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Highlights from City Council Meetings

June 6, 2023

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Special City Council Meeting

June 6, 2023

3:00 pm

THE MEETING WAS CANCELED & WILL BE RESCHEDULED.

1. Roll Call
Vice Mayor Hill absent.
2. Presentation and/or Update
 - a. Presentation on ACFR FY22 Overview and Acceptance
3. Adjournment

Closed Session Council Meeting

3:30 pm

1. Roll Call
Vice Mayor Hill absent.
2. Closed Session
 - a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to: (1)§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 the public contract; and under §2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose or the disposition of publicly 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 or disposition of real property.

Motion approved to end closed session meeting.
Motion approved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate with the Robert Bobb Group for economic development services.
Motion approved for a pre-development agreement for Peabody School property.

3. Adjournment

Work Session

5:00 pm

1. Roll Call
Vice Mayor Hill absent.
2. Prayer
Led by Councilwoman Smith-Lee.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Mayor Parham.
4. Determination of the Presence of a Quorum
Quorum present.
5. Public Comments
Gary Talley
Questioned when the sinkhole on Bank Street will be repaired. He also asked about upcoming infrastructure projects.
An H&H study, as required by the Virginia Department of Conservation Resources, has been requested by Public Works of the property owner. The property owner has informed the City that an engineering firm is preparing the H&H study, prior to moving forward with repairs.

There are several major infrastructure projects underway in Petersburg. Design and engineering services on Poor Creek water and wastewater upgrades are scheduled to be completed in October 2023. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2024 and be completed in 2025. This is a \$40M+ project that is grant-funded. Lock’s Watermain replacement is scheduled to begin in late 2023 and should be completed in 2024. This is a \$3.5M grant-funded project. Willcox Lake Dam repair design is slated to be completed in late 2023. The City will then apply for a construction grant for repair. The City was awarded a \$2.8M grant for upgrades in the Lakemont area to mitigate flooding. Upgrades are scheduled to be completed in late 2024. Several additional infrastructure projects will be included in the CIP budget.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
 - a. Minutes:
 - May 16, 2023 - Closed Session Minutes
 - May 16, 2023 - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. First reading of an Ordinance approving a petition to rezone the property located at 2255 Jamestown Road, from A, Agricultural Zoning District to M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District, and 2262 County Drive, from B-2, General Commercial Zoning District to M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District - 1st Reading
 - c. Consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Pilot Operating Agreement with Bird Rides, Inc. to establish a Stand-up Electric Scooter sharing system within the City of Petersburg - 1st Reading
 - d. Consideration to adopt the FY 2024 Capital Budget - 1st Reading
Approved.

7. Special Reports
 - a. Recognition of Blandford Diamonds
Presented by Councilwoman Smith-Lee and Mayor Parham.

 - b. Presentation of a Proclamation designating June 19th - July 20th as Black Future Month.

 - c. Presentation of a Proclamation designating June 15, 2023, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
Accepted by Crater District Area on Aging.

 - d. Presentation on Bird Micro-Mobility Electric Scooters.
The company rep did not attend to make the presentation.

 - e. Presentation on Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Acquire, Renovate, Sell (ARS) Pilot Program
No action was taken.

 - f. Presentation Petersburg Downtown Master Plan
No action was taken.

8. Monthly Reports
None.

9. Finance and Budget Report
 - a. City of Petersburg Financial Policy Update
Davenport presented. Representatives stated the financial recovery in Petersburg is accurate. Rating agencies are independent.

10. Capital Projects Update
None.
11. Utilities
a. JMT Update
Poor Creek project is on time.
12. Streets
a. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Presentation
No action was taken.
13. Facilities
None.
14. Economic Development
None.
15. City Manager's Agenda
None.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
18. Adjournment