

The Special Called Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at City Hall in Council Chambers. Mayor Parham called the Special Called meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

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

Absent: Council Member Treska Wilson-Smith (arrived at 5:34pm)

Present from City Administration:

City Attorney Anthony Williams
City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benavides
Clerk of City Council Nykesha D. Jackson

2. CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Anthony Williams stated that City Council will now move to go into closed session for one purpose pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A (7) 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 matters requiring legal advice by the City Attorney, and pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of an interest real property for a public purpose or the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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 Vice Mayor Hart. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote.

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

City Council entered closed session at 5:31 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Mr. Williams 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 discussed 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 Council Member Smith-Lee. There was no discussion on the motion.

*Audio available upon request.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

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

19-R-23 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING, AS REQUIRED BY THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, SECTION 2.2-3712, THAT TO THE BEST OF EACH MEMBER’S KNOWLEDGE, ONLY PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS LAWFULLY EXEMPTED FROM OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF VIRGINIA LAW WERE DISCUSSED IN THE CLOSED SESSION, AND ONLY SUCH PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS AS WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE MOTION CONVENING THE CLOSED SESSION WERE HEARD, DISCUSSED, OR CONSIDERED.

City Council returned to opened session at 6:04pm.

Mayor Parham stated, “At this time I will entertain a motion to add a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the DSS Lease Agreement for 3811 Corporate Road.”

Vice Mayor Hart made motion to add a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the DSS Lease Agreement for 3811 Corporate Road. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Smith-Lee, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Hart and Parham

Mayor Parham stated, “I will entertain a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the DSS Lease Agreement for 3811 Corporate Road.”

Mr. Williams stated, “To add to the agenda it has to be a unanimous vote to add it for your consideration for your discussion.”

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, ‘I will rescind my motion.’

Mayor Parham stated, “I will restate the motion that at this time I will entertain a motion to add a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the DSS Lease Agreement for 3811 Corporate Road. All in favor say aye.”

Council Member Hill made motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the DSS Lease Agreement for 3811 Corporate Road. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hart. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved on roll call. On vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Smith-Lee, Myers, Hill, Hart and Parham; Voting No: Wilson-Smith

3. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor

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