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Highlights from City Council Meetings

October 18, 2022

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Closed Session

3:00pm

1. Roll Call

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 discussion regarding the requirements of Title 58.1, Subtitle IV, Chapter 41, Article 1 through 11; 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.

3. Adjournment

Motion approved to hire Speller Consulting Group LLC.

Motion approved to move forward with the exploring the partnership with the Cordish Company and schedule a special meeting for October 25, 2022, to receive additional information.

City Council Meeting

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. Proclamations/Recognitions/Presentation of Ceremonial Proclamations
 - a. Presentation on Heatmapping in the City of Petersburg.
No action taken.
6. Responses to Previous Public Information Posted.
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7. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
 - a. Minutes: (Page 11)
 - October 4, 2022 - Closed Session
 - October 4, 2022 - Work Session
 - October 4, 2022 - Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission
 - b. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving the relocation of an easement on the property located at 1616 Defense Road, Parcel ID: 052130004.
 - c. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a petition to rezone property in the City of Petersburg, located at

3450 South Crater Road, PID 087030815, from Planned Unit Development District (PUD) to General Commercial District (B-2).

d. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of a petition for a Special Use Permit for the property in the City of Petersburg, located at 3450 South Crater Road, PID 087030815, to construct and operate a stand-alone car wash or car washing and detailing operation with accessory vacuum spaces, and similar facilities.

e. A request to Schedule a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance approving an amendment to proffers previously adopted with the zoning for the properties located at 1200, 1220, 1225, and 1255 Harrison Creek Boulevard.

f. Consideration of an appropriation of the FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant (JAG) \$30,851 - 1st Reading

Approved. Councilman Cuthbert abstained.

8. Official Public Hearings

a. A Public Hearing and consideration 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.

No Comments.

Approved.

b. 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.

Public Hearing

19 Citizens spoke in opposition of the rezoning.

Motion to deny rezoning approved.

c. 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 of a solar electric generating facility.

Motion to table approved.

d. 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.

Motion to table until next business meeting approved.

e. 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.

No public comment

Approved.

f. 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.

Motion to table approved.

g. 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.

Public Hearing

Three residents asked that the motion be tabled until further information had been made public, including how the property fits with the strategic plan.

Motion approved to authorize City Manager to enter into purchase agreement.

h. A public hearing on the consideration of an ordinance to authorize the use of city property located at 135 N. Union Street and 244 S. Sycamore Street for rehabilitation of the Petersburg Hotel.

City Attorney noted address change from 244 S. Sycamore Street to 125 N. Union Street.

No public comment.

Motion approved, Councilman Cuthbert abstained.

i. A public hearing on the amended FY23 and appropriate FY23 amended All Funds Budget.

Public Hearing

Barb Rudolph asked the category of funding for the above approved land purchase.

Motion approved, Councilwoman Wilson-Smith voted no.

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.

Linwood Christian

Stated internet connections in City should be addressed. Thanked Police Department for increased patrols. Presented Clerk of Council with wedding gift.

Barb Rudolph
Request for legislative agenda and to allow public to participate. Asked City not to ignore what's happening in Petersburg now. A casino, if approved, would not open until 2027.

Gilvia Steth Wilson
Stated problem with rental check payments/reimbursements from Commonwealth.

Demetria Harris
Presented letter of thanks for service and care by City for Marva Hicks.

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

Councilman Cuthbert
Thanked for presentation on heat index

Councilwoman Wilson-Smith
Asked about water services being cut-off and cut-off of houses with children reported to social services.

Councilman Westbrook
Residents are concerned about care of Albert Jones field. Asked about Fire Department recruitment. Billboard down on W. Washington Street. Can City use that billboard as a welcome sign. Also mentioned a digital billboard on I-85 entering Petersburg. Happy to see Mayor defend City at recent dinner.

Councilman Myers
Thanked Public Works. Asked when Albert Jones field will be upgraded.

Councilman Hill
Reminded residents that Ramada Inn was Commonwealth's money, not Petersburg money. Thanked Mayor for standing up for Petersburg at recent dinner. Asked that citizens take pride in their city and pick-up trash.

Mayor Parham
Discussed LISC roundtable on affordable housing, benefit of JLARC study on casino for Petersburg, will be busy General Assembly session. Discussed Bold Blue Line initiative.

11. Items removed from Consent Agenda
None.

12. Finance and Budget Report
 - a. Update: FY23 1st Qtr Budget to Actuals
No action taken.
 - b. Presentation from City Assessor and Department of Finance
No action taken.
13. Unfinished Business
 - a. Consideration of appointment to the Brightpoint Community College Board of Directors
Appointment of Bernard Lundy approved.
14. New Business
 - a. Consideration of a resolution for Improving the Agenda Review Process. CA – this is not a legal issue. Includes complete review before it comes to the Clerk.
Motion to adopt resolution and have two business meetings each month starting January 1, 2023 approved. Councilman Myers voted no.
 - b. Consideration of a resolution recommending that the City of Petersburg include in its 2023 Legislative Agenda a request to add the City of Petersburg to the List of Localities eligible to receive funds from the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission and Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund.
Approved.
 - c. Consideration of a resolution recommending that the City of Petersburg conduct a traffic study to research vehicular traffic on East Washington and East Wythe Streets to be changed from One-Way to Two-Way from Crater Road to Sycamore Street.
Approved.
 - d. A resolution authorizing the Department of Economic Development, Planning, and Community Development to apply for the Department of Housing and Community Development Industrial Revitalization Fund Planning Grant for the following properties at 1015 Commerce Street (former Titmus Optical) and 725 Wesley Street (Peabody Middle School, Cook Building, Peabody-Henry Williams Building).
Approved.
 - e. Consideration of re/appointment to the District 19 Community Services Board.
Approved.
15. City Manager's Report
None.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.

17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.

18. Adjournment