



COUNCIL

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Highlights from City Council Meetings

November 8, 2023

Petersburg Public Library

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Closed Session
3:00 pm

1. Roll Call

Councilwoman Smith-Lee and Councilman Jones were not present at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Closed Session

The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to:

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 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 Petersburg Circuit Court Case CL22000681-00 and other matters requiring the legal advice of the city attorney; and under Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) 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 under Section 2.2-3711(A)(29) for the purpose of discussion regarding the subject matter of a 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 contract; and under Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) for the purpose of discussion pertaining to performance, assignment, and appointment of a specific public officer of the City of Petersburg.

Motion approved to adjourn closed session meeting.

3. Adjournment

Council 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

Barb Rudolph

Legislative agenda – hoping to see it before approval and have input. Casino will be challenging. Some Council members were not supportive of the new Senator. Del. Taylor will have an uphill battle.

Mary Howard

The elderly need help with exemptions on property taxes. Many fell behind on payments during COVID, and tax exemptions were not sent out. Now they have been turned over to Jason Dunn's office.

Genevieve Lohr

Gave Council handouts on Everyday Strong and CASA for children advocacy.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):

a. Minutes:

-October 17, 2023- Closed Session Meeting Minutes

-October 17, 2023 - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

b. Consideration of an appropriation for a \$2,467 increase to the FY24 approved & adopted budget for the Litter Grant received from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This increases the amount from \$10,158 to \$12,645 for the City of Petersburg's Litter Prevention and Recycling Program activities for FY24 - 1st Reading.

c. Consideration of an ordinance to re-establish the Commercial property-assessed clean energy (CPACE) program - 1st Reading

- d. A request to schedule a public hearing on the consideration of an ordinance to amend and re-adopt Chapter 21, including Sections 21-1 and 21-2 to change the name of the "Petersburg Area Public Arts" to the "Petersburg Arts Council."
- e. A request to schedule a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend and re-adopt Chapter 2 Article VII Subdivision I of the Petersburg City Code to include Section 2-360 to authorize the City Manager to administratively approve amendments to the purchasing manuals & purchasing procedure.
- f. A request to schedule and consider a public hearing and consideration of a request from Sayed Shah Owner, representative of S Shah Properties LLC. to obtain a Special Use Permit as provided for under Article 23, Supplementary Use Regulations-Special Uses. Section 4, Special Uses Enumerated. Item (22) of the Zoning Ordinance to establish Stand-alone used vehicle sales not associated with a new-vehicle dealership or not located upon the same parcel as such new-vehicle dealership, if located upon parcels of less than one acre in area, such to be permitted within the B-2 and M-1 zoning districts only. The subject property is located at 112 and 114 N Crater Road, and further identified as Tax Parcel # 012110010 and #012110009. The Comprehensive Plan suggests this area is appropriate for commercial and residential uses. The property is zoned B-2, General Commercial District.
Approved.

7. Special Reports

- a. Presentation of Proclamation designating the month of November as Family Court Awareness Month.
- b. Presentation of Proclamation designating November 1, 2023, as Extra Mile Day.
- c. Presentation for years of service to Mr. Barrett Harrison in the Department of Utilities.
- d. Presentation to announce L. L. Bean's National Pop-Up Shop coming to Petersburg on December 2, 2023, and December 3, 2023.

8. Monthly Reports

None.

9. Finance and Budget Report

None.

10. Capital Projects Update

None.

11. Utilities

- a. Update from JMT on Poor Creek Project.
No action taken.

12. Streets
None.
13. Facilities
None.
14. Economic Development
None.
15. City Manager's Agenda
 - a. Update on Neighborhood Services Project Maintenance Process
Councilman Jones suggested that the Neighborhood Services title change back to Code Compliance. No action taken.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
18. Adjournment