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Highlights from City Council Meetings

April 4, 2023

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Closed Session

2:30 pm

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)(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; and under §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 public contract; and under §2.2-3711(A)(7) and (8) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of receiving legal advice a 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 matters requiring the legal advice of the City Attorney.

Motion approved to end the closed session meeting.

Motion to add motion to approve Local Choice Healthcare proposal approved.

Motion approved for Local Choice Healthcare for FY24.

Motion to add MOU to agenda for Petersburg Cavaliers approved.

Motion approved to authorize City Manager to develop MOU with Cavaliers.

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

Concerned about speeding on MLK bridge.

Paula Chester

Will there be more street maintenance in the Spring? Street maintenance is ongoing year-round.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):

a. Minutes:

- March 7, 2023 - Work Session
- March 8, 2023 - Special City Council Meeting
- March 21, 2023 - Closed Session
- March 21, 2023 - Regular City Council Meeting

b. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving a petition to rezone the property located at 113 W Bank Street from M-1 to PUD for April 18, 2023.

c. A request to schedule a Public Hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving the petition to rezone the property located at 221 Bollingbrook Street from M-1, Light Manufacturing District to PUD, Planned Unit Development for April 18, 2023.

d. Consideration of an appropriation ordinance for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Fire Programs Fund - Aid to Localities, Funding Carryover -1st Reading.

Consent agenda approved.

7. Special Reports

a. Petersburg City Public Schools

Reported that the school calculator numbers had changed. Requested \$12+M for next school year from City.

b. Blight

Ken Pritchett reported that there is a low number of houses for sale in Petersburg. He asked that an ordinance for removing junk from yards be enforced. A blighted house on Powhatan, owned by a company out-of-state, was discussed. Councilman Cuthbert asked that the City Manager report back on the blighted property at 1917 Powhatan.

a. Presentation on the recommendations on vacant City Buildings with respect to which buildings are viable, cost, timeline, & staff moves.

Randall Williams, Assistant Director of Public Works presented a report on City-owned buildings that are vacant. The presentation was followed by an in-depth discussion on the future use of the buildings. The City Manager reported that staff would present a comprehensive plan for building use at the May work session.

8. Monthly Reports

None.

9. Finance and Budget Report

a. Update of FY24 Budget Development Process and calendar.

Chief Financial Officer Stacey Jordan reported that healthcare costs would increase by 8% for the next fiscal year and that the largest requests for budget increases are from Police, Fire, Public Works, and Schools. The City is working with Davenport to increase interest from revenues.

10. Capital Projects Update

None.

11. Utilities
 - a. Presentation and Update on Poor Creek
Presentation by JMT. Poor Creek is scheduled to be completed in 2025. The project is currently on schedule and on budget.
12. Streets
None.
13. Facilities
None.
14. Economic Development
None.
15. City Manager's Agenda
The City Manager will give an update on street paving at the next meeting.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
18. Adjournment