

Public Information Report – May 18, 2021

1. How will citizens be involved in the City Manager search?

If a public forum is planned with the potential City Manager candidates, it will be officially announced through the City's website. Interested residents are encouraged to sign up for the Notify Me alerts at www.petersburgva.gov to receive City announcements.

2. What is the process for Boards and Commissions?

Once an application is submitted, if there is a vacancy, then council will consider that application for appointment. As some boards have ward requirements, if that ward seat is filled, then that application will not be considered at that time. If the board is on the agenda for consideration and council chooses not to appoint any of the applicants, then solicitation is sent out for new applications for that board.

3. When will the library reopen?

An official reopening date has not yet been determined.

4. It's been previously stated that the City needed an investment grade credit rating to fund capital projects. Since the City has that rating now, will the school board now have a chance to get the 3 new elementary schools, a middle school classroom/multi-purpose room, and a high school field house they requested? The Budget & Procurement Office is in the process of developing a CIP development/improvement process that will be taken to City Council in June. This will lay the foundation for CIP development moving forward. Once this process is approved by City Council, then the strategic conversations begin as it relates to the funding mechanisms for the projects.

5. During a previous meeting, it was announced that money (around \$2M) was moved to another bank account in the mid-west that no one was aware of. Will efforts be made to have the treasurer present to City Council about this move?

According to the Interim Finance Director, the funds that were moved by the treasurer are still in that same bank. If plans are made for the Treasurer to present it will be announced via the meeting agenda.

6. The Petersburg library foundation mentioned during a council meeting that no tax dollars were to go towards the new conference and event center project.

The agreement was that the City of Petersburg would provide \$250,000 for the new Library expansion once the audit for FY2019-20 was completed. The stipulation was if there was a surplus for FY2019-20 above the \$1 million that was budgeted, then the City would provide up to \$250,000. This commitment has been fulfilled as the payments have been made to the Library Foundation. The City Council approved an additional \$50,000 to be paid to the Library Foundation from CDBG funding for FY 2020-21.