



COUNCIL

Communicates

Highlights from City Council Meetings

May 17, 2022

Petersburg Public Library

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Closed Session City Council Meeting

4:00pm

1. Roll Call
Vice Mayor Smith-Lee absent.
2. Closed Session:
 - a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to 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 Petersburg Circuit Court Case No.: CL21000495-00; and a contract issue; and pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose or the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiations strategy of the public body, specifically including but not limited to the acquisition and disposition of real property; and pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion pertaining to performance, assignment, and appointment of specific public employees of the City of Petersburg specifically including but not limited to discussion of the performance and appointment of specific public officer.

Motion to conclude closed session.

Approved.

3. Adjournment
Approved.

May 17, 2022 – Regular City Council Meeting
Petersburg Public Library
5:00 PM

1. Roll Call
Vice Mayor Smith Lee absent.
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. Proclamations/Recognitions/Presentation of Ceremonial Proclamations
 - a. A proclamation designating May 2022 as Business Appreciation Month.
 - b. A proclamation designating May 15-21, 2022 as National Public Works Week in the City of Petersburg.
6. Responses to Previous Public Information Posted
Council Communicates posted on city website and social media.
7. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
 - a. Minutes:
 - April 28, 2022 - Closed Session Meeting Minutes
 - May 3, 2022 - Work Session Meeting Minutes**Approved.**
8. Official Public Hearings
 - a. A public hearing on the consideration of an appropriation for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 & ending on June 30, 2022, for the American Rescue Plan Act Loss Revenue Appropriation (\$3,925,000.50).
Presenter: Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
No public comment.
Councilmen Cuthbert and Myers abstained.
Approved.
 - b. A public hearing on the consideration of authorizing the City Manager to execute a Deed of Utility Easement, including compensation in the amount of \$2,034.72, on behalf of the City of Petersburg for the purpose of acquiring a utility easement on

property located at 1546 Baxter Road, Prince George, VA 23875 as part of the Prince George Water System Interconnection project.

Presenter: Andrew Barnes, City Engineer

Public Comment

Gilva Stith

Questioned if this action was for utility bill relief. No, this is for easement acquisition.

Approved.

c. A public hearing on the consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City's Zoning Ordinance to permit Micro-Brewery, Micro-Cidery and Micro-Winery in the B-1 Zoning District.

Presenter: Reggie Tabor, Director of Planning

No public comment.

Councilman Cuthbert abstained.

Approved.

d. A public hearing to consider an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Coastal Virginia Development towards the sale of City-owned property at 1024 Eighth Street, Parcel ID: 013-230004.

Presenter: Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development

No public comment.

Approved.

e. A public hearing for Petersburg City Public School's FY22-23 Budget

Presenter: Dr. Hamlin, Interim Petersburg Public Schools Superintendent

No public comment.

f. A public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to comply with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

Presenter: Reggie Tabor, Director of Planning

No public comment.

Approved.

g. A Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City's Zoning Ordinance to permit Micro-Brewery, Micro-Cidery and Micro-Winery in the B-1 Zoning District. (THIS WAS THE SAME ITEM AS C)

h. A Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the vacation of Right of Way along River Street between 3rd Street and 5th Street.

Presenter: Reggie Tabor, Director of Planning

No public comment.

Motion to table approved. Councilman Myers voted no.

i. A public hearing for the purpose of considering an ordinance to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of a portion of parcel 065-110004, 2793 South Crater Road.

Presenter: Andrew Barnes, City Engineer

No public comment.

Motion to table approved.

j. Changing curfew for City of Petersburg

Presenter: Police Chief Travis Christian

No public comment.

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

Gilva Stith

Requested consideration for curfew for homeless and housing for homeless. Asked the citizens pick-up trash.

Michelle Murrills

Appreciated roundtable on gun violence prevention but thinks it's too little too late. She is tired of listening to city officials and nothing gets done. Ward 5 feels they are left behind. City does not have their back. No one invited Pastor Baugh to the Governor's roundtable or to the Ward 3 roundtable. People under the age of 35 and under the age of 20 should be included. Stated that council members participated in Gun Violence Prevention Walk just for photo ops.

The Governor's roundtable on gun violence prevention was organized by the Governor's office. The Governor's office invited attendees, not the City. The Ward 3 roundtable was open to the public. Council members attend community events frequently and their attendance is not decided by media coverage.

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

Councilman Cuthbert

Commented on large attendance at Ward 4 & 5 town hall meeting. Reported that sentencing in the Willie Noise homicide case would take place on June 23.

Councilwoman Wilson-Smith

Commented that there is a need to change appearance and attitude in the City. Loud music and people wearing low pants is disrespectful. Need to enforce no parking of cars on front lawns. Residents need to know African American history in the City. Asked for an update on CDBG funds.

Councilman Westbrook

Talked about the state and culture of Petersburg and that Petersburg should be the leader for the region. Stated there were speeding issues on Ferndale Avenue. He also stated he participated in the Stop Violence Unity Walk but did not do so for photo opts.

Councilman Myers

Thanked public works staff and police. He stated he does not mix running for office and being on Council. Transformation in Ward 5 is taking place. Stated he did not need a media photo opt to walk with Pastor Baugh.

Councilman Hill

Thanked law enforcement for hard work and those who participated in the citywide cleaned up. Reminded citizens that guns are not allowed on city property and that state and federal law enforcement are assisting Petersburg police.

Mayor Parham

Recognized Genevieve Lohr for work with the homeless. Announced opening of two new businesses, Petersburg Jeweler, and the Appomattox Event Center. Announced upcoming youth jobs program with City.

- 11. Items removed from Consent Agenda
None.
- 12. Finance and Budget Report
No updates.
- 13. Unfinished Business
 - a. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Performance Agreement between the City of Petersburg, City of Petersburg Economic Development Authority and Tabb Street Development, LLC.
Presenter: Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development
Approved, Councilman Cuthbert abstained.
- 14. New Business
 - a. Consideration of appointment to the Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
Motion to table until September meeting, approved.

b. Consideration of approval to extend the lease agreement for one year (June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023) for a total amount of \$407,385.60 (\$33,948.80 monthly) between P & P Associates, LLC and the City of Petersburg for the property located at 3811 Corporate Road, Petersburg, VA 23803.

Motion to table until June meeting, approved.

c. Consideration and approval of the installation of STOP Signs at 10 intersections. Nine of the intersections do not require a traffic study and will be installed by July 31, 2022. The remaining intersection (S. Sycamore St. & Fillmore St.) requires a traffic study due to the intersection being located on a state road and will be installed by October 15, 2022.

Presenter: Interim City Manager Miller

Approved. Councilman Wilson-Smith voted no.

d. Consideration to extend the Petersburg Preservation Task Force Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion to table until June 21 council meeting, approved.

e. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the development agreement between the City of Petersburg and Amanda Green for the property at 301 Rolfe Street, parcel ID 022-150801 to remove the clause that prohibits the property to be subdivided.

Presenter: Brian Moore, Director of Economic Development

Approved, Councilman Cuthbert voted no.

15. City Manager's Report
Thanked City Finance and ACE team. Discussed City jobs program.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
Review of interim city manager's contract. Consider adding to the agenda.
Motion to suspend rules of Council, approved. Councilwoman Wilson-Smith voted no.
18. Adjournment