



COUNCIL

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Highlights from City Council Meetings

May 16, 2023

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Closed Session City Council Meeting Agenda

3:00 pm

1. Roll Call
Councilman Jones arrived at 4:15 pm.
2. Closed Session:
 - a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to: 1) §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion pertaining to the performance, assignment, and appointment of specific public employees of the City of Petersburg, specifically including but not limited to discussion of the performance, assignment, and appointment of a specific public officer of the City of Petersburg. (2) Under subsection §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion 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; and (3) Under subsection §2.2-3711(A)(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 the requirements of 24 CFR 570 et. seq.; Code of Virginia §2.2-4300 et. seq.; actual or probable litigation; and matters requiring the legal advice of the City Attorney; and (4) Under subsection §2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition and disposition of 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.

Motion approved to end the closed session.

Motion to add City Manager to authorize an extension for Suttle property purchase and properties on Pocahontas Island approved.

Extension on purchase of Suttle properties approved.

Motion approved to purchase 119 and 130 from EDA.

Motion approved to establish MOU with Petersburg School Board and City for a sports training center. Motion approved to accept MOU.

3. Adjournment

Regular City Council Meeting

5:00 pm

1. Roll Call
Councilman Cuthbert was absent.
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. Proclamations/Recognitions/Presentation of Ceremonial Proclamations
 - a. Presentation of a Proclamation designating May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month.
 - b. Presentation of a proclamation recognizing June 2023 as Homeownership Month.
 - c. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing National Police Week 2023.
 - d. Presentation of a Proclamation for National Public Works Week of May 21-27, 2023.
6. Responses to Previous Public Information Posted
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7. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
 - a. Minutes:
 - May 2, 2023 - Closed Session Meeting
 - May 2, 2023 - Work Session Meeting

Consent agenda approved.

8. Official Public Hearings
 - a. A public hearing on the consideration of an appropriation ordinance for grants for Poor Creek Service Area, South Central Wastewater Treatment Plant, Lock's Watermain, & Emergency Public Safety Communications System, Virginia Tourism Corporation Marketing.

Approved.

 - b. A public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a Petition for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for used Auto Sales and Car Rental at 1242 W Washington Street. The property is located in a B-2 General Commercial Zoning District.

 - c. A public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a Petition for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for Automotive Repair and Detailing at 1841 Anchor Avenue. The property is located in a M-1 Light Industrial Zoning District.

 - d. A public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a Petition for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a Multi-Family residential development at 712 High Street. The property is located in the B-2 General Commercial Zoning District.

 - e. A Public Hearing and 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 located in the B-2 General Commercial Zoning District.

 - f. A Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a Petition to rezone the property located at 3287 County Drive from B-2 General Commercial Zoning District to M-1 Light Industrial Zoning District.

All the above-highlighted items are rescheduled for the June meeting because there was not a quorum present for the last Planning Commission meeting.

 - g. A Public Hearing for the Consideration of the City of Petersburg's FY2023-24 Proposed Operating Budget.

Public Comment

Jeff Fleming

Public safety is a pillar of the City. Questioned funding for Fire and Police Departments.

Budget approved.

 - h. A public hearing for Consideration to approve and appropriate the budget for Petersburg City Public Schools for FY23-24.

No Public Comment.

Approved.

i. A public hearing on an Ordinance to Amend and Re-Adopt the Petersburg City Code to Rescind Section 118-94.

Approved.

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 are removed from the consent agenda.

Kaya Pope

Citizens have barriers to jobs with benefits and don't have identification. Need to address the unhoused population.

There are several non-profits in the City addressing these issues.

Paula Chester

Asked that flooding near the bridge on Rt. 36 be addressed.

Public Works is following up on the request.

10. Business or reports from the Mayor or other Members of City Council

Councilman Jones

Council is responsible for the well-being of residents.

Asked that citizens provide correct information to Council members and City Manager.

Councilman Westbrook

Speeding and reckless driving should be heavily enforced.

Concerned about high grass on I-85, ponding on Defense Road, adding stop light from MLK Bridge to Pocahontas Island, teaching youth that guns are not the way to settle conflicts, and encouraged citizens to vote.

Councilman Myers

Proud to have opened the Virginia Community Resource Center.

Police Community Center and PAL will be located at 32 W. Washington St.

Congratulated Bishop Bonner on celebrating 50 years as a pastor.

Councilwoman Smith-Lee

Ward 6 meeting on May 18 at 6 pm.

May 20 at noon at St. Stephens Church – House of Delegates forum.

Congratulated Lady Diamonds and The Pact at Blandford School

Vice Mayor Hill

Thanked citizens for attending Ward 2 meeting.

Asked citizens to cut grass and report junk being left in yards/property to Neighborhood Services.

Mayor Parham

Congratulated Councilman Jones on opening a restaurant in Waverly and his retirement from the State on June 1.

Announced Richard Bland College's commencement on May 17 and the success of the Middle College program.

Thanked Governor and First Lady for Kaboom playground.

11. Items removed from Consent Agenda
None.
12. Finance and Budget Report
 - a. Update and Presentation on 3rd Quarter Budget Actuals.
The goal is to be on time for the 2023 CAFR.
13. Unfinished Business
None.
14. New Business
 - a. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Development Agreement for The Development of 357 University Boulevard Petersburg, Virginia Between the City of Petersburg and Willie Mitchell, IV.
Approved.
 - b. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the development agreement between the City of Petersburg and Coastal Virginia Development for the property at 1024 Eighth Street.
Motion to table approved.
 - c. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Lease Agreement by and between The Economic Development Authority of the City of Petersburg, Virginia (“Authority”), and The South Central Wastewater Authority (“SCWWA”) for the Property located at 130 Pocahontas Street, Petersburg, Va.
Removed from agenda.

d. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Development Agreement for The Development of 417 Jefferson Street South, Petersburg, Virginia Between the City of Petersburg and Properties Remembered.

Motion to table approved.

e. Consideration of an amendment to the trash contract with CVWMA.

Approved.

f. Consideration of appointments or reappointments to the Architectural Review Board.

Motion to reappoint – approved. Vacancy for architect will be advertised.

g. Consideration of approval to extend the lease agreement exercising two one-year options (June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2025) for a total amount of \$419,604.00 per year (\$34,967.00 monthly) between P & P Associates, LLC and the City of Petersburg for the property located at 3811 Corporate Road, Petersburg, VA 23803 for the Department of Social Services.

Approved. Councilman Jones voted no.

h. Consideration of approval to extend the lease agreement exercising two one-year options (June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2025) for a total amount of \$120.00 per year (\$10.00 monthly) between P & P Associates, LLC and the City of Petersburg for the property located at 3811 Corporate Road, Petersburg, VA 23803 for the City's Human Resources department.

Approved. Councilman Jones voted no.

15. City Manager's Report

None.

16. Business or reports from the Clerk

Thanked Public Works for quickly setting up for council meeting.

17. Business or reports from the City Attorney

None.

18. Adjournment