

The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The meeting video link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/322901>.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr  
Council Member Howard Myers  
Council Member Annette Smith-Lee  
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent: Council Member Marlow Jones (Late)  
Council Member Arnold Westbrook, Jr (Late)  
Vice Mayor Darrin Hill (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: 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 §58.1-3990; 58.1-3980; and 58.1-3981 of the Code of Virginia, and Other Legal Matters Requiring the Advice of the City Attorney; and b). §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; c). §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia for the Purpose of Discussion Regarding the Subject of Award of a Public Contract Involving the Expenditure of Public Funds, 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 Public Body; and d). §2.2-3711(A)28 of the Code of Virginia for the Purpose of Discussion of Information Subject to the Exclusion in Subdivision 11 of §2.2-3705.6 By a Responsible Public Entity or an Affected Locality or Public Entity, as Those Terms are Defined in §33.2-1800, or Any Independent Review Panel Appointed to Review Information and Advise the Responsible Public Entity Concerning Such Records; and e). §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 Specific Public Officers of the City of Petersburg.

Vice Mayor Hill arrived.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion that the City Council go into closed session for the purposes noted. 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, Myers, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; no: N/A; Abstain: N/A.

Council entered into Closed Session at 3:03 p.m.

Council Member Jones arrived.

Council Member Westbrook 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 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, Hill, and Parham; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A

**24-RES-53     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 5:40 p.m.

### **3.     ADJOURNMENT:**

City Council adjourned at 5:40 p.m.