

The Special Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The meeting video link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/348676>.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Charles Cuthbert, Jr., Councilor – Ward 4
W. Howard Myers, Councilor– Ward 5
Darrin Hill, Vice Mayor – Ward 2
Samuel Parham, Mayor – Ward 3

Absent:

Marlow Jones, Councilor – Ward 1
Arnold Westbrook, Jr., Councilor – Ward 7 (Arrived at 3:06 p.m.)
Annette Smith-Lee, Councilor – Ward 6

Present from City Administration:

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

2. PRAYER:

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:

A quorum was present.

5. OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARING

- a. A Public Hearing for an Ordinance to Amend and Re-Adopt Section 46-92 of the City Code to Change the Polling Place for the First Ward to Lakemont Elementary

Mayor Parham and the City Attorney Williams introduced the item.

City Attorney Williams stated that members of the Electoral Board and Board of Elections was present if the Council had any questions. He added that it is to simply move the polling place into the ward at which the citizens live. Currently, it is outside of the ward because of the redistricting. Upon approval by Council, it will be sent to the Attorney General's Office for approval. He noted that the MOU and certification of compliance is complete.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for the Public Hearing to receive comments.

Hearing no one, Mayor Parham declared the Public Hearing closed.

Council Member Westbrook arrived.

Mayor Parham asked if upon approval it would be effective this election year. City Attorney

Williams responded that it could take up to 60 days or longer to get through the process with the Attorney General. That is why the Registrar wanted to expediate this matter and have a Special Meeting.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to adopt the Ordinance to Amend and Re-Adopt Section 46-92 of the City Code to Change the Polling Place for the First Ward to Lakemont Elementary as stated on pages 2-13. Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion.

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

On a roll call vote, voting Yes: Cuthbert, Myers, Westbrook, Hill, and Parham; No: N/A; Abstain: n/a.

Mayor Parham recognized Mr. Bossie Bonner, Chair of the Petersburg Electoral Board. Mr. Bonner expressed his appreciation to Council. Mayor Parham recognized Dawn Wilmoth, Petersburg General Registrar/Director of Elections.

6. 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 3:08 p.m.

Adopted: 07/15/2025

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk