



COUNCIL

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Highlights from City Council Meetings

July 26, 2023

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City Council Closed Session

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)(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 Code of Virginia 2.2-3708.3; 58.1-3310 and 3301; 22.1-100; 55.1- 123; and matters requiring legal advice of the City Attorney and under §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration regarding the subject matter of 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.

Motion to come out of closed session approved.

Motion to add a resolution to rescind 20-R-56 pertaining to the reappropriation of unexpended funds by Petersburg Public Schools to the agenda approved.

Motion to approve a resolution to rescind 20-R-56 pertaining to the reappropriation of unexpended funds by Petersburg Public Schools approved.

Motion to add a motion to direct the city manager to negotiate and execute a purchase agreement for 135 North Union Street on terms consistent with the draft purchase agreement for Hotel Petersburg approved. Councilman Cuthbert abstained.

Motion to direct the city manager to negotiate and execute a purchase agreement for 135 N. Union Street on terms consistent with the draft purchase agreement for Hotel Petersburg approved. Councilman Cuthbert abstained.

Motion to add a resolution to accept the transfer of land from AMPAC Fine Chemicals as the site for a new water tank approved.

Motion to approve a resolution to accept the transfer of land from AMPAC Fine Chemicals as the site for a new water tank approved.

Motion to authorize the city attorney to prepare and issue an opinion letter for Pumper Financing approved.

Motion to add to the agenda a motion to direct the city attorney to take the necessary action to resolve title issues on the Peabody site, including but not limited to the initiation of quiet title action approved.

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3. Adjournment

Regular City Council Meeting

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. Proclamations/Recognitions/Presentation of Ceremonial Proclamations
 - a. Proclamation designating July 16-22, 2023, as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week in the City of Petersburg.

b. Presentation and Update from the Treasurer's Office.

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:

-July 5, 2023 - Closed Session Minutes

-July 5, 2023 - Special City Council Meeting Minutes

-July 5, 2023 - City Council Work Session

Approved.

8. Official Public Hearings

a. A public hearing and consideration 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 - 2nd Reading

Motion to remove and add to September 5 meeting approved.

b. 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.

Public Hearing

Jeff Fleming

Asked if this project would bring revenue and tax dollars to Petersburg or Prince George.

Motion to table approved.

c. A public hearing and consideration for adoption of an ordinance to authorize the exchange of real property with the Estate of William A. Patton.

Public Hearing

Jeff Fleming

Property swap on the river is only good for the trail. Property on Union is worth more.

Approved.

d. A public hearing and Consideration for Adoption of An Ordinance to Direct the City Manager to Reimburse Bollingbrook Properties, LLC F/K/A Master Properties, LLC and Worther G. Becker, III and Karen K. Becker for Expenses Incurred in Real Property Transaction Recorded in Instrument 202302112.

No public comment.

Approved.

e. A public hearing on the request to carry over FY22 balance to FY 2023 and FY 2023 balance to FY 2024 including the respective FY 2023 project budget for the Petersburg Station Park and Ride project (2nd reading).

No public comment.

Approved.

f. A public hearing on the consideration of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the City of Petersburg, Virginia, providing for the form, details, and payment thereof to finance the courthouse project.

No public comment.

Approved.

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 were removed from the consent agenda.

Queen Shabazz

Asked city to exempt taxes billed on the former USO Building (464 Byrne Street).

Councilman Myers asked the city manager to investigate.

Ken Pritchett

Stated there was a surge in redevelopment in the city, including historic houses, but many of the historic properties are duplexes, and there is a city ordinance that the duplexes are to be converted to single family. Asked that the ordinance be changed to go back to duplexes. Concern over merge lane at Exit 52 and the amount of litter on interstate ramps. Stated that 90% of cities/counties have full treasurer's office.

Mr. Pritchett was told that the Planning Department is working on the ordinance changes and that there is a VDOT Traffic study underway now on traffic solutions to I-95/85, Exit 52, and Washington/Wythe.

Roy Jordan

Concerned that there are no hotels and dining in Petersburg along the interstate – suggested that city eliminate hotels in the Blandford area.

Jeff Fleming

Stated that there is no technology for city departments to communicate with each other.

10. Business or reports from the Mayor or other Members of City Council
Council Cuthbert
Concerned about the demolition of 29 Liberty Street. He visited a successful Walnut Hill School reading program.

Councilman Jones

Stated that people are taking advantage of ignorance in the city and that some think his skating rink will be too dangerous.

Councilman Westbrook

Don't Worry – We've Got This Together - Need public buy-in. There should be more direct communication between people and not just emails.

Councilman Myers

No comments.

Councilwoman Smith-Lee

Welcomed public works and planning directors and thanked interims. Thanked Ken Miller and Parks & Rec for their work with the summer intern programs.

Mayor Parham

National Night Out – August 1 and thanked the city manager for the productive Bond Agency visit to New York.

11. Items removed from Consent Agenda
None.
12. Finance and Budget Report
None.
13. Unfinished Business
 - a. 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.
Moved to the September 5 meeting.
14. New Business
 - a. Consideration of appointment/s to the Appomattox River Water Authority (ARWA) Board.
Motion approved to appoint city manager.

b. Consideration of a resolution Approving the Funding Recipients for the FY23-24 Community Development Block Grant.

Approved. Councilmen Cuthbert and Westbrook abstained.

c. Consideration of a resolution to amend and re-adopt Articles V, VII, and VIII of the City of Petersburg Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual pertaining to Disciplinary Matters, Grievance, and Appeal Procedures.

Approved.

15. City Manager's Report
Gave an update on the Bond meetings.
16. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
18. Adjournment