



COUNCIL

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Highlights from City Council Meetings

March 5, 2024

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Please Note:

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The official minutes and agendas can be accessed on the city website:

www.petersburg-va.org

Please note that the official minutes are not posted until approved by City Council.

CLOSED SESSION

Canceled.

WORK SESSION

5:00 pm

1. Roll Call
Councilman Myers was absent. Councilman Jones arrived after the roll call.
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

Charles Funk

Mr. Funk encouraged Council to reconsider a previous vote to deny Vehicle Storage on a warehouse property he owns on West Washington Street. **Council took no action to reconsider.**

Ken Pritchett

Mr. Pritchett asked the Council to consider lowering ARB standards for houses on West High Street. He reported that the traffic lights along Puddledock Road to East Washington Street are not synced. **Council took no action to revise ARB standards.**

Barb Rudolph

Ms. Rudolph suggested that the City consider Exit 52 as the location of a casino if the General Assembly allows Petersburg to hold a referendum and citizens vote to approve a casino.

Robert Anderson

Mr. Anderson asked City Council to consider lowering the Real Estate tax rate since assessments are increasing.

Gary Talley

Mr. Talley asked if the City has a Local Emergency Operations committee.

The City does an Emergency Operations Plan and Committee. Recent updates were approved by City Council in October, 2023.

<https://www.petersburgva.gov/161/Emergency-Management>

6. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
 - a. Minutes:
 - Minutes of February 20, 2024 - Closed Session
 - Minutes of February 20, 2024 - Regular Meeting
 - b. 2023-ZTA-02: A request to schedule a public hearing on the consideration of an ordinance to amend and readopt Article 21, Sign Regulations, to regulate and allow for sandwich board/A-frame signs.
Approved.
7. Special Reports
 - a. Project Pipeline Study: S Crater Road, Wagner Road, and Rives Road
Powerpoint presentation
No action taken.
 - b. Presentation and Update on the 2024 Employee Health Insurance.
No action taken.
 - c. Presentation and report on Employee Health Insurance Renewal
No action taken.
8. Monthly Reports
None.
9. Finance and Budget Report
None.
10. Capital Projects Update
None.
11. Utilities
None.
12. Streets
None.

13. Facilities
None.
14. Economic Development
 - a. A Communication / Special Report Request to Present the Petersburg Downtown Plan via Interface Studio.
No action taken.
15. City Manager's Agenda
 - a. Presentation and Update from JMT on Poor Creek.
No action taken.
 - b. Resolutions for Poor Creek Congressional Spending Grant and FEMA Fire Equipment Grant.
Approved.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
18. Adjournment