

The Special Called Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at the Union Train Station. Mayor Parham called the Special Called meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL:**

Present:

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

Absent: None

Present from City Administration:

City Manager Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides  
Assistant City Attorney Rashaad Bey  
Clerk of City Council Nykesha D. Jackson

**2. CLOSED SESSION:**

Assistant City Attorney Rashaad Bey stated that City Council will now move to go into closed session for one purpose pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A (1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, council will be in closed session to discuss and/or consideration of interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salary, discipline or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body.

Council Member Hill moved that the City Council go into closed session for the purposes noted by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith-Lee. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote.

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

City Council entered closed session at 5:03 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION:**

Mr. Bey stated that City Council now moves to come out of closed session and certify that only public business matters lawfully exempted from an open meeting requirement pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting.

Council Member Hill made a motion to return City Council into open session and certify the purposes of the closed session. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hart. There was discussion on the motion.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

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

**19-R-01 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING, AS REQUIRED BY THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, SECTION 2.2-**

\*Audio available

**3712, THAT TO THE BEST OF EACH MEMBER’S KNOWLEDGE, ONLY PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS LAWFULLY EXEMPTED FROM OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF VIRGINIA LAW WERE DISCUSSED IN THE CLOSED SESSION, AND ONLY SUCH PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS AS WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE MOTION CONVENING THE CLOSED SESSION WERE HEARD, DISCUSSED, OR CONSIDERED.**

Council Member Myers made a motion to appoint Anthony Williams as the new City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. There was discussion among City Council Members. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Smith-Lee, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Hart and Parham

**19-R-02      A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANTHONY WILLIAMS AS THE NEW CITY ATTORNEY.**

**3.      ADJOURNMENT:**

City Council adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

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Mayor