



COUNCIL

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Highlights from City Council Meetings

June 20, 2023

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Closed Session Council Meeting

3:00 pm

1. Roll Call

Councilwoman Smith-Lee and Councilman Westbrook absent.

2. Closed Session

a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §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 an administrative notice, and matters requiring legal advice to the City Attorney; and under Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the purpose of 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 and disposition of real property.

Motion approved to end closed session.

3. Adjournment

Regular City Council Meeting

5:00 pm

1. Roll Call
Councilwoman Smith-Lee and Councilman Westbrook absent.
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. Proclamations/Recognitions/Presentation of Ceremonial Proclamations
 - a. Recognition of Jeremiah Johnson.
He received first place in the high jump in state championships, setting a record for Petersburg High.
 - b. A proclamation designating July 1st, 2023, as Nu Gamma Epsilon Military Sorority, Incorporated Day in the City of Petersburg.
 - c. Presentation on ACFR FY22 Overview and Acceptance.
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:
 - June 6, 2023 - Special City Council Meeting
 - June 6, 2023 - Closed Session Meeting
 - June 6, 2023 - City Council Work SessionApproved.
8. Official Public Hearings
 - a. A public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a Petition for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for used Auto Sales and Car Rental at 1242 W Washington Street. The property is located in a B-2 General Commercial Zoning District.
No public comments.
Approved.

b. A public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a Petition for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for Automotive Repair and Detailing at 1841 Anchor Avenue. The property is located in an M-1 Light Industrial Zoning District.
No public comments.

Approved.

c. A public hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a Petition for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a Multi-Family residential development at 712 High Street. The property is located in the B-2 General Commercial Zoning District.

No public comments.

Approved.

d. A Public Hearing and consideration of a Petition for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a Car Wash and Automotive Detailing at 1602 W Washington Street. The property is located in the B-2 General Commercial Zoning District.

Public Hearing

Gary Talley questioned allowing business next to residential properties.

Motion to table until July meeting approved.

e. A Public Hearing and consideration of an Ordinance approving a Petition to rezone the property located at 3287 County Drive from B-2 General Commercial Zoning District to M-1 Light Industrial Zoning District.

Moved to the July 26 meeting.

f. A public hearing on an appeal by Parmeet Soin, applicant of 125 North Market Street, Tax Parcel 011-24-0001, owned by SC Market Street LLC, on the decision of the Architectural Review Board (ARB). The property is located within the Courthouse Local Historic District.

Public Hearing

Joe Battison reported that plates are sheet metal, not steel and that brick mortar needs repair. Battison asked Council to uphold ARB decision.

Motion approved to address all code violations on the property.

Motion approved to deny the appeal.

g. A public hearing on June 20, 2023, to receive public comments for the consideration of funding recommendations and availability for the CDBG 2023-2024 Action Plan.

Public Hearing

Downtown Churches United requested additional funding.

Hebron requested additional funding.

A final vote from Council will take place in July.

h. 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 - 2nd Reading
Planning requested this item be continued to July 26 meeting – company reps were unable to attend the meeting.

i. A public hearing and consideration to adopt the FY 2024 Capital Budget - 2nd Reading
No public comments.
Motion approved to adopt FY24 Capital Budget.

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 are removed from the consent agenda.

Woody Kennon – FeedMore

Meals on Wheels operates on a DoorDash grant that ends in late summer. If volunteer numbers remain low, then deliveries in Petersburg could be reduced.

Otis Hill

Six people in the city with hearing impairments need carbon monoxide devices with visual alarms. City Manager and Fire Chief asked for a list so devices can be provided.

Bobby Beverly

He stated that Juneteenth was an embarrassment and that Hopewell got it right.

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

Councilman Cuthbert

Discussed the demolition of 29 Liberty Street and other blighted properties that should go to tax sale.

Councilman Jones

He suggested using the nuisance ordinance on blighted properties . . . public health and safety nuisance. For Juneteenth in 2024, Hopewell and Petersburg should join forces. The shooting of a youth in Pecan Acres was discussed.

Councilman Myers

There was a historian at the Follies held on Juneteenth. Thanked the City Manager and Public Works team for the storm cleanup.

Mayor Parham

Discussed a generation in the city that has lost connection. He thanked Public Works for the storm cleanup. Announced special ribbon-cutting for Resist Bookstore and that July 4 meeting will be held on July 5 and July 18 meeting will be held on July 26.

11. Items removed from Consent Agenda

None.

12. Finance and Budget Report

None.

13. Unfinished Business

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. City Manager's Report

A reminder of the Homebuying Fair on June 28 and the I95/I85 study underway and to go online to give comments.

16. Business or reports from the Clerk

None.

17. Business or reports from the City Attorney

None.

18. Adjournment