



# COUNCIL

## Communicates

### Highlights from City Council Meetings

July 2, 2024

Petersburg Public Library

#### City Council Members

Ward 1

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Ward 2

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Ward 3

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Ward 4

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Ward 5

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Ward 6

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Ward 7

**Arnold Westbrook**

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#### Please Note:

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[www.petersburg-va.org](http://www.petersburg-va.org)

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#### Closed Session

4:00 PM

1. Roll Call

All present on roll call except Councilmen Cuthbert & Jones. Councilman Westbrook attended by phone.

2. Closed Session

The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to:

a. §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia for the Purpose of Discussion of the Award of a Public Contract Involving the Expenditure of Public Funds Including Interviews of Bidders or Offerors, and Discussion of the Terms or Scope of Such Contract, Where Discussion in an Open Session Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the City; and

b. §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 Actual or Probable Litigation and Specific Legal Matters Requiring the Provision of Legal Advice by the City Attorney, Specifically Including But Not Limited to Discussion Regarding the Legal Requirements of §58.1-4107 of the Code of Virginia, Rule IV of the Rules of Council; and

c. §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia 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.

3. Adjournment

A motion was approved to give city employees off, except for essential personnel, on July 5 as a day of appreciation for employees.

## City Council Work Session

5:00 pm

1. Roll Call  
All were present on roll call except Councilman Cuthbert. Councilwoman Smith-Lee left following the closed session due to illness.
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  
Craig Tucker  
Mr. Tucker thanked Council for improving Farmer Street Park.  
  
Otis Hill  
Mr. Hill reported to Council that upgrades were needed at Cameron Field.  
  
Genevive Lohr  
Ms. Lohr stated that permanent Supportive Housing is needed in the city for people who can't live alone. She said funding is available, but there are not enough apartments.
6. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
  - a. Minutes:
    - June 18, 2024 City Council Closed Session Minutes
    - June 25, 2024 City Council Special Meeting Minutes – need to reflect that
  - b. A Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for the Consideration of an Ordinance to Adopt Section 2-193 of the Petersburg City Code Pertaining to Staff in the Office of the City Attorney (1st Reading)
  - c. A Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for the Consideration of an Appropriation Ordinance for the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services – Four-for-Life Grant, Carryover of Funds from FY 24 to FY 25 Budget for \$135,183.36 (1st Reading)
  - d. A Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for the Consideration of an Appropriation to Carry Over the Virginia Department of Emergency Management – Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program Funding from FY24 to FY25 Budget (1st Reading)

- e. A Request to Schedule a Public Hearing on an Appeal by Victoria Glazer, Applicant and Owner of 104 Marshall Street, Tax Parcel 022260001, on the Decision of the Architectural Review Board (ARB) Regarding the Installation of a Fence Located Within the Poplar Lawn Historic District
- f. A Request to Schedule a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Approve Amendment and Readoption of Article 3, Definitions and Article 23, Supplementary Use Regulations, Special Uses Pertaining to Recreation Substance Retail Uses
- g. A Request to Schedule a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Approve Adoption of Article 38, Site Plan Review, and Amendment and Readoption of Article 31, Permits, Plats, and Filing Fees as Set Forth in the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Petersburg Pertaining to Site Plan Review Standards and Fees
- h. Request to hearing for budget

Approved.

- 7. Special Reports  
None.
- 8. Monthly Reports  
None.
- 9. Finance and Budget Report  
None.
- 10. Capital Projects Update  
None.
- 11. Utilities
  - a. Public Works Monthly Presentation July 2024  
No action was taken.
- 12. Streets  
The update was included in the Public Works report.
- 13. Facilities  
The update was included in the Public Works report.
- 14. Economic Development  
None.
- 15. City Manager's Agenda
  - a. Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Rewrite Presentation  
No action was taken.

The City Manager reminded all about fireworks on July 3 and announced smoke detectors for the hearing impaired were here for Mr. Hill and Mr. Talley. Councilmen Jones and Cuthbert moved this purchase forward. The fire department will help install the smoke detectors.

16. Business or reports from the Clerk  
Ms. Hill reported she had forwarded emails to the Council from VML and Otis Hill.
17. Business or reports from the City Attorney  
None.
18. Adjournment