



COUNCIL

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Highlights from City Council Meetings

January 4, 2022 – Meeting at Petersburg Public Library

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1. Roll Call

All Council members present.

2. Prayer

Led by Councilman Hill.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Parham.

4. Determination of the Presence of a Quorum

Quorum present.

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

a. A request to schedule a Public Hearing on January 18, 2022, for the consideration of an ordinance amending the City Code Chapter 122 Waterways, Article II.

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas. Section 122-51 Areas of Applicability.

b. Request to hold a public hearing on January 18, 2022 for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Southside Community Development and Housing Corporation towards the sale of City-owned property at 835 Commerce Street, parcel ID 024-130012.

c. Request to hold a public hearing on January 18, 2022 for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Paradise Trust, LLC for the sale of City-owned property at 835 Commerce Street, parcel ID 024-130012.

d. A Request to Schedule a Public Hearing on January 25, 2021, 5:00 p.m. and Consideration of Revised City Council Ward Maps Following Population Changes Identified in the 2020 Census.

Councilwoman Wilson-Smith asked about plan for public to view prior to January 25. Planning Director Reggie Tabor stated that the plan is to put maps on website prior to public hearing. Councilwoman Wilson-Smith asked if it was possible to notify people who may be shifted to a new ward prior to the public hearing. City manager wanted a final map sent residents who would be in a different ward. Council to finalize on Ward map on January 18 and take to public on January 25. Mayor suggested a Town Hall meeting be held prior to public hearing.

e. A Request to Schedule a Public Hearing and Consideration of An Ordinance Approving Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to Comply With the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

f. 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. 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.

g. A Request to Schedule a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance Approving An Amendment to the PUD and Proffers for the Harrison Creek Properties.

h. A request to schedule a public hearing on January 18, 2022 for the consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to establish the Enterprise Zone Capital Investment Real Estate Tax Rebate (removed)

i. Request to hold a public hearing on January 18, 2022 for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Tri-Cities Habitat for Humanity Restore for the sale of City-owned property at 835 Commerce Street, parcel ID 024-130012.

j. A request to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on January 12, 2022 for consideration of an Ordinance to authorize the City to receive a grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation and for the City Manager to execute an assignment and assumption agreement for the acquisition of property owned by CSX for the completion of the Appomattox River Trail.

k. A Request to Schedule a Public Hearing on January 18, 2021 and Consideration of an Ordinance Approving the Vacation of Right of Way an Ordinance to Vacate And Convey Coffee House Street (Approximately 0.16 Acre); and Approximately .063 Portion Of Madison Street; and an Approximately 0.740 Acre Portion off River Street As Depicted on the Plat Prepared on November 5, 2020 by The Timmons Group in Furtherance of The Harbor Properties Conveyance.

I. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of the funding recommendations from the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board.

m. Minutes:

December 14, 2021 - Closed Session Meeting

December 14, 2021 - Regular City Council Meeting

Consent agenda approved.

Councilwoman Wilson-Smith voted no.

6. Special Reports

a. Presentation and Recognition to Dominion Energy

Dominion unable to attend because of winter storm. Presentation rescheduled.

Senator Morrissey Update

His top priority is the casino resort in Petersburg. Stated he would include language preventing Richmond from having a 2nd vote on the casino in 2022. Senator discussed advantages of casino, other legislation he will introduce and budget amendments he will carry for the City. Senator announced he plans to seek re-election in the new Senate district that includes Petersburg.

IWorqs Update

Presenter: Nikesha Williams, Director of Neighborhood Services.

7. Monthly Reports

None.

8. Finance and Budget Report

a. Budget to Actual Report

Presenter: Shekira Wynn, Finance.

Budget trending positive. January 15 2nd quarter report will be posted to the city website.

9. Capital Projects Update

a. Public Works & Utilities Update

Presenter: Andrew Barnes, Interim Director of Public Works

Gun ordinance signs posted, additional larger signs on order. St. Andrews Street bridge "punch list" should be completed in the next week pending weather. LED light bulb replacement in process in Wards 5 & 7.

Councilman Hill asked about schedule on replacing broken fence at Peoples Cemetery. Fence is on order.

Councilman Cuthbert stated that some LED lights were not working in Ward 4 and asked that a replacement schedule be developed.

South Side Depot Update:
Construction scheduled to begin in 4 months (early summer). A completion date not currently available.

Citywide Drainage Study Update:
Could take up to 18 months to complete.

Prince George Connection Update:
Connect county and city water on Baxter Road to supply extra water to hospital. MOU with Prince George is required.

Poor Creek Improvements:
Process of closing loans with DEQ and VDH is underway. Design could take up to 12 months and cost over \$1 million dollars. Will use contractors to assist with grant applications.

Councilman Westbrook
Discussed drainage issue on Defense Road under bridge and entrance to Ramblewood, potholes and no shoulder on the road.

- 10. Utilities
 - a. ARPA Utility Relief Update
Presenter: Randall Williams, Assistant Director of Public Works.
Utility Relief funding from Commonwealth should be received by the last week in January.

- 11. Streets
None.

- 12. Facilities
None.

- 13. Economic Development
 - a. A presentation on proposals to purchase City-owned property at 835 Commerce Street, parcel ID 024-130012.
Presenter: Cynthia Boone, Project Manager Economic Development.
No action taken.
Councilwoman Wilson-Smith stated that city property could not be sold for less than half of the appraisal price. Councilman Myers stated that Rules of Council could be waived and it is Council's decision to decide price of City property.

 - b. The Department of Economic Development report on Deficient Properties
Presenter: Cynthia Boone, Project Manager Economic Development.
Reaching out to neighboring property owners or combining lots of property that is too small for housing.

 - c. A presentation on the proposed Enterprise Zone Capital Investment Real Estate Tax Rebate will be presented at another meeting.

14. City Manager's Agenda
City worker and facilities COVID Resolution presented
Motion to suspend the Rules of Council
Approved
Motion on Resolution
Approved

City Manager highlighted grants/awards received and announced new city directors. Updates were presented on Petersburg Rising, Petersburg Youth Violence Taskforce, Save Historic Petersburg, and Clean-up Petersburg.
15. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
16. Business or reports from the City Attorney
Regulation of Hotels & Motels
City Attorney presented 20-minute video update outlining regulations. Council members asked that an Action plan be presented at the February work session.
17. Public Comments
No public comments.
18. Adjournment

Special City Council Meeting - January 12, 2022
Virtual Meeting
3:00 PM

1. Roll Call
All members present.
2. Official Public Hearings
 - a. A public hearing on the consideration of an Ordinance to authorize the City to receive a grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation and for the City Manager to execute an assignment and assumption agreement for the acquisition of property owned by CSX for the completion of the Appomattox River Trail.
No public comment.
Approved.
3. Discussion/Consideration
 - a. Consideration of approving a resolution for an MOU supporting the OAG Gun Violence Prevention Program.
Approved with plan for using funding presented to and approved by Council prior to implementation of the program within the City.

4. Closed Session
 - a. The purpose of this meeting 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 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.
No actions taken coming out of closed session.
5. Adjournment