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Highlights from City Council Meetings

March 1, 2022 – Special Council Virtual Meeting
12pm

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Ward 1

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Ward 2

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Ward 5

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Ward 6

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Clerk of Council

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www.petersburg-va.org

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1. Roll Call
All present.
2. Discussion and/or Consideration
a. A Consideration of Revised City Council Ward Maps Following Population Changes Identified in the 2020 Census.
**Motion to approve Map 10
Wilson-Smith – No
Approved.**
3. Adjournment

March 1, 2022 – City Council Work Session Virtual Meeting - 5:00pm

1. Roll Call
Councilman Cuthbert – joined late
Councilman Myers - absent
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. A request to schedule a public hearing to amend Sec. 106-14. – Permanent Board of Equalization.
 - b. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of appropriating \$3,672,454.51 in Federal State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) for the COVID-19 Municipal Utility Assistance Program.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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.
 - e. A request to schedule a public hearing on March 8, 2022, for the consideration of an ordinance to authorize the acceptance of the conveyance of real property by AMPAC Fine Chemicals Virginia LLC.
 - f. Additional item – 801 S. Adams Street
Approved.
6. Special Reports
No longer than 10 minutes each.
 - a. Report and Discussion on "A Plan to Address Homeless"
Presented by Councilwoman Wilson-Smith
City Attorney directed to draft language.
 - b. Presentation by PHOPs on Tactical Urbanism (Street Murals)
Grant funding will be used, no cost to City.
 - c. iWorq Software Presentation-Neighborhood Services
Presentation on case violations and tracking.

d. Presentation of the ARB's Activities in 2021

Report requested at April work session regarding historic properties income-based program subsidy program.

e. An update from Transit on questions from Council Members Wilson-Smith and Cuthbert

Federal grant provides free bus fare for next three years.

f. Update on efforts of the trash czar.

Mr. Hairston is contacting faith-based and community organizations to help City with keeping neighborhoods clean. There will be regular City trash clean-ups throughout the year led by Public Works.

g. Update on litter efforts, street sweeping schedule, streetlight assessment, on speed plan report and underpass in Ward 7.

Public Works will increase focus on litter. Some money available from VDOT for litter removal. City will consider hiring contractors to assist.

h. A report on blighted properties.

Approximately 700 blighted houses in the City. The number of 3,000+ that has been published in news features and on social media is incorrect.

i. An update on St. Andrews Street reopening.

Bridge will reopen following a ribbon-cutting on March 17 at 11am.

j. An update on the African American Brochure status.

Plan to include brochure, website and marketing of African American history presented.

7. Monthly Reports

None.

8. Finance and Budget Report

a. A report on how the \$5 million in RP and \$2 million on PP are projected to be collected in June.

Update presented by City Manager.

9. Capital Projects Update

None.

10. Utilities

a. Update on plan for Inflow and Infiltration problem and resolution scheduled for April 2022.

Update presented by Public Works. Plan to address inflow and crossover into sewer system will be presented in April.

11. Streets

None.

12. Facilities
None.
13. Economic Development
 - a. Presentation from GovDeals on City-owned real estate property
Company works with city to sell vacant lots and tax sale properties.
 - b. A presentation to the City Council on Enterprise Zone Incentives
Overview presented by Economic Development.
14. City Manager's Agenda
Update on Poor Creek upgrade plan.
15. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
16. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
17. Public Comments

Barb Rudolph

Revisited issue she presented in May, 2017 of city not addressing citizen problems. Stated that she believes water bills are incorrect and personal property taxes are too high. How will City reach out to citizens who have been overcharged?

Citizens are encouraged to call Public Utilities, Commissioner of the Revenue, Collections, the Assessor, and other departments if they believe tax or utility bills are incorrect. All department contact information is available on the city website: www.petersburg-va.org

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Norma Williams

She has been observing same issues for months, including trash, walkways and roads in disrepair, instead of new paving. City also needs to prepare for a natural disaster and keep citizens informed.

City is holding a "Pothole Blitz" for the next month. \$1 million dollars is spent by City each year to repave roads. The City continues to repair walkways. Citizens are encouraged by the City to report areas that need repairs. A citywide litter program will begin in March and continue throughout the year. The City has an Emergency Management team that prepares for natural disasters. Citizens are informed via the city website, eblasts and social media channels. A printed newsletter is underway and should be in mailboxes in May.

18. Adjournment