

The Special Called Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at the Union Train Station. 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 Treska Wilson-Smith  
Council Member W. Howard Myers  
Vice Mayor John Hart  
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent: Council Member Darrin Hill

Present from City Administration:

City Attorney Anthony Williams  
Deputy City Manager Lionel Lyons  
Assistant to the City Manager Tanesha Flowers

**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

Vice Mayor Hart moved that the City Council go into closed session for the purposes noted by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. 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, Hart and Parham; Absent: Hill

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.

Vice Mayor Hart 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 Myers. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Smith-Lee, Myers, Hart and Parham; Absent: Hill; Abstain: Wilson-Smith; Voting No: Cuthbert

\*Audio available upon request.

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "I am voting 'No' because we spent more than sixteen minutes listening to the history of an issue. None of which was confidential, none of which involved the opinion legal counsel. I objected at the time and we continued to roll. I objected again, and we continued to roll. We have violated the Freedom of Information Act once again. I vote no."

**19-R-29      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 6:38pm.

**3.      ADJOURNMENT:**

City Council adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

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Mayor