



COUNCIL

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Highlights from City Council Meetings

January 3, 2023

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Organizational Meeting

3:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
All present.
3. Business or reports for/from the Mayor and other Members of City Council
 - a. Nominations and appointment of Mayor
Motion approved to elect Sam Parham as Mayor and Darrin Hill as Vice Mayor.
 - b. Nominations and appointment of Vice Mayor
 - c. Discussion and consideration of the Rules of Council.
Motion approved to table until January 17, 2023 meeting.
 - d. Consideration of a resolution to amend the Rules of Council and add Conflict of Interest.
Motion approved to table until January 17, 2023 meeting.
4. Closed Session
 - a. Closed Session Items:
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, as of actual or probable litigation, specifically including but not limited to the requirements of Code of Virginia Title 58.1, Subtitle IV, Chapter 41, Article 1 through 11; and Petersburg Circuit Court Case Number CL22-787; and under subsection §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion regarding the subject matter of a 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 under subsection §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion pertaining to performance, assignment, and appointment of a specific public officer of the City of Petersburg.

Motion approved to come out of closed session and adjourn closed session meeting.

5. Adjournment

Council Work Session

5:00 PM

1. Roll Call
All present.
2. Prayer
Led by Vice Mayor Hill.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Mayor Sam 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 hold a public hearing on January 17, 2023, for the consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to extend the Technology Zone Capital Investment Grant for AMPAC Fine Chemicals Virginia, LLC for a period of three years, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2026, in the amount to be approximately \$570,000, including taxes due for year 2021 and 2022 as stipulated in the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Commonwealth Opportunity Fund Performance Agreement executed in August 2021.
 - b. A request to hold a public hearing on January 17, 2023, for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Joel Erb towards the sale of City-owned property at 469 Byrne Street, parcel 031050039.
 - c. Request to hold a public hearing on January 17, 2023, on an Ordinance to Add Section 2-241 to the City Code Reserving the Right of Council to Remove Appointed Members of Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

d. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the addendum to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Industrial Revitalization Fund Contract #22-IRF-04. - 1st Reading

e. A request to schedule a public hearing for January 17, 2023, for the consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Petersburg and the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Motor Vehicles for city-owned property located at 1004 Commerce Street.

f. Consideration of an appropriation ordinance for DCJS ARPA - Law Enforcement Equipment and Technology - 1st Reading

g. Minutes:

-Minutes of December 13, 2022 - Closed Session

-Minutes of December 13, 2022 - Regular City Council Meeting

Brian Moore requested item d be removed from consent agenda.

Motion approved to suspend rules of council.

Councilman Cuthbert abstained – explained his brother owns Hotel Petersburg.

Approved.

Item d approved.

Councilman Cuthbert abstained.

Revised consent agenda approved.

Clerk of Council stated there were vacancy on Boards.

Motion approved to suspend rules of council.

Motion approved to delay appointments to Boards until a list of Board applications is provided to Council members.

6. Special Reports

None.

7. Monthly Reports

None.

8. Finance and Budget Report

None.

9. Capital Projects Update

None.

10. Utilities

JMT provided update on Poor Creek timeline for water/wastewater upgrades.

11. Streets
Vice Mayor Hill stated that leaf collection should be completed and litter picked-up.
12. Facilities
City under Court Order to build a new Court complex and for maintenance on current facilities.
13. Economic Development
None.
14. City Manager's Agenda
Update on Solomon's Porch – City going back to court to issue order for sign to be removed.

Update presented on Holiday Parade. Mayor Parham suggested that illumination and parade could be held on same day.
15. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
16. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
17. Public Comments
Barb Rudolph
Welcomed Councilman Jones and congratulated Mayor Parham and Vice Mayor Hill. Suggested a New Year resolution for city employees to strive for perfection.

Mayor Parham welcomed Councilman Jones.

Councilman Jones thanked people for electing him to office.

Councilwoman Smith-Lee thanked members of Council for allowing her to serve as Vice Mayor for past two years.

Vice Mayor Hill thanked council for electing him as Vice Mayor and welcomed Councilman Jones.

Councilman Jones asked fire department to stay the course, help is on the way.
18. Adjournment