

The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. The meeting video link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/306999>.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr.
Council Member W. Howard Myers
Council Member Arnold Westbrook, Jr.
Vice Mayor Darrin Hill

Absent:

Mayor Samuel Parham
Council Member Marlow Jones (Late)
Council Member Annette Smith-Lee (Late)

Present from City Administration:

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

2. CLOSED SESSION

The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and 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; and §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 §2.2-3711.(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion pertaining to performance, assignment, salaries, and appointment of specific public employees of the City of Petersburg, specifically including, but not limited to discussion of the performance, assignment, salaries, and appointment of a specific public officer of the City of Petersburg.

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

Council Member Cuthbert said, "Mr. Vice Mayor."

Vice Mayor Hill replied, "Yes."

Council Member Cuthbert said, "At my request, Mr. Williams is working on an additional item to be added to the agenda for the closed session. Can we hold on just a minute?"

Vice Mayor Hill replied, "Yeah, you know what it is?"

City Attorney Williams responded, "Yes. Vice Mayor. Councilman Cuthbert has asked if council would consider an amendment to the closed session to add discussion of the legal process for subsequent amendment to its previously adopted tax rate. And that would be pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

Council Member Cuthbert made a subsequent motion to amend the Closed Session agenda to add the discussion of the legal process for subsequent amendment to its previously adopted tax rate pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(7). Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Westbrook, and Hill; no: Myers; Abstain: N/A.

City Attorney Williams called for a point of order. He stated that the roll call vote amended the agenda. He asked if Council could take another vote to go into closed session?"

Vice Mayor Hill said, "Thank you. Let us take a roll call on the initial motion all together. The items that were read and the items that were subsequently put in by our City Attorney."

On a roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Myers, Westbrook, and Hill; no: N/A; Abstain: N/A.

Council entered into Closed Session at 3:13 p.m.

Council Member Jones arrived at 3:24 p.m.

Council Member Smith-Lee arrived at 3:30 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 Cuthbert made a motion to return the City Council to open session and certify the purposes of the closed session. 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 Hill; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A

24-RES-27 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 5:00 p.m.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Adopted the 18th day of June, 2024.

BY



Samuel Parham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tangi R. Hill, Clerk to the Council