



COUNCIL

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Highlights from City Council Meetings

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Please Note:

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www.petersburg-va.org

Please note that official minutes are not posted until approved by City Council.

December 14, 2021 – Meeting at Petersburg Public Library

Closed Session - 4:00pm

1. Roll Call
All Council members present.
2. Closed Session:
 - a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to \S 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion pertaining to the performance, assignment, and appointment of specific public employees of the City of Petersburg specifically including but not limited to discussion of the performance, assignment and appointment of a specific public officer of the City of Petersburg; and under subsection \S 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 \S 15.2-1414.6 of the Code of Virginia and legal advice concerning a contract dispute.
3. Adjournment
No Council action taken following the end of closed session.

Regular City Council Meeting

December 14, 2021

5:00 PM

1. Roll Call
All Council members present.
2. Prayer
Councilman Hill gave prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by 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
Posted under Council Communicates on City website.
7. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
 - a. Minutes:
November 3, 2021 - Work Session
November 15, 2021 - Closed Session
November 16, 2021 - Special City Council Meeting
November 16, 2021 - Closed Session
November 16, 2021 - Regular Meeting (**motion for 7b corrected**)
November 30, 2021 - Special Meeting
 - b. Consideration of FY2021 carryover (\$3,974.98) of Virginia Department of Emergency Management - Radiological Emergency Preparedness Fund - 1st Reading
 - c. Consideration of FY2021 carryover (\$106,079) of Virginia Department of Fire Programs Fund- Aid to Localities funds - 1st Reading
 - d. Consideration of Edward Byrne JAG Grant Acceptance and Appropriation for \$31,219 - 1st Reading

Approved with corrections.
14. a. Consideration of an appropriation for additional funding provided by the Federal Transit Administration in the amount of \$830,918 - 2nd Reading
Moved up because State Officials present.
Presenter: Charles Koonce, Director of Petersburg Area Transit
Approved

8. Official Public Hearings

- a. A public hearing for consideration of an Ordinance to authorize the use of City property located at 135 N. Union Street for the placement of a trash dumpster.
Presenter: Andrew Barnes, Interim Director of Public Works & Utilities
Dumpsters will be used for renovation of Hotel Petersburg.
No Public Comment
Approved – Councilman Cuthbert abstained.
- b. A public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance amending the City's Zoning Ordinance to create a Mixed Use MXD-3 District.
Presenter: Reggie Tabor, Director of Planning
No Public Comment
Approved – Councilwoman Wilson-Smith abstained.
- c. 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, 1411 Farmer Street, 1111 Halifax Street, 1115 Halifax Street, 1230 High Street, 1206 Hinton Street, 751 Jones Street, 1011 Mckenzie Street, 110 Richland Street, 351-53 University Boulevard, 710 Wesley Street, 118 West Street South, 323 West Street South, and 1114 Wythe Street.
Presenter: Cynthia Boone, Project Manager – Economic Development
Public Comment:
Barb Rudolph - Who is developer obligated to if project fails? Need protections for the City that are beneficial to the City.
There was a lengthy discussion regarding a reverter clause.
Motion failed to table until Economic Development Director hired.
Motion failed to table until a reverter clause was included by developer.
Motion to Approve passed.
Vote:
Councilman Cuthbert – no
Councilwoman Wilson-Smith – no
Councilman Westbrook – no
Councilman Myers – yes
Vice Mayor Smith-Lee – yes
Mayor Parham - yes
- d. A public hearing on December 14, 2021 for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement for the sale of City-owned property at 835 Commerce Street, parcel ID 024-130012.
Presenter: Cynthia Boone, Project Manager – Economic Development
Public Comment:
Barb Rudolph - The key element is an outside appraisal on this property. No purchase price met ½ of appraised value. Assessed values may be too high. There is some discretion in sale of city properties. The City may find some value in selling building for less based on use and what that use could bring to the City.
Motion to table until first meeting in January – Approved.

- e. A Public Hearing 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.
Director of Planning Reggie Tabor asked Council to continue until January 18, 2022.
Motion to table – Approved.

- f. A public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving the rezoning of 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.
Presenter: Reggie Tabor, Director of Planning
Public Comment:
Michelle Murrills - These houses/duplexes built in 1850's.
Barb Rudolph - Agrees with zoning change.
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 sign-up sheet placed by the Clerk in the rear of the meeting room prior to the meeting removed from consent agenda

Barb Rudolph – Concerned that legislative agenda was not included in the Council packet and questions why so little is being shared with the agenda. Asked that budget revenue vs. expenses sheet be posted on the City website.

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

- a. Consideration of a motion for City Council to direct the City Manager to prepare a written action plan, with timelines, to accomplish the following and to present the action plan to Council at the Council's work session in February of 2022.
Approved.

Council Member Roundtable Comments

Councilman Cuthbert

- Enjoyed the Christmas Parade but would like prizes awarded next year.
- Talked about problems with trash and recycling collection.
- Reported on poor SOL scores he received from Petersburg Public Schools.

Councilwoman Wilson-Smith

- Asked City Attorney to report at the first meeting in January on the legalities of closing poorly maintained hotels in Petersburg.
- Questioned need for extension on City redistricting. City Attorney said no extension request is needed. City is showing due diligence and that half of the localities will not meet the deadline.
- Asked for report on how Utility Relief Funds will be used.
- Would like for City to have one holiday parade and consider other locations for the parade.
- Time for Council to conduct 6-month evaluation of Council direct employees in January.

Councilman Westbrook

- Presented PowerPoint on Forward Focus vs. Past Possessed.
- Plans to serve the citizens of Ward 7 and the City to the best of his ability during his appointment.
- Goal is for the City to be elite and show unity.
- Hopes City will hire employees who know the job and that City is not used as a training ground.
- Encourages constant communications.
- Unity – need to look at the facts.

Councilman Myers

- Reported on COVID-19 clinic at Gillfield Baptist Church.
- People's Advantage Federal Credit Union holding seminar on home ownership.
- Commended Mayor Parham on his Board Leadership role in obtaining a \$500,000 technical assistance grant for the Pharmaceutical Cluster through the Build Back Better federal program.

Councilman Hill

- Asked when "No Guns Allowed" signs will be posted.
- Reported that City Leaf Collection is on schedule.
- Requested change in location of traffic speed sign on Holly Hill Drive.
- Commented on City's successful year, improved bond rating.
- New Ryan Homes lots are sold.

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee

- Congratulated Clerk of Council on completing her Bachelors' Degree.
- Commended Police and Fire Departments.

Mayor Parham

- Thanked all City staff for good year.
- Commented on success of pop-up market sponsored by Metro Business League.
- Thanked FOLAR for government relations award.
- Thanked VSU for bikes for Petersburg children.
- Wants a quarterly printed newsletter mailed to all residents.

11. Items removed from Consent Agenda

None.

12. Finance and Budget Report

None.

13. Unfinished Business

None.

14. New Business

b. Consideration of the Petersburg Area Transit Strategic Plan.

No public comment.

Approved.

c. Strategic Plan

Approved.

d. A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Development Agreement Between The City Of Petersburg And PB Petersburg Owner, LLC For The Development Of 14 Vacant City owned Parcels Located In Petersburg, VA

Approved.

Councilman Cuthbert – no
Councilwoman Wilson-Smith – no
Councilman Westbrook – abstain
Councilman Myers – yes
Vice Mayor Smith-Lee – yes
Mayor Parham - yes

e. Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to execute the lease agreement with Spiro A. Georgogianis and Vasilius A Georgogianis for the leased property located at 229 N. Market Street, Petersburg, VA.

Approved.

- f. Presentation and consideration to request support from City for the 7 Moons Art Market 2022.
No action taken – referred to Director of Communications, Marketing, & Government Relations.
 - g. Consideration of Library of Virginia ARPA subgrant appropriation (\$21,471) for the Petersburg Public Library - 2nd Reading
No Public Comment.
Approved.
 - h. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC POSTCARD SIGNS IN THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN AREA A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES AND APPROVING THEIR INSTALLATION
Approved.
15. City Manager's Report
- a. City Manager's Report
Reported on grants received by City.
Report on 2022 Legislative Agenda
Presenter: Joanne Williams, Director of Communications, Marketing & Government Relations
Approved.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
18. Adjournment