



# COUNCIL

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### Highlights from City Council Meeting

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November 3, 2021 – Meeting at Petersburg Public Library

3:00pm Special Meeting

1. Roll Call  
**Councilman Hart absent**
2. Official Public Hearings
  - a. Public hearing on an ordinance to amend and re-adopt Chapter 38 of the Petersburg City Code to include Article VI Sections 38-120 through 38-125 for the establishment of the City of Petersburg Tourism Financing Program.  
Presenter: Cynthia Boone, Petersburg Economic Development  
Public Comment  
Sam Rue, Chairman Petersburg Economic Development Authority  
Revolving Loan Fund will strengthen tax base in Petersburg  
**Approved**  
**Councilman Cuthbert abstained**
  - b. Consideration and discussion of the American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation (\$10,480,919.50).  
**Approved**  
**Councilman Myers and Councilman Cuthbert abstained**
3. Adjournment

## 5:00pm City Council Meeting (Work Session)

Motion to accept the resignation of Councilman Hart and authorize a severance of \$1,800 a month plus benefits to the conclusion of his existing term of office on December 31, 2022.

Approved

1. Roll Call

All present

2. Prayer

Councilman Hill

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Parham

4. Determination of the Presence of a Quorum

Quorum present

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

a. Minutes:

October 19, 2021 - Closed Session City Council Minutes

October 19, 2021 - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

b. Request to hold a public hearing on November 16, 2021 for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Stepping Stones Properties towards the sale of City-owned property at 340 Mistletoe Street, parcel ID 031-250047.

c. A request to hold a public hearing on November 16, 2021 for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Amanda Green towards the sale of City-owned property at 301 Rolfe Street, Parcel ID: 007-020001

d. A request to Schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a petition for a Special Use Permit to establish and operate a vehicle storage lot and vehicle tow lot at 709 Bollingbrook Street, Parcel ID: 006030800.

e. A request to Schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a petition for a Special Use Permit to establish a Car Wash at 3641 South Crater Road, Parcel ID: 101010004.

f. A request to Schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance RB - Office Apartment District section to permit Machinery and Tools with a Special Use Permit.

g. A request to Schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving an amendment to the City Code, Chapter 50. Environment, Article II. Noise.

h. A request to Schedule a Public Hearing on December 14, 2021 and consideration of an Ordinance amending the City's Zoning Ordinance to create a Mixed Use MXD-3 District.

- i. Consideration of ARPA Bonus for Sworn Sheriffs- Comp Board - 1st Reading
- j. Amendment to Chesapeake Bay order

### Approved

- 6. Special Reports – Mayor asked that no more than 10 minutes each
  - a. Presentation from the Metropolitan Business League from Antonio Miller and Floyd Miller  
\$500,000 in grants for WE CARE issued.
  - b. Presentation on Postcards of Petersburg Project  
Main Street project / grant received from CultureWorks
  - c. Presentation on ARPA Application from Community Transformers Foundation.  
COVID vaccination program, including education, testing and vaccines. Conduct other programs in surrounding localities.
  - d. Presentation on ARPA Application from the Central Virginia Health Services  
Operate 18 health centers in VA, two in Petersburg and one in Hopewell. Administered 2,000 Covid vaccinations
  - e. Presentation by Keith Boswell, Virginia Gateway Region  
RIFA Program - VGR will pay for all start-up costs, approximately \$11,000  
VGR would provide staff for RIFA at no cost. Tool to help unite region for economic prosperity.  
Councilman Cuthbert  
Does not see an advantage for Petersburg. Why can't a jurisdiction work with other locality on a case-by-case basis without a RIFA.  
City Attorney  
Stated that localities can't just withdraw from RIFA, must have permission from other localities or the RIFA must dissolve.
  - f. Report on the 2010 Census and Redistricting  
Presenter: Reggie Tabor, Petersburg Director of Planning  
Crater Planning working on three maps for consideration.
  - g. Presentation on Petersburg's Credit Rating  
Davenport  
Praised City for three quick upgrades. City budget is structurally sound. No more "payday" type loans needed. City has overall low debt.

### 7. Monthly Reports

None

### 8. Finance and Budget Report

None

## 9. Capital Projects Update

None

## 10. Utilities

### a. Municipal Utility Relief Update

City has received nearly \$3.7M for residential utility relief during COVID.

Councilwoman Wilson-Smith

Will City verify addresses of those with overages? Some people may have moved without notifying the city. Residents will not have to apply for relief.

## 11. Streets

None

## 12. Facilities

### a. NOV Grass Update

Presenter: Andrew Barnes, Interim Director of Public Works

Grass violations are going down. City has hired additional contractors to cut grass.

## 13. Economic Development

### a. To provide the City Council with an update on 108 Washington Street East, 1015 Commerce Street and 835 Commerce Street

Presenter: Reggie Tabor, Petersburg Director of Planning

Developer of Old Bus Station secured financing in September and upgrades will be completed in 2022.

Old Titmus building is in enterprise zone, tourism zone and Battersea historic zone. The building is not being appraised.

Former men's shelter is located in enterprise and tourism zones. This site is also being appraised.

## 14. City Manager's Agenda

### a. Discussion of joining the Regional Industrial Facilities Organization

CM sees no long term risks to joining RIFA

### b. City Manager's Report.

COVID Mitigation Policy. CM gave an overview

Motion made to table until November 16 meeting.

Approved

## Public Health Care Improvement

Recommend funding of \$200,000 for a strategic plan or set aside reserves for Public Health initiative.

CM asked to add a special meeting in December to discuss ARPA projects.

## Ramada Inn Update

Councilman Cuthbert said this is a legal issue and should not be discussed in open session since there is pending litigation.

## Skilled Games

Games must be removed. CM explained letter had been sent to operators explaining law. All complaints should go to legislators who enacted the law.

## Neighborhood Services Update

IWorq will soon replace GO Request. Will provide better tracking of concerns and projects completed.

## Councilwoman Wilson-Smith

How long does a house stand before action must be taken? Explained that a number of actions must be taken and then the courts may hold up the process

## Other Business/NPOs/Petersburg Organization Projects

### 15. Business or reports from the Clerk

None

### 16. Business or reports from the City Attorney

None

### 17. Public Comments

#### **Dianne Curling**

Thanked Council for their service. The amount of information Council handles is impressive.

Reported cut through speeding problem on Liberty Street and asked that additional Stop signs be installed.

Police and Public Works are surveying the issue and will make recommendations on best methods to reduce speeding.

#### **Barb Rudolph**

Would like for financial reports to resume monthly to citizens.

Reports will be posted on the city website.

#### **John Jarratt**

Concerned that the City is considering changing the name of the Jarratt House on Pocahontas Island.

There are no plans at this time to change the name.

### 18. Adjournment