming them because as it stands that you are not available at noon to see them. That is kind of it. You do not have a chance to look at them again. And so, I ask myself what are the reasons that these meetings are not being saved so that the public can see. I am pretty that our IT Director knows how to export the videos from Zoom and to save to YouTube. And if he doesn't then I think that someone should probably do that job. Meetings chaired by the Mayor, I know that I am not sure if there was a directive to not have the video saved or what other reason there might be. I know that we have a new communications director, the one who left. Something tells me that it is not something that came from her. But with that being said, no. Then there is the council clerk and I know that she is mostly responsible for the administrative portion. I am not sure who is responsible here, but I believe that someone somewhere along the way had the idea of making these videos public and it has been the case for most of the municipalities over the last year. And so, if we are not going to do this, I think that it should be mentioned or addressed as to why is it that we can only see our council meeting at noon in the middle of the week. And otherwise, you will never have a chance to see it. And I also know that the public comment period as it is transcribed is nothing like what is actually said for those who attend. So, I would just like to ask for you all to please consider making our council meetings public."

Cory Harris, 2316 Anderson Street, stated, "First I want to quote from someone by the name of Victor Hugo. 'There is always more misery among the lower classes than there is humanity in the higher.' What is more important when it comes to rebuilding a city? Blighted homes, benches, dog parks or poverty. Am I saying these things are more important to others? No. I am asking what our priorities are. Should we ignore the decades of poverty in a city that has been over 20%. Or should we pretend like hope is going to save the day. What I do not understand, and this is something that Council Member Cuthbert has been saying about major retailers coming to a city with such a high poverty rate. I agree with them. I do not understand why this is not a top priority in this City. And I have not understood even before all of you got on council. As some of you know I have been doing a lot of research and I created something. And for over 60 years there has not been a push to decrease the poverty rate in this City. And I simply do not understand it. Our people are suffering. Less than 24 hours ago there was a woman on her knees in the hot sun crying because her child overdosed in the City of Petersburg. Is that a topic? No. It is not. A mother loss her son when it comes to COVID-19 is that a topic. No,

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it is not. I am so disgusted, and I been disgusted with the government. No just the current government but for quite some time. Because I have lived in poor neighborhoods, and I know the struggle quite well. You cannot say that you love a city while you ignore the struggles of so many. Thank you very much.”

Mary Howard, 608 South Park Drive, stated, “First of all I would like to say that I would like to inform you all that I am working with Southside Community and Development Housing Authority who is available to help our citizens here in the crater district area with rent release. Let me give you a number. 804-928-8993. So, anybody that has been affected by COVID. Our zip code is one of the areas that is on the list where they do not really have to do a whole lot of approving and going backwards. But they do have to have certain criteria. So, if there is anyone who needs assistance with that we are in the city, and I cover those. Also, I do want to suggest that it is time to open up Old Street. Because I am tired of riding around the block to get through. You all know I do events. I can be one to say let’s close off Halifax or let’s close up the Avenue. But I am hearing a lot about that, and I think that it is time that we open up so we can go down the street. Because we want to go straight up and not have to go around the blocks. And we have done a lot of that. So, let’s consider opening it City Council. Thank you. That is all that I have.”

10. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR OR OTHER MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, “I just have two things. One is that I wanted to ask the City Manager and/or Mr. Miller to remind them that we really need to look at hiring an Economic Development Director. I hope that is a priority on your list to do so. The next thing is and if Gerrit you can pull this up. I had a citizen to call. And the complaint was about noise in Old Towne. Which I knew that we had discussed once before. So, I found City Council minutes of April. Gerrit, can you show it. Because I did not want to answer the citizen without me looking into it. But the minutes clearly show, April 2, 2019, on page 9 and 10. I think the motion is on page 10. Councilman Myers had made a motion to direct the City Manager to bring forth an ordinance suspending the enforcement of the current City noise ordinance until such time that a noise study can be conducted. Anyway, we did not follow through as far as what I can find out. We all supported this motion. You can see that it was supported on roll call vote. Everybody voted yes. As far as what I can find in my research that is where it all ended. We did not follow through on this, so I am asking us for whatever procedure we need to do this to follow through on this motion. This motion directed the City Manager to look at an ordinance. And if council is in agreement with that, I would like to see the City Manager and City Attorney to look an ordinance for this. If this is still how this council agrees that we should do something. The bottom line is that we dropped that ball and I want us to pick it up again so that we do not have anything dangling out there. That’s all.”

Mr. Turille stated, “I just want to be clear that you received a complaint about the noise, and you would like for me to suspend the noise ordinance meanwhile pending the study?”

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, “Well I did receive a complaint, a most recent complaint. What you are seeing here is what we decided on April 2, 2019. Now I am not sure if we still want to follow this procedure or not and that is why I am bringing this back to council. Because council did vote to do this. And may not want to still do it as stated. But we do need to do something to follow-up and get this is taken care of.”

Mr. Turille stated, “Yes ma’am. We will research. I would ask that if you are receiving complaints about noise that we withhold the suspension of the noise ordinance until such time that I can do further study. Otherwise, there wouldn’t be an ordinance in place to enforce.”

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, “I understand. If that is alright with the rest of council that we withhold the noise ordinance and give Mr. Turille time to look into this. Do I need to make a motion for that?”

Council Member Myers stated, “I am not understanding what are you withholding.”

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Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, "The ordinance as it is. We have a noise ordinance as it is. And so, we are saying that we are not going to abide by the noise ordinance that we currently have in place. Which is what you said Myers. You said enforcement of the City's current noise ordinance until such time that a noise study can be conducted. So, we are still withholding the current noise ordinance."

Council Member Myers stated, "So, if we are still doing that we do not need to vote on."

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, "I am just making sure that we still want to do it. Because what we voted on, we did not do."

Council Member Myers stated, "So, I guess then you should ask him to conduct a study since we have already approved the abatement of the noise ordinance. And basically, if it becomes enforceable what is going to happen to your businesses in downtown Petersburg if they are restricted. So, I think that we need to think of what the outcome is going to be versus what we have restricted so that the businesses can continue to do their business downtown. Do we not want noise, or do we want noise? I mean how is this ordinance going to effect that particular area."

Mayor Parham stated, "And to refresh my memory. I think that this came from the live bands that you have down in Old Towne at night. And I think that the study was to find out whether you are going to keep live music out there and then for how long. I do not think any boundaries were put into place Mr. Turille. And I think that the discussion was that if you are living downtown in the restaurant area. I think that we had one person complaining about the noise. And it is to determine what is going to be the standard for operating and having a huge night life from Thursday through Saturday night. The crowds can get kind of loud and kind of big. What is going to be the noise ordinance for an area like Old Towne. Here in the residential areas the noise ordinances are still being enforced. And the police are still responding whenever there is loud music or anything. So, it really hasn't prohibited the enforcement of the noise ordinance. I think that the suspension was for downtown."

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, "What I am saying is that we voted to do something, and I am simply asking us to follow it. I am not asking us to follow through in support of or not in support of. I am pointing out that I researched it because I was asked a question. In support of a question that came from a citizen I had to research it. I did and this is what I found. So, one way or another we need to just look at it and let Mr. Turille take the time and look at and Mr. Williams and see what they come up with. Even if it is not this, we should not have things dangling out that we have voted on."

Mr. Turille stated, "Okay. I am reading the minutes and the City Attorney and myself will get together and come up with a proposal. At this time, I would recommend that it also be included at the Retreat since there are no council meetings in August."

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, "Thank you. The last thing I have is that since we have mentioned the Retreat over and over again and today. Will you be making an announcement Mayor Parham about when it will be?"

Mayor Parham stated, "Yes we will."

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, "Thank you. That's all I have."

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I have nothing to bring before council."

Council Member Hill stated, "Good afternoon everyone. Glad to be on today. Just to address one thing. Mr. Turille can you get with the police chief when you do that study to get some background on that. As far as the noise and stuff like that."

Mr. Turille stated, "Yes, sir."

Council Member Hill stated, "Most of you know because the City Manager put it in his notes when he sent out. Me and the City Manager went for a ride through some parts of the city and some things that I identified to him. And I have been talking about this for a while and this is nothing new. He and our public works director should come up with a plan on how we are going to address the grass that is growing up on the sidewalks and on the curbs. We do know that this is the time of year that we have a lot of grass growing up in different places. But I am very concerned about the grass that is growing up around the edges of our streets and sidewalks. It just looks terrible. We need to cut and then spray and not just spray for weeds. Because a lot of times what happens is when we spray and then the grass would just be standing there, and we would have burnt grass and things like that. I would like to thank Mr. Turille for coming along and just listening to some of the situations that's going on in the city. Also, I want to address to the citizens that if you see something then say something in the City of Petersburg. A lot of times things happen, and I know that we have had some shootings. And I understand that we are at the top of the list with a lot of things. But this is not anything to be proud about with the shootings that we have been having in the city. Sometimes it comes from the individuals that are residents in our city and then other times it comes from people that are just traveling through. So, I just want to ask the citizens that if something don't look right like a car or something then you can call the non-emergency number and talk to the police about it. And they will investigate it. We are concerned about the safety of our citizens. And just for the citizens we do have a lot of moving parts with the restructuring. We have a new City Manager and some people we are bringing in and some people have left. It took a little time to get things up and rolling. But I just want to admonish our City Manager for his job that he has done thus far these last couple of weeks. And as soon as we start meeting back, we are going to talk about this, and I guess we can talk about it at the Retreat. We will be talking about opening up our building and things of that nature. And Ward 2 will be having a Ward 2 meeting soon. I will be putting that out and in September we will probably be having a meeting. More than likely, it will be outside because I am not really comfortable meeting with a large crowd inside as of right. I am not saying anything about our meeting and things of that nature but with this variant coming back around we just want to be cautious. Especially for like a ward meeting. I will be putting that out soon where we can talk and then ward 2 members will be able to meet out new City Manager and other staff members as well. But other than that, Members of Council, and residents I do not have anything else. Thank you."

Council Member Myers stated, "I do not have anything at this time Mr. Mayor."

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee stated, "Hello everyone. I just want to say congratulations to a new business owner in Petersburg, Virginia. And it is located in Ward 6, Ms. Geda's Kitchen. It is open daily from 7am to 9pm. The location is 853 Commerce Street, Petersburg, VA 23803. And the phone number is 804-295-1892. They are taking orders to go. This young lady is a business owner and I believe that she is not even 40 years old. So, please go out and check out that restaurant on the corner of Commerce and Dunlop Street. Also, again I think that we tend to forget about our children. But congratulations to Petersburg High School Class of 2021. They received over \$1.3 million dollars in scholarships and awards. So, I think that they should get a round of applause. Just saying thank you to anyone that graduated from Petersburg High in 2021 class. And Dr. Pitre-Martin and the school board members, thank you all for staying the course and making sure that our kids are doing well. There is a financial workshop, and it is called the 'Big Question, Wealth, Wave.com.' It is tonight July 20th, Tuesday at 7:30pm. There is no cost, and it is online. You can register for this event. I think that as we get older or during the process of being in your 20s or 30s and you have a job, there is certain things that I think that you should take a look at. Your finance, your 401k, how you go about saving money, how you spend your money, put yourself on a budget, or how you can start saving money to buy a house.

*Audio available upon request.

Thank you to the Petersburg Parks and Recreation. Thank you, Tami Yerby, and your staff, for making sure that we got our kids out doing something. Thank you, thank you, thank you. And also, for grounds. There have been several things that have been happening not only in Ward 6 but throughout the city that no matter what I call them they are there, and they take care of the matter. That concludes my report.”

Mayor Parham stated, “Next, for my report I just want to thank School Board Chairman Ken Pritchett and also Dr. Pitre-Martin for participating in what was our Ward 3 shredding event that we had at Petersburg High School. It was a huge success. We had a lot of people come from all across the city cleaning up and shredding. It was definitely welcomed, and everyone was asking whether we would do it again and give people more notice. And thank you to the gentleman, Chris, from the shredding company. He had his son that night and still had his hospital tag on from the birth of his new baby to come out to Petersburg to do our shredding event. Thank him and congratulations to him. Also, at the same time we had a park cleanup that actually was wonderful. It was good to bring all of our partners together. Thanks for our partners from Fort Lee to Petersburg 100 Crew to Parks and Recreation and everyone that participated in that. They did a remarkable job in transforming the park. Next, I want to thank our Public Works Department and Tangelia and her staff for helping keep up a problem that we have over in Ward 3 at the Doughboy Statue around Ivy Gates and Sycamore Street. We have been having people deliberately drop bags of trash out there and her staff has been there to keep that area cleaned up. Hopefully, we can put some cameras out there and catch the culprit who is doing that. Also, we will be having a council meeting on Tuesday, July 27th at 12pm to do council appointee evaluations. And also, we will get together and get the goals set up for Mr. Turille. And that is going to be at 12pm so mark your calendars for July 27th. And like Council Member Wilson-Smith said before we are having our Retreat. We are going to follow the format from last year. It is going to start on Sunday, August 22nd after church. It will be a half of day. And then we are going to come right back on the next day of August 23rd for a full day session. And that is going to be held again at Fort Lee at the complex over there. They are going to feed us and house us over there. I look forward to having those discussions on the items that we discussed today and then some. So, August 22nd and 23rd. So, that completes my report.”

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

12. FINANCE AND BUDGET REPORT:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Request to adopt a resolution to designate 25 vacant parcels of City owned real estate property within a conservation easement and removal from the property surplus list for disposition.

BACKGROUND: On March 19, 2019, approximately 269, were approved by the City Council for disposition. The Department of Economic Development has administered the disposition process and several properties have been sold. The Department of Economic Development continues to receive proposals to purchase and develop City-owned property from the list of properties approved by the City Council for disposition.

Several of the properties on the list of properties approved for disposition have been identified as having conditions that impact the City’s stormwater or other environmental systems. Development of these properties could adversely impact stormwater management and impact flooding.

The Department of Public Works and Utilities has identified properties located within floodways, and wetlands

*Audio available upon request.

and those with significant utilities.

To address these issues, in January 2021, Economic Development Staff requested a review of list of properties approved for disposition by the Departments of Planning and Community Development, Public Works and Utilities, Neighborhood Services, Fire, and Police. The review resulted in an identification of 153 of the 180 properties currently available for disposition had issues ranging from floodplains, preservation areas, natural drainage ways, deficient lot dimensions, and other unidentified site conditions.

To ensure no environmental issues arise from the disposition and development of these properties, Economic Development staff and the Development Review Committee recommends to the City Council that 25 vacant parcels of City Owned Real Estate Property within a conservation easement and remove the properties from the surplus property list for disposition.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council adopts a resolution designating 25 vacant parcels of City owned real estate property within a conservation easement and remove the properties from the surplus property list for disposition.

Mayor Parham stated, "Ms. Boone are we ready for that item?"

Cynthia Boone, Program Coordinator for Economic Development, stated, "Yes, sir. Just have to make a correction to the resolution. But I emailed that to you Mayor Parham, and the clerk and to Gerrit to display on the screen. We put 38 because it was originally 38 but after consulting with Tangela and her team we realized that it was just 25."

Ms. Boone gave a briefing on the request to adopt a resolution to designate 25 vacant parcels of City owned real estate property within a conservation easement and removal from the property surplus list for disposition.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the resolution to designate 25 vacant parcels of City owned real estate property within a conservation easement and removal from the property surplus list for disposition. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-R-67 A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE 25 VACANT PARCELS OF CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE PROPERTY WITHIN A CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND REMOVAL FROM THE PROPERTY SURPLUS LIST FOR DISPOSITION.

- b. An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Petersburg Revival, LLC towards the sale of City-owned property at 1119 High Street West, parcel ID 024-080016.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Economic Development received a request from the Petersburg Revival, LLC to purchase city owned property located at 1119 West High St which is currently a vacant lot. They are requesting to add this property to their adjacent property located at 1117 West High St and maintain it. In doing so, it will provide them additional acreage and access to the rear of 1117 West High St. The proposed purchase price for the parcel is \$3300 which is 50% of the assessed value, \$6600. Petersburg Revival, LLC has provided financial documentation supporting their ability to purchase the property.

Per the City's Zoning Ordinance, the minimum dimensions for a single-family dwelling in a R-3 District are 50 feet wide and 5,000 square feet in area, and the minimum dimensions for a two-family dwelling in a R-3 District are 60 feet wide and 6,000 square feet in area and the property at 1119 West High Street does not

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meet the minimum dimensions for a single or two family dwelling

This proposal is in compliance with the Guidelines for the Disposition of City Real Estate Property, Zoning, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Property Information

Address 1119 High ST W
Parcel ID 024-080016
Zoning R3

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Economic Development recommends that the City Council approves the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Petersburg Revival, LLC towards the sale of City-owned property located at 1119 High Street West.

Cynthia Boone, Program Coordinator for Economic Development, gave a briefing on the proposal of a request to authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Petersburg Revival, LLC towards the sale of City-owned property at 1119 High Street West, parcel ID 024-080016 by ordinance.

Council Member Cuthbert made a motion to approve the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Petersburg Revival, LLC towards the sale of City-owned property at 1119 High Street West, parcel ID 024-080016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-ORD-49 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT TOWARD THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 1119 WEST HIGH STREET, PARCEL 024-080016.

c. Sycamore Street – Old Towne Square

BACKGROUND: The City closed a portion of Sycamore Street as a response to the business community. To provide outside socially distanced outside dining during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This portion of the street was closed the end of May 2020 and has remained close since.

The city receives maintenance payments for this portion of road, it must be open to vehicular traffic in order to receive this payment. VDOT has advised the city may either opt to open the road that has been closed to traffic in order to receive continued maintenance payments.

RECOMMENDATION: To receive guidance from City Council on whether or not to reopen Sycamore Street or continue use of Old Towne Square.

Mayor Parham stated, "Mr. Turille do you want to do the 13C because you have it also for your update on 15A."

Mr. Turille stated, "I think that this is fine. Let's go ahead and address it."

Mr. Turille presented a PowerPoint on Old Town Square on Sycamore Street.

*Audio available upon request.

Key points:

- Downtown revitalization is the core, The Epi-Center of Petersburg's Economic Development and must be given primary care and attention.
- The city has a duty to be an active leader in this effort.
- Majority of the crowd is the weekend crowd on Friday and Saturday.
- Considered all options to keep the Square open, weighing economic benefit and public safety.
- The approach was to see if the benefits, which are downtown revitalization and promotion, would outweigh costs and public safety risks to persons and property.
- Came up with three options. Option 1 is that Sycamore Square remains open, with street closed indefinitely. Option 2 is to close the square and re-open the road. Option 3 is to open road and re-locate square to the adjacent vacant lot at corner of Sycamore and Bollingbrook.
- Recommends Option 3 for more beneficial reason.

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "Thank you Mr. Mayor and thank you Mr. Turille. Two comments on Mr. Turille recommendation and presentation. One I thank him for his methodical and thoughtful analysis. I believe that he has done a masterful job in presenting the options to us. Second thing, I prefer Option 2. That is remove the square and not rent anything on the corner of Bollingbrook and North Sycamore. I think something rented on the corner of Bollingbrook and North Sycamore will benefit very few. I understand the City Manager's comments about public safety and I hope that with the passage of time and more analysis, we might revisit the Sycamore Square. But for now, we do not have that analysis and we do not have that alternative. I like the other components of the City Manager's recommendation very much. The only change I would suggest is that we substitute Option 2 for Option 3. I say that because Andrade's already has a terrorist dining area. Rajun Cajun already has a terrorist dining area. Tramonto's has a terrorist dining area. And I think those are the major beneficiaries of the square. That leaves Longstreet's and they have a very large interior space. So, again as the City Manager pointed out like so many things in live. There are plus and minuses at each option that we look at. But in my few, Option 2 is the preferred. I would suggest that we encourage the City Manager to pursue his recommendations and substitute Option 2 for Option 3. I thank the City Manager for recognizing that this is within his authority. He does not have to bring this to us but at the same time we recognize that this is an important issue and consequently has sought out our input and I think that is a great sign for the kind of working relationship that this City Council is going to have with this City Manager. Thank you very much Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Parham stated, "Okay. Thank you. Thank you again Mr. Turille for the presentation. It was very thorough and comprehensive. And we look for too many more of those."

Mr. Turille stated, "Thank you. Are we okay with my Option 3?"

Mayor Parham stated, "Council Member Cuthbert do you want to weigh in?"

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "For the reason's I have stated I am not okay with Option 3. I think it is a waste of the public's money and I don't think it is anything comparable to Square. I think that three of the four main beneficiaries of the square already have their own outdoor dining available. And I would not pursue renting that corner. I don't think that it is comparable, and I don't think you get much bang for the buck. I don't think the public gets much bang for the buck."

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, "I do believe that everyone knows how I feel about the square. I like it and I wish that it would stay. I think that it gives the City of Petersburg something creative. It shows us thinking outside of the box. However, Mr. Turille has put a lot of thought into the process. He has shown us the pros and cons and has presented it in such a professional manor. I would like to render my support to Mr. Turille and what he has come up with based on the facts and based on his interviews with the people and
*Audio available upon request.

based on his concerns as the City Manager and the safety. And based on the fact that he has met with the fire department and based on the fact that he knew that there was a fire downtown. I didn't know that. So, because he did his homework, I would like to support him. How would it work with alcohol being sold on the lot I do not know? But I would like to render my support behind him until such time as he may feel a need to come back to council with something different. So, in spite of what I want I would like to support the professionalism poured into this. That's it."

Mr. Turille stated, "Thank you."

Council Member stated, "I do have some thoughts on this, but I am going to abstain being that I will be back either way. I appreciate the City Manager's thought and his research that goes into this. I will be fine either way. But I do not want to tell it one way or another because my business is down there. Thank you, Mr. Turille, for your input. We really appreciate you researching and coming up with the analysis. I know you will come up with the right solution for the citizen and the City of Petersburg and the businesses. Thank you."

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "I think the City Manager has asked us for some guidance on expression of preference as the Option 2 versus Option 3. I have spoken my reasons and I appreciate the City Manager's request for guidance, and I think he and I would like to hear what the other members of council would like to say about Option 2 versus Option 3."

Mayor Parham stated, "From standpoint Councilman Cuthbert, I know you have more of the pulse of your constituents down there. And the meetings that had with those businesses down there and they just won't restaurants but all types of businesses. I would like to get whatever type of feedback. Because they really had a strong passion for the square. So, I am willing to do whatever is beneficial for Ward 4 down there."

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee stated, "Mayor, I think the City Manager has done an outstanding job. He didn't just get those options and get through the presentation on feelings. He did his research and he talked to people. He talked to the fire department and the police department. And so, I am going to go with the recommendation coming from the City Manager on Option 3."

Mr. Williams stated, "It seems like it is renegeing on the rental of that lot. I think that everyone seems to be in consensus that the manager reopening Sycamore Street is the right thing to do. So, what I would suggest is that in order for them to rent that lot they would have to come back in front of council and get you to execute the lease agreement and then have an appropriation. So, perhaps at this time the guidance is to reopen Sycamore Street and comeback to what you are proposing on the lot and then council will make a determination. Because that is something that council could vote on with the lease of that lot. But I think that everyone sounds like they are in agreement that the street needs to be reopened."

Council Member Myers stated, "As if I have discussed in the past, it is not the owning of the council. The council did not close the street. And I asked if the administration make a decision with respect to the outcome of this decision. Councilman Hill is at a disadvantage because he is down there, and it conflicts with his business. And he is on City Council. He should not be asked to make a decision. The decision came from the administration based on the need during COVID-19. And as far as I am concerned the administration needs to make a decision without the involvement of the City Council and to make a decision other than if you are going to utilize the space for rent then bring that back to City Council. As Mr. Cuthbert has suggested why is there a need in citizen's money and taxpayer's dollars to do so. And as we have seen displayed there has been limited use in that particular area during the course of the week. And I believe that Mr. Turille was down there taking his pictures with the Friday of Arts when the streets are full during that particular time. So, there is minimal use. Well, I am not going to provide a decision or assist in making a decision with respect to the outcome of the situation. I am going to lay it on the line that it is not on City Council to make this decision. Other than if he feels that having this additional lot or area to support it or rent it with taxpayer's dollars that it

*Audio available upon request.

comes back to us and move to approve it with his recommendation. Not the council. Thank you very much.”

Mr. Turille stated, “That is fine. There is really two parts to this. The first part is reopening the road and closing the square which I am prepared to do. And I will write a letter and send out to everybody about timeframe on that. But I think that I hear you. I am going to go ahead and see what the terms are for that lot. I would like to offer that. And then I am going to bring it back to you for further discussion.”

Mayor Parham stated, “Alright. Thank you.”

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration for the appropriation of a Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 – 2nd Reading

BACKGROUND: This is the fourth year the city has received a grant from the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth. Grants in previous years were utilized to formulate and strengthen a team of stakeholders and experts representing local farmers’ markets, gardening, nutrition, education, literacy, and culinary skills. These stakeholders proved capable of leveraging local resources to best fill gaps in services related to access to healthy food.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

Wayne Crocker, Director of Petersburg Public Library, and Fancie Terrell, HCAP Coordinator, gave a briefing on the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Grant request.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the ordinance for the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-ORD-50 AN ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SAID ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, FOR THE VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR HEALTHY YOUTH GRANT FOR PETERSBURG.

- b. A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement between the City of Petersburg and Joel Erb for the Development of 115 Jolly Alley located in Petersburg, VA.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg City Council considered an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement related to the sale of city-owned property located at 115 Jolly Alley on July 20, 2021. A Development Agreement has been drafted that requires, in consideration of the City's conveyance of the Property to Joel Erb, that Mr. Erb shall perform the maintenance of the property in compliance with the project summary documents and in accordance with terms defined in the Agreement. The Development Agreement shall be referenced as if set forth fully in the deed of conveyance of the Property from the City to Joel Erb. The deed shall include provisions for the reverter described in the Development Agreement.

This resolution authorizes conveyance of the property.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Economic Development recommends approval of the resolution approving the development agreement and authorizing the City Manager and the City Attorney to execute all documents to facilitate the sale of City-owned property in accordance with applicable legal

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requirements.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement between the City of Petersburg and Joel Erb for the Development of 115 Jolly Alley located in Petersburg, VA. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wilson-Smith. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-R-68 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG AND PB PETERSBURG OWNER, LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 115 JOLLY ALLEY LOCATED IN PETERSBURG, VA.

- c. Resolution approving the City Manager to sign and submit appropriate documents for the submittal of the industrial revitalization fund for the hotel Petersburg rehabilitation located at 20 Tabb Street into a downtown boutique hotel.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg, Virginia, wishes to apply for \$600,000 of Industrial Revitalization Funds for The Hotel Petersburg Project for the rehabilitation of 20 Tabb Street into a Downtown Boutique Hotel that will serve as an anchor destination in support of ongoing revitalization efforts.

Thirteen Million Five Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$13,556,000) will be expended on construction of this project, as well as more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) will be spent on Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E), it is projected that a minimum of 50 full-time and 30 part-time positions will result from the implementation of the project, as well as increased tourism and expenditures at area shops, attractions and restaurants, and an increase in tax revenues associated with these expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council adopts the resolution approving the City Manager to sign and submit appropriate documents for the submittal of the industrial revitalization fund for the hotel Petersburg rehabilitation located at 20 Tabb Street into a downtown boutique hotel.

Council Member Hill made a motion to approve the resolution approving the City Manager to sign and submit appropriate documents for the submittal of the industrial revitalization fund for the hotel Petersburg rehabilitation located at 20 Tabb Street into a downtown boutique hotel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. There was discussion on the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Abstain: Cuthbert; Absent: Hart

21-R-69 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION FUND FOR THE HOTEL PETERSBURG REHABILITATION LOCATED AT 20 TABB STREET INTO A DOWNTOWN BOUTIQUE HOTEL.

- d. A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement between the City of Petersburg and PB Petersburg Owner, LLC for the Development of 19 Vacant City-owned parcels located in Petersburg, VA.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg City Council considered an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement related to the sale of city-owned property located at 857 Bank Street, 741 Blick Street, 1411 Farmer Street, 10 Foley Street North, 1111 Halifax Street, 1115 Halifax Street, 1230 High Street, 1206 Hinton Street, 751 Jones Street, 205 Maple Street, 1011 Mckenzie Street, 921 Priam Street, 110 Richland Street, 351-53 University Boulevard, 201 Virginia Avenue, 710 Wesley Street, 118 West Street South, 323 West Street South, and 1114 Wythe Street on July 20, 2021.

*Audio available upon request.

A Development Agreement has been drafted that requires, in consideration of the City's conveyance of the Property to PB Petersburg Owner, LLC, that PB Petersburg Owner, LLC shall develop single family residential homes for homeownership in compliance with the project summary documents and in accordance with terms defined in the Agreement. The Development Agreement shall be referenced as if set forth fully in the deed of conveyance of the Property from the City to PB Petersburg Owner, LLC. The deed shall include provisions for the reverter described in the Development Agreement.

This resolution authorizes conveyance of the property.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Economic Development recommends approval of the resolution approving the Development Agreement and authorizing the City Manager and the City Attorney to execute all documents to facilitate the sale of City-owned property in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public comments.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Council Member Myers made a motion to correct 351-23 to 351-353 University Boulevard and to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Development Agreement between the City of Petersburg and PB Petersburg Owner, LLC for the Development of 19 Vacant City-owned parcels located in Petersburg, VA. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Smith-Lee. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Voting No: Cuthbert and Wilson-Smith; Absent: Hart

21-R-70 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG AND PB PETERSBURG OWNER, LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 19 VACANT CITY-OWNED PARCELS LOCATED IN PETERSBURG, VA.

- e. A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended development agreement between the City of Petersburg and PB Petersburg Owner, LLC for the Development of 1000 Diamond Street and 38 vacant parcels located in Petersburg, VA.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg City Council considered an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended purchase agreement related to the sale of city-owned property located at 1000 Diamond St, 612 Pegram St, 151 St Mark St, 521 St Mark St, 709 Ann St, 735 Halifax St, 808 Halifax St, 811 Halifax St, 334 Harrison St, 803 Jones St S, 839-41 Jones St S, 829 Jones St S, 804 Jones St S, 809 Jones St S, 604 Shore St, 408 Shore St, 328 Shore St, 322 Shore St, 425 West St S, 715 West St S, 731 West St S, 716 Harding St, 627 Harding St, 517 St. Matthew St, 415 St. Matthew St, 708-10 Kirkham St, 712-714 Kirkham St, 716 Kirkham St, 249 North Carolina Ave, 742 Mount Airy St, 742 Blick St, 135 Kentucky Ave, 204 Kentucky Ave, 202 Kentucky Ave, 1004 Farmer St, 852 Rome St, 725 Sterling St, 919 Wythe St W, and 151 Virginia Ave. on July 20, 2021.

A Development Agreement has been drafted that requires, in consideration of the City's conveyance of the Property to PB Petersburg Owner, LLC, that PB Petersburg Owner, LLC shall develop 1000 Diamond Street (Virginia Avenue Elementary School) and related site as affordable apartments and community space described on Exhibit A and (2) the residential lots listed to be redeveloped initially as approximately thirty eight

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(38) affordable single-family houses for rent pursuant in compliance with the project summary documents and in accordance with terms defined in the Agreement.

The Development Agreement shall be referenced as if set forth fully in the deed of conveyance of the Property from the City to PB Petersburg Owner, LLC. The deed shall include provisions for the reverter described in the Development Agreement.

This resolution authorizes conveyance of the property.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Economic Development recommends approval of the resolution approving the Development Agreement and authorizing the City Manager and the City Attorney to execute all documents to facilitate the sale of City-owned in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended development agreement between the City of Petersburg and PB Petersburg Owner, LLC for the Development of 1000 Diamond Street and 38 vacant parcels located in Petersburg, VA. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Voting No: Cuthbert; Absent: Hart

There was discussion among City Council and the City Attorney.

21-R-71 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG AND PB PETERSBURG OWNER, LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 1000 DIAMOND STREET AND 38 VACANT PARCELS LOCATED IN PETERSBURG, VA.

- f. Request to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a performance agreement between the City of Petersburg, Virginia, AMPAC Fine Chemicals Virginia, LLC, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority.

BACKGROUND: In December 2019, the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was identified in Wuhan, China and developed into a global pandemic in early 2020. COVID-19 is primarily transmitted from person-to-person through respiratory droplets. These droplets are released when someone with COVID-19 sneezes, coughs, or even talks. Infectious droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby and inhaled into the lungs.

As of mid-February 2021, the virus has infected more than 110 million globally and caused 2.4 million deaths. In the U.S., 27.8 million Americans have been infected, representing 25.35% of global cases, and more than 487,855 have died, representing 20.13% of global cases. The COVID-19 pandemic also plunged the U.S. and the global economy into the worst recession since World War II. A key factor in COVID-19 related complications and deaths is a lack of available medicines to fight COVID-19 symptoms and treat cases that require ventilators and intubation. Even before COVID-19, there was already a shortage of available medicines, but the pandemic has stressed and already strained medical supply. A lack of domestic production of the ingredients to make medicines has hurt the American people, as foreign producers of these ingredients have had COVID-19 related factory closures and hoarding their own supply for their own citizens, leaving Americans at risk.

In the United States, there is a critical lack of domestic production of the raw and intermediate materials used to make medicines. Only 5% of the raw materials, known as Key Starter Materials (KSM's) are made in the U.S. KSM's are diverse and can range from plant matter, microorganisms, metals, and commercially available chemical ingredients to name a few. Only 20% of intermediate materials, known as Active Pharmaceutical

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Ingredients (API's) are made in the U.S. API's are more commonly known as the "active ingredient" found in all medicines. For example, Acetaminophen, which is found in Tylenol, is an API. 60% of the completed medicines, known as Finished Products or "Injectables", are made in the U.S. Finished Products are the medicines we consume and inject every day. This can include insulin shots, the previously mentioned Tylenol, cough syrups, cancer medications, and vaccines.

To address these shortages, Phlow Corporation (hereinafter "Phlow") was founded in Richmond, Virginia in January 2020 as a public benefit company to manufacture high-quality generic drugs for the national medication stockpile to reduce the dependency on foreign suppliers. With the COVID-19 pandemic bringing the domestic pharmaceutical deficiencies to the forefront, Phlow was granted a four-year, \$354 million grant by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. This grant has an option to expand to \$812 million over 10 years. To fulfill the needs of this grant, Phlow is partnering with two companies to process raw materials into KSM's and API's, and subsequently, Finished Products. These two companies are AMPAC Fine Chemicals and Civica.

Phlow is a public benefit corporation founded to manufacture affordable, high quality, essential drugs in the United States. To help the United States secure its own strategic drug reserve, Phlow uses novel and innovative methods in the drug manufacturing industry to reduce the U.S.'s dependency on foreign supply chains. Established in January 2020, they are headquartered in Richmond and developing facilities in Petersburg. AMPAC Fine Chemicals (AFC), an SK pharmteco company, is a United States-based, custom manufacturer of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs, Drug Substances) and registered intermediates. AFC solves problems through technology and innovation to reliably deliver quality products that save and improve lives. With over 75 years of experience, AFC has mastered challenging chemistries, enabling us to provide the highest quality services to their customers. Their three integrated facilities are located in California, Texas, and Virginia. Civica Rx is a non-profit focused on making essential generic medications accessible and affordable. Civica Rx partners with healthcare systems to ensure that generic drugs are affordable and available as soon as possible. Civica Rx is focused on bringing value — in supply, quality, and price to the market. Established in 2018, they are headquartered in Lehi, Utah.

AMPAC Fine Chemicals established their Virginia operations in 2016 when they purchased the former Boehringer Ingelheim (BI) facility in Petersburg. Dr. Aslam Malik, CEO of AMPAC, cited the local workforce as a major factor in establishing AMPAC's Virginia operations in Petersburg. "I knew the people here. I knew this area had some very qualified people... If you really want to bet on something, you bet on the people." The current AMPAC facility produces API's and encompasses 197 acres and has a total capacity of 45,000 gallons. Phlow, partnering with AMPAC to fulfill their HHS grant, decided on Petersburg to open their facilities as well. Phlow has on their board of directors Martin Van Trieste, who is currently President and CEO of Civica. This interconnectivity undoubtedly has contributed to Civica deciding to locate in Petersburg. Unlike AMPAC or Phlow, Civica was competitive with other locations in the U.S.

The Commonwealth's Development Opportunity Fund (hereinafter "COF") was activated to secure Civica and expand the existing AMPAC Facility to create a world-class pharmaceutical manufacturing park in the Petersburg I-95 Technology Zone. The COF exists as a final resource for Virginia, at the Governor's discretion, in the face of serious competition from other states or countries. However, this fund requires a local match, but a partial exception was granted to Petersburg. VEDP's COF contribution totals \$640,000 and requires a match of \$570,000 from Petersburg. To accomplish this, Petersburg offered to exempt Machinery and Tools (M&T) taxes for AMPAC Fine Chemicals for five-years. This would equal to the \$570,000 required to partially match the COF contribution. This M&T exemption is afforded to AMPAC Fine Chemicals by the I-95 Technology Zone. Located on the east side of Interstate 95, the Petersburg Technology Zone was created by City Council to attract high technology business activities that have special economic significance to the city. A financial incentive afforded by this Technology Zone is an exemption of M&T taxes. Additional incentives include the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Talent Accelerator Program ("VTAP") which is valued at

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\$472,000. The VTAP is delivered by the VEDP in partnership with the Virginia Community College System. It provides world-class training and recruitment solutions that are fully customized to a company's unique operations, equipment, standards, and culture. All program services are provided at no cost to qualified new and expanding companies to incentivize job creation. There is also the Virginia Investment Performance Grant ("VIP Grant") which is \$250,000. The VIP Grant encourages existing Virginia companies, resulting in added capacity, modernization, increased productivity, or the creation, development, and utilization of advanced technology. The program targets existing manufacturers or research and development services supporting manufacturing.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council approves this resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a performance agreement between the City of Petersburg, AMPAC, and VEDP.

Council Member Hill made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a performance agreement between the City of Petersburg, AMPAC, and VEDP. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-R-72 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA, AMPAC FINE CHEMICALS, AND THE VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

- g. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation refunding bonds of the City of Petersburg.

BACKGROUND: Davenport & Company, the City's Financial advisors, brought forward to the City an opportunity for debt refunding on the 2017A and 2017B bonds in May. Based on the market rates there were present, Davenport and City staff discussed the refunding opportunity. The refunding opportunity was presented to City Council on June 1, 2021, and City Council agreed to move forward with the process.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that City Council approve the resolution.

Roland Kooch, Representative from Davenport & Company, gave a briefing on the request to approve the resolution.

Council Member Hill made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation refunding bonds of the City of Petersburg. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-R-73 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, DETAILS AND PAYMENT THEREOF.

- h. Consideration of appointing Stuart Turille as the primary to the Appomattox River Water Authority (ARWA) Board.

BACKGROUND: The Appomattox River Water Authority consists of the Cities of Colonial Heights and Petersburg and the Counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George. The Authority is responsible for the operation of the Appomattox River Water Treatment plant.

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The Authority Board includes one (1) Member and one (1) Alternate Member from each of the political subdivisions. City Council has, as have other as its representatives on the Board and the Director of Public Works as the alternate.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council appoint Stuart Turille, City Manager, to the Appomattox River Water Authority Board as the primary member.

Council Member Hill made a motion to appoint Stuart Turille, City Manager, to the Appomattox River Water Authority Board as the primary member. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a substitute motion to appoint City Manager, Stuart Turille, to the Appomattox River Water Authority Board, South Central Wastewater Treatment Authority Board, Riverside Regional Jail Authority and to the Petersburg Area Regional Tourism Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert; Absent: Hart

21-R-74 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STUART TURILLE, CITY MANAGER, AS THE PRIMARY FOR THE APPOMATTOX RIVER WATER AUTHORITY BOARD.

- i. Consideration of appointing Stuart Turille as the primary to the South-Central Wastewater Treatment Authority Board.

BACKGROUND: South 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.

The Authority Board includes one (1) Member and one (1) Alternate Member from each of the political subdivisions. City Council has, as have other member jurisdiction, traditionally appointed the locality's chief administrative officer as its representative on the Board and the Director of Public Works as the alternate.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council appoint Stuart Turille, City Manager, as the primary representative of South-Central Wastewater Treatment Authority Board.

Approved with item 13h.

21-R-75 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STUART TUIRLLE, CITY MANAGER, AS THE PRIMARY FOR THE SOUTH-CENTRAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY BOARD.

- j. Consideration of appointing Stuart Turille, City Manager, as primary member to the Riverside Regional Jail Authority.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside Regional Jail Authority Board is a seven-member regional jail that oversees the regional jail facility serving the localities of Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Prince George and Surry and the Cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, and Petersburg. The city has one member and one alternate to serve on the board.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council appoint Stuart Turille, City Manager, as the primary member to the Riverside Regional Jail Authority.

Approved with item 13h.

*Audio available upon request.

21-R-76 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STUART TURILLE, CITY MANAGER, WITH A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, TO THE RIVERSIDE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY BOARD.

- k. Consideration of a resolution to accept American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding – First Tranche.

BACKGROUND: On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Approximately \$350 billion of The ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local, tribal, and territory governments in responding to the coronavirus pandemic. The City of Petersburg is due to receive a total of \$20,961,839 which will be delivered in two tranches. The first tranche has already occurred, and the City of Petersburg has received \$10,480,919.50. The second tranche will occur not earlier than 12 months after the first tranche.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council approve the resolution.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion to approve the resolution to accept the American Resue Plan Act (ARPA) funding – First Tranche. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Marcus Omar Squires, 1701 Monticello Street, stated, “I hope that there will be more citizen input provided and I hope that a majority of these funds will go towards infrastructure improvements which are needed in the City. Thank you.”

Barbara Rudolph, 1675 Mt. Vernon Street, stated, “I think that my comment would be similar to Mr. Squires. I hope that you all will entertain the possibility of getting input from citizens on this. I see it being done in other places and perhaps I can look at some of the examples and share them with you just for idea generation. Because it is a lot of money, and it can be very impactful. I do not even want to say what it should go for. I don’t even have an idea in my head, but I know that the amount of money is almost totaling \$21 million dollars. It is a huge windfall. It really represents a lot of possibilities for the city to address things that they haven’t been able to do. So, please consider us. Thank you.”

Seeing no further hands, Mayor Parham closed the public comments.

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

21-R-77 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING-FIRST TRANCHE.

- l. Consideration of appointment to the Petersburg Area Regional Tourism (PART) Board.

BACKGROUND: The structure of the PART Board includes the City Manager or County Administrator from each locality automatically on the board. Additionally, each locality should appoint a private sector person who is in a hospitality-related business (Examples: restaurant, hotel, shop, or art gallery owner, etc.).

For many years, the Petersburg appointee was the manager of the former Ramada Inn. When it closed, the position was not immediately filled and remained vacant.

The board meets every other month (July, September, November, January, March, May), on the 3rd Friday for

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a lunch meeting from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

This is no concrete term limit. The appointee and/or the city can choose whether to continue with the appointment each year.

RECOMMENDATION: To appoint Stuart Turille, City Manager, to Petersburg Area Regional Tourism (PART) Board.

Approved with item 13h.

21-R-78 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STUART TURILLE, CITY MANAGER TO PETERSBURG AREA REGIONAL TOURSIM BOARD (PART).

15. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

a. Report from City Manager, Stuart Turille.

Key points:

- With Governor's lifting of mandatory restrictions and continued decline in COVID-19 cases he is recommending the City buildings open to the public beginning August 1st with continued use of masks when in common areas, six feet distancing, use of plexiglass for large volume public traffic areas such as billing and collections and continued encouragement of vaccination of all staff.
- Public safety staff to continue to monitor the COVID caseloads and possible new variants.
- Utility billing will begin reporting monthly on the collection rate of utility billing which now stands at 88%.
- The Public Works Director re-organized her staff to focus on utility billing, emphasizing customer engagement, data cleanup, information flow, training, and timeliness.
- Staff met with ARWA, our regional water treatment provider to receive their technical expertise on bills.
- Discussing in the bi-weekly department head meetings improving customer interactions. In some instances, this may be due to short staffing but also may be to technical routing of calls in the phone system.
- Forming a committee, directed by Mr. Tabor, Planning Director, to coordinate a public private partnership to find alternatives to demolition of historical treasures, historical buildings.
- Working with Parks and Recreation to reinvigorate the partnerships the city has to clean up roads and neighborhoods.
- Commendation to Police Chief Christian and staff for a violence free July 4th weekend due to his proactive community police actions.
- With 4 ½ inches of rain in 4 hours from Tropical Storm Elsa, it caused serious flooding throughout the city. The flooding points to a drainage system which must be reviewed for undersized pipes or under capacity connections. All the flooding was done with 12 hours.
- With the CARES/ARPA funds the City is reviewing the distribution process in lace of the first round of funds and will set this up to begin once guidelines from Treasury Department are issued in August.

b. Update on Old Town Square (Sycamore Street)

*This item was completed with item 13C.

*Audio available upon request.

c. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Turille stated that there is an increase a little with new cases but no new cases in last 7 days but one in the whole Crater District area. Stated that he will be watching the numbers of cases as the new variant is approaching.

Chief Kevin Michalek gave a presentation on COVID-19.

Key points:

- Positivity rate went up a few points during the 4th of July holiday.
- There were about four or five new cases that bumped the city up about half a percent. The positivity rate should continue to decrease.
- With the seven days average the city ran at zero new cases as the average.
- The City of Petersburg is rated number two for providing the most vaccines in the Crater District. And the numbers are continuing to go up.
- Right now, 280 children under the age of 18 has been fully vaccinated. The effort is continuing at vaccination sites.

Council Member Hill stated, “Mr. Turille, I don’t want you to go into it right now, but due to consideration that when we do start meeting back with council meetings whatever cautions that we can put that out at the beginning. Whether the chairs are going to be six feet apart or if everyone is going to be required to wear mask or show vaccination or things like that. I do not know if you have given that thought when we do start meeting back in public and things of that nature.”

Mr. Turille stated, “Yes, sir. I will definitely put that into consideration and the primary consideration will be if are able to use the library. I will factor in the spacing. But I will definitely factor all that in sir.”

Council Member Hill stated, “Thank you. And I appreciate you.”

16. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FROM THE CLERK:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

17. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor

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