

The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting video link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/309425>.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr.
Council Member Marlow Jones
Council Member Arnold Westbrook, Jr. (Late)

Present from City Administration:

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

Council Member Westbrook joined the meeting remotely at 4:03 p.m. His reason for attending remotely was due to a fact finding mission for the City. He cited his location as Las Vegas, Nevada.

2. CLOSED SESSION

The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant §2 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)(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 §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.

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

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

Council entered into Closed Session at 4:09 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. Vice Mayor Hill seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

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

24-RES-32 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 4:50 p.m.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to add to the agenda a motion to allow employees to have the day off on July 5th, with the exception of essential personnel. It will be a Day of Appreciation for employees, with essential personnel receiving overtime pay for hours worked on July 5th. Council Member Smith-Lee seconded the motion.

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

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

3. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Adopted the 16th day of July, 2024.

BY



Samuel Parham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tangi R. Hill, Clerk to the Council