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Highlights from City Council Meeting

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October 19, 2021 – Meeting at Petersburg Public Library

1. Roll Call
Councilwoman Wilson-Smith / Councilman Hart absent
2. Prayer
Councilman Hill
3. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Parham
4. Determination of the Presence of a Quorum
Quorum Present
5. Proclamations/Recognitions/Presentation of Ceremonial Proclamations
None
6. Responses to Previous Public Information
Posted in Council Communicates
7. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
 - a. Minutes:
September 27, 2021 Special Called Council Meeting
October 5, 2021 Closed Session
October 5, 2021 Work Session
 - b. Consideration of Department of Historic Resources Grant (National Register of Historic Places) for Jarratt House in the amount of \$7,500. 1st Reading
 - c. A Request To Schedule A Public Hearing on November 16, 2021, and Consideration of an Ordinance Amending The City Code Chapter 50. Environment Article II. Noise.
 - d. A request to schedule a public hearing on November 3, 2021 for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing

the City Manager to establish the Tourism Zone Incentive Repayment Assistance Program.

Approved

Councilman Cuthbert abstained

8. Official Public Hearings

- a. A public hearing for the consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Dennis V. Jefferson towards the sale of City-owned property at 244 New Street, parcel ID 031200003.

Presenters: Cynthia Boone, Petersburg Economic Development
Dennis Jefferson, purchaser

No public comment

Approved

- b. A public hearing on the consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Heirloom Reclaim and Design towards the sale of City-owned property at 1162 Hinton St, parcel ID 024220039.

Cynthia Boone, Petersburg Economic Development requested that this item be removed from the agenda. Further information needed on lot size.

Removed

- c. A public hearing on the consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Miroslaw Wapiarz and David Budych for the property at 915 High Street West, parcel ID 024070019 to extend the reverter date for a period of six months, until April 30, 2022.

Presenters: Cynthia Boone, Petersburg Economic Development
David Budych, owner

No public comment

Approved

- d. A public hearing on the consideration of FY2022 Petersburg Public Schools Budget Supplemental Appropriation #1 (\$13,284,445) 2nd Reading.

No public comment

Approved

- e. An official public hearing on the consideration of appropriation for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 & ending on June 30, 2022, for the American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation (\$10,480,919.50)

Public Hearing

Mike Packer, Vice Chair EDA spoke on value of EDA Revolving Loan Fund and recommended approval.

Barb Rudolph suggested that funds be used for ERP system and to address negative impact of COVID on residents.

Beverly Coleman supported use of funds in revitalizing downtown area.

Leonard Curry, President Friends of Historic Farmers Bank suggested using funds to revitalize downtown area to attract more tourist

Mayor Parham asked that city manager and staff consider funding for recovery & demolition of Old Ramada Inn.

Vote:

Mayor Parham, Vice Mayor Smith-Lee, Councilman Hill approved.

Councilman Cuthbert, Councilman Myers abstained.

- f. A Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving the Special Use Permit petition to install equipment to recover hydrogen gas presently produced as a byproduct of ongoing bleach manufacturing processes at Bleachtech LLC, at 2020 Bessemer Road.

Reggie Tabor, Petersburg Director of Planning presented.

No public comment

Approved

- g. A Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding solar panels and solar farms.

Reggie Tabor, Petersburg Director of Planning presented.

No public comment

Approved

9. Public Information Period

A public information period, limited in time to 30 minutes, shall be part of an Order of Business at each regular council meeting. Each speaker shall be a resident or business owner of the City and shall be limited to three minutes. No speaker will be permitted to speak on any item scheduled for consideration on the regular docket of the meeting at which the speaker is to speak. The order of speakers, limited by the 30-minute time period, shall be determined as follows:

- a. First, in chronological order of the notice, persons who have notified the Clerk no later than 12:00 noon of the day of the meeting
- b. Second, in chronological order of their sign up, persons who have signed a signup sheet placed by the Clerk in the rear of the meeting room prior to the meeting removed from consent agenda

Ron Moore spoke on the Gun Ban Ordinance. He stated that two people had opposed the gun ban ordinance during the first public hearing. He was concerned that the ordinance had been tabled, a second public hearing held, and the ordinance passed. He stated that the ordinance harasses legal gun owners, is confusing to people living next to city-owned property and asked that the ordinance be reconsidered.

Barb Rudolph asked that the public be given the opportunity to participate in local redistricting in Petersburg.

10. Business or reports from the Mayor or other Members of City Council

Councilman Cuthbert thanked the city manager for creating new guidelines directing city employees to answer phones and return voicemails and emails in a timely manner. He stated that the gun ban ordinance does not prevent legal gun carrying and talked about no guns being allowed at permitted events on city property. Councilman Cuthbert invited people to talk with him or city attorney about the gun ban ordinance.

Councilman Hill thanked citizens for wearing masks. He reminded residents that the Leaf Removal schedule is on the city website. Councilman Hill encouraged residents to look at the city website for job openings.

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee reminded all that COVID is not gone and to get vaccinated. She asked everyone to vote and stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Mayor Parham recognized Wayne Crocker for his good work in overseeing construction and completion of the Library Conference Center. He thanked Public Works for the success of the “Dump Your Junk” clean-up day. The Mayor reminded residents of the upcoming Job Fair at the Library on November 4.

11. Items removed from Consent Agenda

None

12. Finance and Budget Report

None

13. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration to request FY 2021 carryover funding and appropriate additional FY 2022 funding for the Petersburg Station Park and Ride project.

Randall Williams, Assistant Director of Petersburg Public Works presented.

Approved

14. New Business

- a. Consideration of re/appointment to the Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Leonard Muse and Mary Howard reappointed.

Approved

15. City Manager's Report

- a. Presentation on the City of Petersburg Tourism Zone Incentive Repayment Assistance Program.

Cynthia Boone, Petersburg Economic Development presented.

- b. Update on application for Community Virginia Health Services for ARPA Funding. Applicants will make presentation at the next Council meeting.
- c. City Manager's Reports and Updates.
City Manager gave additional information on the Tourism Zone incentive Repayment Assistance Program

COVID Mitigation Policy Update by City Manager

Reported on survey response of city staff on COVID. He presented three options for COVID vaccinations and testing. More research needed on COVID testing models.

Councilman Hill

Wanted it to be clear to city staff that there would be no vaccination mandate at this time.

ARPA Projects Update from City Manager

Gun Ban Ordinance Update

Signs have been ordered and should arrive within two weeks.

- 16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None
- 17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None
- 18. Adjournment