

The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. The meeting video link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/304028>.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr.
Council Member W. Howard Myers
Council Member Arnold Westbrook, Jr.
Council Member Annette Smith-Lee
Vice Mayor Darrin Hill
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent: Council Member Marlow Jones

Present from City Administration:

City Manager John March Altman, Jr.
City Attorney Anthony Williams
City Clerk Tangi R. Hill

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 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 of requirements of the Code of Virginia Sections 58.1-4109 and 2.2-4300 ET. SEQ.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion that the City Council go into closed session for the purposes noted. Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; Absent: Jones; Abstain: N/A.

Council entered into Closed Session at 4:04 p.m.

Council Member Jones arrived at 4:15 p.m.

Vice Mayor Hill left at 5:32 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Mr. Williams stated, "The Mayor would entertain a motion to conclude the closed session called today to certify in accordance with §2.2-3712 that the Code of Virginia that to the best of each members knowledge that only public business matter lawfully exempted from the opening meeting requirements were discussed and that only such public business matters were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, heard, discussed, or considered. If any member believes that there was a departure from the

foregoing requirements should state prior to the vote indicating the substance for departure in which he believes has occurred. This requires a roll call vote Mr. Mayor.”

Council Member Myers made a motion to return the City Council to open session and certify the purposes of the closed session. Council Member Smith-Lee seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hill; Abstain: N/A

24-RES-23 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING, AS REQUIRED BY THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, SECTION 2.2-3712, THAT TO THE BEST OF EACH MEMBER’S KNOWLEDGE, ONLY PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS LAWFULLY EXEMPTED FROM OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF VIRGINIA LAW WERE DISCUSSED IN THE CLOSED SESSION, AND ONLY SUCH PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS AS WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE MOTION CONVENING THE CLOSED SESSION WERE HEARD, DISCUSSED, OR CONSIDERED.

City Council returned to open session at 5:41 p.m.

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to add a motion to revise and readopt Resolution 24-RES-22 to correct a clerical error in the resolution.

Council Member Myers made a motion to a motion to revise and readopt Resolution 24-RES-22 to correct a clerical error in the resolution. Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion.

Council Member Cuthbert asked if the correction should be recited. City Attorney Williams stated that correction will be recited in the motion.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hill; Abstain: N/A.

Mayor Parham requested a motion to correct and amend the seventh paragraph of Resolution 24-RES-22 to read as follows:

Whereas, after a Town Hall Meeting held on April 14, 2024 by one of the primary patrons of SB628, Davenport revealed to the City Manager its preliminary findings that Cordish was the substantial frontrunner recommendation for selection as the preferred casino gaming operator; and

Council Member Cuthbert made a motion to correct and amend the seventh paragraph of Resolution 24-RES-22 to read as follows:

Whereas, after a Town Hall Meeting held on April 14, 2024 by one of the primary patrons of SB628, Davenport revealed to the City Manager its preliminary findings that Cordish was the substantial frontrunner recommendation for selection as the preferred casino gaming operator;

and. Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Hill; Abstain: N/A.

ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Adopted the 7th day of May, 2024.



Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:



Mayor