



COUNCIL

Communicates

Highlights from City Council Meetings

October 4, 2022

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Closed Session

3:30pm

1. Roll Call

All present.

2. Closed Session:

a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to:

(1) §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 the requirements of Sections 58.1-3912; 3312; and 3313 of the Code of Virginia; and

(2) Under subsection §2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition and disposition of real property for a public purpose or the disposition of public held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, specifically including but not limited to the acquisition of real property; and

(3) Under subsection §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion regarding the subject matter of public contract involving the expenditure of funds and terms or scope of such contract where discussion in an open session would

adversely affect the bargaining or negotiating strategy of the public body, specifically including but not limited to the discussion of the award and terms of a public contract; and

(4) Under subsection §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.

Motion approved to come out of closed session.

3. Adjournment

Work Session

5:00pm

- 1. Roll Call
All 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):
135 N. Union and 244 S. Sycamore Street for renovation of Hotel Petersburg
Approved to add item to the consent agenda.
Councilman Cuthbert abstained.

a. Minutes:

- September 20, 2022 - Closed Session
- September 20, 2022 - Regular City Council Meeting
- b. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and adoption of an Ordinance previously approved by the City Council approving the rezoning of the properties located at 235, 243, and 247 Hinton Street from R-3 to PUD for October 18, 2022.
- c. A request to schedule a public hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving an amendment to the permitted uses previously approved with the current zoning B-2 (c), General Commercial District with conditions, for the properties located at 601, 607, 613, 619, and 627 Old Wagner Road for October 18, 2022.
- d. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a petition to rezone the property located at 970 Winfield Road from R-5, Multiple Dwelling District to M-1, Light Industrial District to permit the use for a solar electric generating facility for October 18, 2022.
- e. A request to schedule a public hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving a petition for a Special Use Permit to operate a solar electric

generating facility on the property located at 970 Winfield Road for October 18, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting.

f. A request to schedule a public hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving a petition for a Special Use Permit to establish and operate a stand-alone vehicle repair shop at the property located at 944 E. Wythe Street for October 18, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting.

g. A request to schedule a public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a petition for a Special Use Permit to construct a telecommunication monopole tower on the property located at 2320 W. Washington Street for October 18, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting.

h. Request to hold a public hearing on October 18, 2022, for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Bollingbrook Properties, LLC, and Worther G and Karen K. Becker, III.

i. A request to schedule a public hearing and consideration of an ordinance to authorize the use of 135 North Union Street and 244 South Sycamore Street for rehabilitation of the Petersburg Hotel for October 18, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting.

Approved. Councilman Cuthbert abstained.

6. Special Reports
 - a. Proclamation for National Hispanic Heritage Month
 - b. Presentation by the Anti-Poverty Commission
Dr. Roy presenter
 - c. Presentation from Commissioner of Revenue
Brittany Flowers presenter
7. Monthly Reports
None.
8. Finance and Budget Report
None.
9. Capital Projects Update
None.
10. Utilities
None.
11. Streets
None.
12. Facilities
None.
13. Economic Development
 - a. A presentation from Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) Virginia and Longwood Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Jane Ferrara, Director and George Piazza, Economic Development Program Officer presenters.

Vandy Jones – Longwood Small Business Development Corporation presented.

14. City Manager's Agenda
City Manager gave Mayor opportunity to give update on the roundtable with Senator Warner on the Pharma Cluster and the BBEDA award to Petersburg of \$8M for upgrades to the Poor Creek water and wastewater systems.
15. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
16. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
17. Public Comments
Cory Harris
Spoke about Dr. Florence Farley and her contributions to Petersburg.

Barb Rudolph

Stated that she thought the response in Council Communicates regarding real property tax invoices was disappointing and that she had spoken with the Commissioner of the Revenue. Ms. Rudolph said she thought Council members were surprised when she talked about the tax bills at the previous meeting. She said the City website does not include the process for real estate tax bills and asked that the City be open about the process.

The City Manager has met with the Commissioner of the Revenue, the City Assessor, and the Chief Financial Officer on the tax bills. Computer software issues have been identified and IT is working with the software company on a solution. Other corrective options are also being considered.

18. Adjournment
Approved.

Councilman Myers requested a moment of silence for passing of Denise Johnson.

Joint City Council / Planning Commission Meeting

1. Roll Call
All present.

2. Discussion/Presentation
 - a. Comprehensive Plan Update Kick-Off and Joint Meeting of the Petersburg City Council and the Petersburg Planning Commission.
Berkley Group will work on Comprehensive Plan

Kelly Davis, Planning Director with the Berkley Group for Comprehensive Planning gave an overview of the 18-months to 2-year project.

Mayor Parham asked that Fort Lee, VSU and Richard Bland be included in the plan. Councilman Hill requested that Dr. Roy's report on poverty also be included.

3. Adjournment