
The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Friday, February 9, 2024, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr.
Council Member Marlow Jones
Council Member W. Howard Myers
Council Member Annettee Smith-Lee
Council Member Arnold Westbrook, Jr.
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent: Vice Mayor Darrin Hill (remote call-in)

Present from City Administration:

City Manager John March Altman, Jr.
City Attorney Anthony Williams

2. CLOSED SESSION:

- a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §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 legal requirements of §58.1-4107 of the Code of Virginia and matters requiring the legal advice of the City Attorney.

Council Member Myers made a motion that the City Council go into closed session for the purposes noted. Council Member Smith-Lee seconded the motion.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Smith-Lee, Myers, Westbrook, and Parham; Absent: Hill

The City Council entered closed session at 4:06 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Mr. Williams stated, "The Mayor would entertain a motion to conclude the closed session called today to certify in accordance with §2.2-3712 that the Code of Virginia that to the best of each members knowledge that only public business matter lawfully exempted from the opening meeting requirements were discussed and that only such public business matters were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, heard, discussed, or considered. If any member believes that there was a departure from the foregoing requirements should state prior to the vote indicating the substance for departure in which he believes has occurred. This requires a roll call vote Mr. Mayor."

Council Member Myers made a motion to return the City Council to open session and certify the purposes of the closed session. Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Smith-Lee, Myers, Westbrook, and Parham; Absent: Hill

24-R-8 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 open session at 5:02pm

Mayor Parham stated, “We are now in open session. At this time, I have Vice Mayor Hill calling in remote from his location. He is in Alabama away at a conference. Are there any objections to Vice Mayor Hill calling in remote?”

There were no objections.

Mr. Williams stated, “Vice Mayor Hill can you confirm what Mayor Parham said regarding your location as well as the nature of your absence.”

Vice Mayor Hill stated, “The nature of my absence is that I am at a conference in Alabama. It is a men’s conference for a church. And I just landed. I will be doing the men’s day sitting on a panel tomorrow and at 8:00am I will be preaching at Westside Baptist Church in Hoover, Alabama.”

Mayor Parham stated, “Next, I will entertain a motion to add to the agenda tonight a resolution regarding the city’s intent of use of a casino development revenue to the agenda.”

Council Member Westbrook made a motion to add to the agenda tonight a resolution regarding the city’s intent of use of a casino development revenue to the agenda. Council Member Smith-Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Smith-Lee, Myers, Westbrook, Hill, and Parham

Mayor Parham read the resolution aloud.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the resolution read by Mayor Parham regarding the casino. Council Member Smith-Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Smith-Lee, Myers, Westbrook, Hill, and Parham

24-R-9 A RESOLUTION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL’S INTENDED USE OF CASINO DEVELOPMENT REVENUES.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor