

The work session meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Monday, July 15, 2024, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The meeting video link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/310141>.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Member Marlow Jones
Council Member W. Howard Myers
Council Member Annette Smith-Lee
Vice Mayor Darrin Hill
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent:

Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr. (late)
Council Member Arnold Westbrook, Jr. (late)

Present from City Council Administration:

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

2. PRAYER:

Council Member Cuthbert was present.

Vice Mayor Hill led the Council meeting in prayer.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Parham led the Council and the citizens in the pledge of allegiance.

4. DETERMINATION OF THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM:

Council Member Westbrook was present.

A quorum was present.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A Resolution Requesting and Petitioning a Referendum on Whether or Not to Permit Casino Gaming in Petersburg

Mayor Parham stated, "Next, we have item five, which is new business, which is A Resolution Requesting and Petitioning a Referendum on Whether or Not to Permit Casino Gaming in Petersburg. And the resolution states, Whereas, pursuant to 58.1-4107, of the Code of Virginia, the City of Petersburg is an eligible host city for the purpose of casino gaming, effectively, July 1, 2024. And, whereas, by resolution 2024-RES-26, adopted on May 28, 2024, City Council designated PPE Casino Resorts Petersburg, LLC as the city's preferred casino gaming operator. And, whereas, on May 28, 2024 in accordance with the 58.1-4107(f) of the Code of Virginia, the city promptly submitted a selection and preferred casino gaming operator package to the Virginia Lottery for preliminary review. And, whereas, the Virginia Lottery has issued its certification of approval for the city to proceed to referendum, which is here in attachment Exhibit A. And, whereas 58.1-4123(b), of the Code of Virginia provides that the governing body of an eligible host city shall petition the court by resolution asking that

a referendum be held on the question on whether casino gaming will be permitted within the city. Now, therefore, be it resolved by City Council of Petersburg, Virginia, that it hereby petitions, the circuit court for the City of Petersburg, Virginia to request that a referendum be held on the question of whether casino gaming shall be permitted within the City of Petersburg. And be it further resolved that Council requests that to say, a referendum be held on November 5, 2024 in conjunction with the regular general election. And be it further resolved that the City Attorney is authorized and directed to file the appropriate petition and pleadings with the Petersburg Circuit Court in furtherance of this resolution. And be it further resolved that the City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to take such further actions as are necessary and desirable. And furtherness of this resolution, and be it further resolved that this resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption.”

Vice Mayor Hill said. “I proudly make that motion to approve the resolution.”

Councilman Westbrook second the motion.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments on the resolution.

Hearing none, Mayor Parham closed the floor for any public comments.

On roll call vote, yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; no: N/A; abstain: N/A.

The Motion carried.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to adjourn. All members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned.

The City Council adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

Adopted the 17th day of September, 2024.

BY



Samuel Parham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tangi R. Hill, Clerk to the Council