



COUNCIL

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Highlights from City Council Meetings

January 2, 2024

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CLOSED SESSION

3:00 pm

1. Roll Call
All present.
Councilman Marlow Jones arrived during the closed session meeting.
2. Closed Session
The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to:
a. (1)§2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia 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)(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 matters requiring the legal advice of the city attorney; 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 body, specifically including but not limited to the discussion of the award and terms of a public contract; and under

Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) 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.

Motion approved to return to open session.

Motion approved to direct the city manager to withdraw from participation in the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority for the purposes of the solid waste collection services contract.

Motion approved to waive any penalties or interest accrued on real estate and utility bills from December 31, 2023, through January 19, 2024.

3. Adjournment

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

4:45 pm

1. Roll Call
All present.
2. Discussion and Consideration
 - a. Consideration of amendments to the City of Petersburg Rules of Council.
Motion approved to table until January 16 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

Noted concerns of vacancies in the Finance Department, utility billing moving back to Utilities, and phones not being answered.

Otis Hill

Concerned that the Fire Department has not installed or made available smoke detectors for hearing-impaired citizens. **The city manager stated that smoke/CO2 detectors for the hearing-impaired that work on batteries were not available. The City is unable to install hardwired devices in private homes or buildings.**

Gary Talley

He was concerned that his utility bill, which was paid several months ago, had not been posted. **Bills and payments are available online:**

<https://www.petersburg-va.com/Applications/cpage/Default.aspx?ctid=1>

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

- a. Request and consideration of a public hearing for an ordinance recommending approval of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to amend and readopt the future land use map from the proposed land use of Low Density Residential to Medium/High Density Residential at 235 Medical Park Boulevard.
 - b. Request and consideration of a public hearing for an ordinance from Sayed Shah Owner, representative of S Shah Properties LLC, to obtain a Special Use Permit at 112 N Crater Road and 114 N Crater Road 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.
 - c. Request and consideration of a public hearing from Barry Jones, owner, Capital City Homes, RVA, to rezone properties from M-1, Light Industrial, District to B-2, General Commercial, District with the intention of building eight (8) single-family dwellings. The properties are contiguous to one another and are vacant lots, addressed as follows: 901, 905, 909, 915, 921, 925, 929, 933 Commerce St and 208 N Dunlop Street and further identified respectively as 024140003, 024140005, 024140006, 024140007, 024140008, 024140009, 024140010, 024140011, 024140012, and 024140013.
 - d. A request to schedule a public hearing and the consideration of an ordinance to amend and re-adopt Article 24 Nonconforming Uses and Article 25 Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations, as set forth in the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Petersburg and as requested by the Planning Commission, to allow the rehabilitation and continuation of residential structures and four-units or less with a certificate of nonconforming use, development of nonconforming lots, and the rehabilitation of existing neighborhood commercial structures with a certificate of nonconforming use.
- Approved.**

7. Special Reports
None.
8. Monthly Reports
None.
9. Finance and Budget Report
 - a. City of Petersburg Revenue Report
No action was taken.
10. Capital Projects Update
None.
11. Utilities
 - a. Monthly Poor Creek Update by JMT
No action was taken.
12. Streets
None.
13. Facilities
None.
14. Economic Development
None.
15. City Manager's Agenda
The City Manager updated Council on the Compensation Study, Health Insurance, the Downtown Plan, South Side Depot, and the Zoning Study/Plan.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
18. Adjournment