



COUNCIL

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Highlights from City Council Meetings

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November 15, 2021 – Meeting at Petersburg Public Library

Closed Session - 1:00pm

1. Roll Call

Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith absent.

2. Closed Session:

a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to \varnothing 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion pertaining to the appointment of specific public employees of the City of Petersburg specifically including but not limited to discussion of appointment of an Interim Member of City Council to fill the vacancy in Ward 7 resulting from the resignation of John Hart.

No action taken coming out of closed session.

3. Adjournment

**Special City Council Meeting
November 16, 2021 – 3:00pm**

1. Roll Call
Councilwoman Wilson-Smith absent
2. Discussion and/or Consideration
 - a. Discussion of COVID-19 Mitigation Policy
Presenter: Tangela Innis, Deputy City Manager
COVID testing for unvaccinated city employees will begin in December or January.
City employees must show digital proof of vaccination. Council went into closed session following presentation for city attorney to provide legal advice.
No action taken following closed session.
3. Adjournment

**Closed Session City Council Meeting
November 16, 2021 – 4:00pm**

1. Roll Call
Councilwoman Wilson-Smith absent
2. Closed Session:
Motion approved to add discussion of the subject of a prospective business or industry locating in the City, a public contract of the Virginia Court Appeals of the Virginia Circuit Court Case NO. 21-6085.
 - a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §2.23711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion pertaining to the appointment of specific public of the performance, assignment and appointment of a specific public officer of the City of Petersburg; and under subsection §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 potential litigation concerning a current public contract; and under subsection 2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of the discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.
Motion approved to come out of closed session.

Motion approved to authorize Petersburg Public Schools to use any available funding at their disposal to repair the athletic field including any unexpended budgeted funding currently in their accounts.

Motion approved to appoint Mr. Arnold Westbrook as Interim Ward 7 council member. Mr. Westbrook's swearing-in took place.

3. Adjournment

**Regular City Council Meeting
November 16, 2021 – 5:00pm**

- 1. Roll Call
Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith 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
Council Communicates posted on website
- 7. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
 - a. A request to Schedule a Public Hearing on December 14, 2021, and consideration of an Ordinance approving a petition submitted by PBFL, LLC to rezone the property at 1225, 1255, and 4220 Harrison Creek Boulevard from PUD with B-2, General Commercial District with conditions to PUD, no restrictions to permit the construction of 52 single-family detached market-rate rental homes. **Moved under Item 11.**
 - b. A request to Schedule a Public Hearing on December 14, 2021, and consideration of an Ordinance approving a request to rezone properties at 203, 209-11, 213, 215, 217, 219 and 223 Henry Street, and 200, 212, 216, 222, 230 and 234 E Bank Street from M-1, Light Industrial District to B-3, Central Commercial District to permit residential uses.
 - c. Consideration of Library of Virginia ARPA subgrant appropriation (\$21,471) for the Petersburg Public Library - 1st Reading
 - d. Consideration of an appropriation for additional funding provided by the Federal Transit Administration in the amount of \$830,918 - 1st Reading

- e. Virginia Department of Emergency Management- EMPG (\$10,675.00) - 1st Reading
- f. A request to hold a public hearing on December 14, 2021 for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and PB Petersburg Owner, LLC towards the sale of City-owned property located at 857 Bank Street, 741 Blick Street, 1411 Farmer Street, 10 Foley Street North, 1111 Halifax Street, 1115 Halifax Street, 1230 High Street, 1206 Hinton Street, 751 Jones Street, 205 Maple Street, 1011 Mckenzie Street, 921 Priam Street, 110 Richland Street, 351-23 University Boulevard, 201 Virginia Avenue, 710 Wesley Street, 118 West Street South, 323 West Street South, and 1114 Wythe Street. **Moved under Item 11.**
- g. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an ordinance regarding an amended Ward Map in conformance with redistricting requirements following the 2020 Census.
- h. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving the vacation of City right of way adjacent to properties previously approved to be sold to Waukeshaw Development. **Moved under Item 11.**
- i. Minutes:
November 3, 2021 Special Meeting
November 3, 2021 Closed Session

Consent agenda approved.

8. Official Public Hearings

- a. 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.
Presenter: Reggie Tabor, Petersburg Director of Planning
No public comment.
Approved.
- b. 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.
Presenter: Reggie Tabor, Petersburg Director of Planning
No public comment.
Approved.
- c. 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.
Presenter: Reggie Tabor, Petersburg Director of Planning
Councilman Cuthbert made motion to table, would like direction of Planning Commission on zoning.
Approved.

d. A public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving an amendment to the City Code, Chapter 50. Environment, Article II. Noise.

Presenter: Reggie Tabor, Petersburg Director of Planning

Public Comment:

Gary Talley: How can noise be measured?

Dr. Terry Jackson: Lowering levels will be difficult for businesses, may consider noise ordinance for certain days of the week. Noise needs to be enforced with correct equipment. Also consider noise in parks.

Linwood Christian: In larger cities you expect more noise. City should not restrict Petersburg nightlife.

Larry who lives on Grove Avenue: He has made complaints about party noise in his neighborhood.

Councilman Cuthbert made motion to table until staff gives Council a proposed ordinance and recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Approved.

e. 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.

Presenter: Cynthia Boone, Project Manager, Petersburg Economic Development.

Ms. Boone asked that this item be moved to December 14 at the property owner’s request.

Approved.

f. 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

Presenter: Cynthia Boone, Project Manager, Petersburg Economic Development

This property would be owner/occupied.

Public Hearing

Marcus Squires: Asked about a parking area for Jarratt House

Amanda Green: Stated City already owns parking closer to the Jarratt House

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.

Marcus Squires

What is City going to do about all cold cases (murders) in Petersburg? What is Council going to do?

Petersburg Police detectives, along with the Richmond office of the FBI and State Police continue to work on all homicide cases that remain open in the City.

Barb Rudolph

Questioned how the CDBG Advisory Board could meet with many positions vacant. Asked Council to act on it, maybe table meeting.

City Advisory Boards and Commissions can meet without all positions filled.

Linwood Christian

Commented that basketball tournaments in Legends Park caused traffic congestion. Media does not give coverage to young people who are doing positive things. Mentioned that COVID is city council's responsibility too. Commented that police department needs more resources and asked what citizens can do to help with solving crimes. As that City Council be more transparent in how money is spent.

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

Councilman Cuthbert

Commented on no signs on Library doors regarding gun ordinance. He asked if permanent signs were not available to post paper signs.

Presented motion to direct city manager to retain a contractor who would work with the City to receive the maximum money from the federal Infrastructure bill.

Approved.

Councilman Myers

Presented motion to establish Department of Communications, Tourism and Government Relations (DCTG). The current Director of Communications, Marketing and Government Relations would head the department.

Approved

Mayor Parham asked that the discussion of allocating money for promoting the City be placed on the December 14 Council agenda.

Councilman Hill

Reported on new Ryan homes subdivision in Berkeley Manor. Explained that basketball tournaments in Legends Park is positive. All players wear jerseys with "No guns" printed on back on jersey. He explained the tournaments end in November. Asked for updates on hires from city manager since there are important positions need to be filled.

Councilman Westbrook

Thanked his family for their support and explained his family history in Petersburg and that he looks forward to serving the residents of Ward 7 and the City, and that he wants to be a problem-solver. He stated that he believes young people do see the potential in Petersburg.

Councilwoman Smith-Lee

She believes it's a new day in Petersburg. Citizens in Cool Springs were thanked for picking-up trash. Mary Harvell, a resident of Ward 6, was thanked for all she does in helping her neighbors.

Mayor Parham

Announced joint school board meeting on December 6. He thanked Activation Capital and the EDA Build Back Better Committee (Mayor is a member) for submitting application to EDA to grow the pharmaceutical complex in Petersburg. He stated that the Richmond BizSense forum on the Future of Petersburg would be held on November 17. Mayor Parham also mentioned the interest from the casino industry.

11. Items removed from Consent Agenda

7a. A request to Schedule a Public Hearing on December 14, 2021, and consideration of an Ordinance approving a petition submitted by PBFL, LLC to rezone the property at 1225, 1255, and 4220 Harrison Creek Boulevard from PUD with B-2, General Commercial District with conditions to PUD, no restrictions to permit the construction of 52 single-family detached market-rate rental homes.

7a will need to be readvertised because of incorrect information, but the city attorney advised a public hearing can be held on December 14. **Motion for public hearing on December 14 approved.**

7f. A request to hold a public hearing on December 14, 2021 for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and PB Petersburg Owner, LLC towards the sale of City-owned property located at 857 Bank Street, 741 Blick Street, 1411 Farmer Street, 10 Foley Street North, 1111 Halifax Street, 1115 Halifax Street, 1230 High Street, 1206 Hinton Street, 751 Jones Street, 205 Maple Street, 1011 Mckenzie Street, 921 Priam Street, 110 Richland Street, 351-23 University Boulevard, 201 Virginia Avenue, 710 Wesley Street, 118 West Street South, 323 West Street South, and 1114 Wythe Street. **Motion for public hearing on December 14 approved.**

7h. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving the vacation of City right of way adjacent to properties previously approved to be sold to Waukeshaw Development. **Motion for public hearing on December 14 approved.**

12. Finance and Budget Report

a. FY2022-2023 Budget Calendar
Presenter: Stacey Jordan, Director of Finance

13. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion of the RIFA Ordinance
No action taken.

14. New Business

a. Consideration of Department of Historic Resources Grant (National Register of Historic Places) for Jarratt House in the amount of (\$7,500.00)- 2nd Reading

Councilman Cuthbert moved to approve and direct city manager to inform Department of Historic Resources in writing that the City opposes the renaming of Jarratt House.

No public comment.

Approved.

b. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the development agreement between the City of Petersburg and Robert Davis for the property at 115 Harrison Street, parcel ID 022-150801 to extend the reverter date for a period of six months, May 30, 2022.

Presenter: Cynthia Boone, Project Manager, Petersburg Economic Development

Approved.

c. Consideration of ARPA Bonus for Sworn Sheriffs- Comp Board - 2nd Reading

Presenter: Tangela Innis, Deputy City Manager

Approved to add funding from state to budget so Sheriff Department employees could receive bonus.

d. OPIOID SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION 1 OF 2 - A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION SETTLEMENT IN THE VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CASE AGAINST MCKESSON, CARDINAL HEALTH, AMERISOURCEBERGEN, JANSEN, AND THEIR CORPORATE ENTITIES.

Presenter: Tony Williams, City Attorney Presented.

\$530 million will be available for VA localities. \$600,000+ will be paid to Petersburg.

No public comment.

Approved

e. OPIOID SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION 2 OF 2 - RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND AND SETTLEMENT ALLOCATION MOU

Explained with item d.

Approved.

f. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Development Agreement Between The City Of Petersburg And Ravenscroft Ventures, LLC For The Development Of 427, 429, 431, 432, 438, 440, 437, 452 and 450 Harrison Street, Petersburg, Virginia, 23803 (tax parcel 031-060020, 031-060019, 031-050006, 031-050007, 031-050007, 031-050008, 031-060013, 031-060011, 031-050010) as Residential development

Presenter: Cynthia Boone, Project Manager Economic Development

Approved.

15. City Manager's Report
 - a. Presentation from the YMCA
Afterschool Expansion Proposal presented.
Councilman Cuthbert suggested that City ARPA funds could be used to pay half and Schools pay half.
Approved.
 - b. Brief Update: Speeding
Presenter: Reggie Lantz, Street Operations – Public Works
There is a need for additional devices to monitor speeds on streets. Council members requested timeline in January for digital sign placement on streets where speeding most often occurs.
 - c. Brief Update: High Street
Presenter: Reggie Lantz, Street Operations – Public Works
Speeding concerns and sidewalk damage from tree roots on High Street are being addressed.
- City Manager's Report
Celebrate successes
VTC Grant - \$60,000 - City needs to be proactive in marketing
ARPA Utility Relief Grant
Cynthia Boone named Project Manager for Economic Development
New Parks & Rec programs under development
Petersburg Rising Taskforce on Homeless, Poverty, etc. established
ERP – \$700,000 to \$3M
Gun Ordinance Signs have arrived, locations for placement being reviewed
South Side Depot revitalization project – 95% of bid documents are complete
Industrial Revitalization Fund Grant awarded to Hotel Petersburg
All staff positions (directors) will be filled by January 1
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
18. Adjournment

**Special Council Meeting
November 30, 2021 - 3:00PM**

1. Roll Call
All present

2. Closed Session

a. The purpose is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion pertaining to the appointment of specific public of the performance, assignment and appointment of a specific public officer of the City of Petersburg specifically including but not limited to discussion of their performance, assignment and appointment of a specific public officer of the City of Petersburg; and under subsection §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 and matters of actual or probable litigation specifically including but not limited to Petersburg Circuit Case No.: CL21000495-00.

Following motion approved to come out of closed session, a motion was approved to add a public hearing for a trash dumpster to be located at 35 N. Union Street.

Approved.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Request to hold a public hearing on December 14, 2021 for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Northside Gourmet Market towards the sale of City-owned property at 835 Commerce Street, parcel ID 024-130012

Approved.

4. Discussion and/or consideration

a. Virginia Department of Emergency Management- LEMPG (\$10,675.00) - 2nd Reading

Approved.

b. Discussion and/or consideration of Draft Ward Maps

Maps presented by Crater Planning District Commission Executive Director. Options discussed; no action taken.

5. Adjournment