



COUNCIL

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Highlights from City Council Meetings

September 5, 2023

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City Council Closed Session

2:30 pm

1. Roll Call
All present.
2. Closed Session
 - a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to: 1)§2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, specifically including but not limited to the acquisition and disposition of real property and (7) and (8) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of receiving legal advice and status update from the City Attorney and legal consultation regarding the subject of specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by the city attorney, specifically including but not limited to discussion regarding Code of Virginia 58.1-608.3 and matters requiring legal advice of the City Attorney and under §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose discussion or consideration regarding the subject matter of public contract involving the expenditure of funds and terms or scope of such contract where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining or negotiating strategy of the public body, specifically including but not limited to the discussion of the award and terms of a public contract.
3. Discussion/Consideration
 - a. Consideration of a resolution to accept the conveyance of any interest held in Peabody School by Petersburg City Public School Board. **Approved.**

- b. Consideration of appointments to the Petersburg Arts Council.
Approved. Councilman Cuthbert voted no.
- c. Consideration of a Petition for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a Car Wash and Automotive Detailing at 1602 W Washington Street. The property is in the B-2 General Commercial Zoning District.
Motion to accept substitute ordinance approved.
Motion to adopt the ordinance approved.

Motion to add Item 11 to ordinance approved.

Motion to adjourn approved.

4. Adjournment

Work Session

5:00 pm

- 1. Roll Call
All present.
- 2. Prayer
Led by Vice Mayor Hill.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Mayor Parham.
- 4. Determination of the Presence of a Quorum
Quorum present.
- 5. Public Comments

Ellie Ellis

Suggested need for a Recreational Indoor Complex near Colonial Heights.

Gary Talley

Concerned over many city vacancies and water bills being late.

The City is actively working to fill vacancies. Human Resources has held numerous job fairs this year, and the City is running paid social media ads for key vacant positions. The utility bills were mailed late because of a technical issue with the printer. The due date for the late utility bills was extended to September 19.

Dr. Shawn Smith

Interested in commercial space in the Triangle for small businesses.

Barb Rudolph

Concerned about board members of the Petersburg Arts Council. Council should have held a public hearing.

The Arts Council Ordinance will come before City Council at the September 19, 2023, meeting.

Genevieve Lohr

Does not believe Council members read the weekly crime report. The traffic division issued 110 tickets last week. Should recognize this. Traffic is working hard. Number of 911 calls. Police answered 2,971 911 calls last week. Hear more about speeding than other major issues in the city.

Major issues are discussed at Council meetings, including economic development and planning, infrastructure, public safety, and others.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
 - a. Minutes:
 - July 26, 2023 Closed Session Minutes
 - July 26, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting
 - b. Consideration of an appropriation ordinance for the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Grant - 1st Reading
 - c. Consideration of an ordinance for a Virginia Foundation for Health Youth Grant
 - d. Consideration of a public hearing and an ordinance to Amend 21-2 of the City Code - Arts Council Terms of Office - 1st Reading
 - e. Consideration of a public hearing and an Ordinance approving a petition to rezone the property located at 2255 Jamestown Road, from A, Agricultural Zoning District to M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District, and 2262 County Drive, from B-2, General Commercial Zoning District to M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District - 1st Reading
 - f. Consideration of an appropriation ordinance for Virginia Department of Fire Programs - Aid to Locality, carryover of funds from FY23 to FY 24 budget in the amount of \$21,959.58 - 1st Reading
 - g. Consideration of an appropriation ordinance for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management – Radiological Emergency Preparedness Grant, carryover of funds from FY 23 to FY 24 Budget in the amount of \$3,949.98 - 1st Reading
 - h. Consideration of an appropriation ordinance for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management – Emergency Management Performance Grant carryover of funds from FY23 to FY24 Budget in the amount of \$1,717.27 - 1st Reading
 - i. Consideration of an appropriation ordinance for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs - Aid to Locality FY23 funding allocation in the amount of \$134,237.00 - 1st Reading
 - j. Consideration of an appropriation ordinance for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management - Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$850.44 - 1st Reading

k. Consideration of an appropriation ordinance to accept and appropriate funding from the Virginia Office of EMS – Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) in the amount of \$52,757.10 - 1st Reading

l. Consideration of an adoption of the City of Petersburg, Virginia 2023 Emergency Operations Plan - 1st Reading

m. Consideration of a public hearing to consider a property line adjustment with Tabb Street Development, LLC, and lease back to the City of the property thereby transferred.

n. Consideration of a public hearing on September 19, 2023, to increase the Urban Highway Maintenance funding for Street Operations in FY24 in the amount of \$1,066,269.33.

Approved. Councilman Cuthbert abstained.

7. Special Reports

a. Presentation and Update on the Comprehensive Plan from Naomi Siodmok, Director of Planning and Community Development.

No action taken.

b. Presentation of Proclamation proclaiming September 10-16, 2023, as National Assisted Living Week in the City of Petersburg.

c. Proclamation designating the month of September 2023 as Sickle Cell Month in the City of Petersburg.

d. Presentation of VDACS AFID Planning Grant for Mapping Suitability for Urban Agriculture across the City of Petersburg.

No action taken.

8. Monthly Reports

None.

9. Finance and Budget Report

a. Presentation on Preliminary Unaudited FY2023 Year-End General Fund Report.

City Manager - \$3M transfer to fund balance this year.

10. Capital Projects Update

a. Presentation and update on Poor Creek Project

No action taken.

11. Utilities

None.

12. Streets

None.

13. Facilities
None.
14. Economic Development
None.
15. City Manager's Agenda
None.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
18. Adjournment