



# COUNCIL

## Communicates

### Highlights from City Council Meetings

**February 7, 2023**

Petersburg Public Library

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#### Closed Session

3:00pm

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 an 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 Code of Virginia §§ 2.2-3100 et. seq., the city's current contracts for waste disposal and recycling; and the issuance of a cease and desist notification letter, adult care and rehabilitation facilities; and other matters requiring the legal advice of the City Attorney ; and under Section 2.2-3711(A)(5) for the purpose of discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; and under Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) 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, assignment and appointment of a specific public officer of the City of Petersburg.  
**Motion approved to come out of closed session.**
3. 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 Parham.**
4. Determination of the Presence of a Quorum  
**Quorum present.**
5. Public Comments  
**Richard Stewart**  
Thanked City for cleaning up Pocahontas and moving homeless tents, and thanked police for patrolling island. Brought attention to speeding in front of Carriage House on Old Street. Reported there is much interest in the history of Pocahontas Island.  
  
**Dr. Sara Melissa Witiak**  
Thanked City for Grove Ave. sidewalk repair. Reported there will be additional tree planting workshops.  
  
**Dr. Kenneth Lewis**  
Reminded all of four African American historic firsts in Petersburg including oldest black public college, oldest black public high school, oldest free black community and oldest African American Baptist Church.
6. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
  - a. Minutes: (Page 4)
    - January 3, 2023-Organizational Meeting
    - January 3, 2023 - City Council Work Session
    - January 17, 2023 - Closed Session
    - January 17, 2023 - Regular Meeting
  - b. A request to schedule a public hearing on the consideration of an appropriation for a Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) Grant awarded by the Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) in the amount of \$2,800,878 to be used for construction costs for drainage improvement projects in the City of Petersburg's Lakemont area and authorizing the city manager to sign the Virginia Resources Authority MOU for Lakemont drainage improvements.
  - c. A request to hold a public hearing on February 21, 2023, for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and New Light, LLC towards the sale of City-owned property at 703 Bank Street, Parcel ID-

012050017, 716 Wythe Street, Parcel ID 012330006, and 801 Bank Street, Parcel ID 012070031.

d. A request to hold a public hearing on February 21, 2023, for the consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Properties Remembered towards the sale of City-owned property at 417 Jefferson Street, parcel ID 022390008.

e. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the vacation of Right of Way along River Street between 3rd Street and 5th Street.

f. Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for February 21, 2023 on An Ordinance to Amend and Re- Adopt Sections 110-10; 10-11; and 110-12 of the City Code Pertaining to Augmented Fine Streets.

g. A request to schedule a public hearing on February 21, 2023, for the 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.

h. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – To amend Article 15. - "B-2" General Commercial District Regulations, Section 2. Use Regulations, by changing permitted uses from those in the "B-1" Shopping Center District to those permitted in the "R-3" Two-Family Residence District and requiring a Special Use Permit for Multi Dwelling in B-2 and B-3 districts.

i. A request to schedule a Public Hearing for February 21, 2023, for the consideration of City Code Appendix B. Zoning Text Amendment – To amend Article 4-A. "A" Agricultural District Regulations, Section 9. Special requirements, to permit a subdivision that creates one parcel that meets the dimension requirements of lots/parcels in the R-1A District.

j. A request to schedule a public hearing for February 21, 2023, for the consideration of an ordinance to amend and re-adopt the City Code to include Section 98-25 - Bollards for Historic Properties.

**Approved.**

7. Special Reports

a. Presentation on the SCWA - Nutrient Reduction Upgrade by Robert Wilson, Executive Director of South Central Wastewater Authority.

**Construction work is expected to begin in late spring.**

b. Presentation and Update on Wilcox Watershed Conservancy by Dr. Kenneth Lewis.

**No action taken.**

8. Monthly Reports

**None.**

9. Finance and Budget Report
  - a. Presentation by Davenport on City's Financial Status and consideration of a resolution.

Petersburg continues its financial rebound. Highest reserve Petersburg has ever had in fund balance. City has two upcoming major projects including a new courthouse complex and new school.  
Motion approved to apply for Literary Fund grant for new school funding.
10. Capital Projects Update
  - a. Update and presentation on Southside Depot.

Completion of main building expected by end of 2023.
11. Utilities

None.
12. Streets
  - a. Presentation on speeding deterrents such as speed bumps, humps, rumble strips, signs, etc. including their advantages and disadvantages.

No action taken.
  - b. Presentation on Speed Cameras in School Zones.

No action taken.
13. Facilities

None.
14. Economic Development
  - a. A presentation from Interface Studio, LLC on the Downtown 2040 Master Plan for Petersburg, VA.

Overview of study – no action taken.
15. City Manager's Agenda

Solomon Court Sign: February 14 court case for sign removal.  
RFP for Zoning Ordinance will be released soon.  
Met with Dr. Fitzhugh on an abatement plan for his properties. He has committed to secure all his properties.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk

None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney

None.

Vice Mayor Hill thanked City Departments for Black History Gospel event.
18. Adjournment