

The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at the Petersburg Public Library. Vice Mayor Hill called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The meeting video link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/333844>.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr
Council Member Howard Myers
Council Member Arnold Westbrook
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent: Council Member Marlow Jones (Late)
Council Member Annette Smith-Lee (Late)

Mayor Samuel Parham (Late)

Present from City Administration:
City Manager John March Altman, Jr.
City Attorney Anthony Williams
City Clerk Tangi R. Hill

Mayor Parham requested add a contract to the Closed Session agenda.

Council Member Myers made a motion to add a contract to the closed session agenda. Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

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

2. CLOSED SESSION

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

- a. §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 House Bill 2232; 2.2-4303(F) of the Code of Virginia; 2-393 of the Petersburg City Code; and
- b. §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; and
- c. §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

Council Member Myers made a motion to enter into Closed Session for the purpose stated. Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

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

The Council entered Closed Session at 3:05 p.m.

Vice Mayor Hill arrived.

Council Member Smith-Lee arrived.

Council Member Jones arrived.

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."

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to return the City Council to the 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 a roll call vote.

On a roll call vote, voting Yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; No: N/A; abstain: N/A.

2025-RES-6 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

The City Council returned to the open session at 5:20 p.m.

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to add a resolution to the agenda directing the City Manager and City Clerk to take all necessary action to initiate an emergency procurement for the contractor who has submitted the unsolicited PPEA Proposal to perform the necessary work required to facilitate the relocation of the police station.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to add to the agenda a resolution directing the City Manager and City Clerk to take all necessary action to initiate an emergency procurement for the contractor who has submitted the unsolicited PPEA Proposal to perform the necessary work required to facilitate the relocation of the police station. Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

On a roll call vote, voting Yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; No: N/A; abstain: N/A.

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to approve the resolution directing the City Manager and City Clerk to take all necessary action to initiate an emergency procurement for the contractor who has submitted the unsolicited PPEA Proposal to perform the necessary work required to facilitate the relocation of the police station.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to approve the resolution directing the City Manager and City Clerk to take all necessary action to initiate an emergency procurement for the contractor who has submitted the unsolicited PPEA Proposal to perform the necessary work required to facilitate the relocation of the police station. Council Member Smith-Lee seconded the motion.

Mayor Parham opened the floor to receive public comments on the resolution.

Hearing none, Mayor Parham closed the public comment period.

There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

On a roll call vote, voting Yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; No: N/A; abstain: Myers.

2025-RES-7 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO INITIATE AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT FOR THE CONTRACTOR WHO HAS SUBMITTED THE UNSOLICITED PPEA PROPOSAL TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY WORK REQUIRED TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION OF THE POLICE STATION

3. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Adopted: February 18, 2025.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Pearson", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jange R. Hill", written over a horizontal line.