

The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. The meeting video link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/337715>.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr
Council Member Howard Myers
Council Member Arnold Westbrook
Council Member Annette Smith-Lee (Late)
Vice Mayor Darrin Hill
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent: Council Member Marlow Jones (Late)

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

Mayor Parham requested a motion to add discussion of §22.1-92 and 93 to the Closed Session agenda.

Council Member Hill made a motion to add discussion of §22.1-92 and 93 to the Closed Session agenda. Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

2. CLOSED SESSION

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

- a. §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; 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)(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 15.1-3221.6 of the Code of Virginia, and Section 106-1 of the Petersburg City Code; and

- d. §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia for the Purpose of Discussion Regarding the Subject 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.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to enter into Closed Session for the purpose stated. 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, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; No: N/A; abstain: N/A.

The Council entered Closed Session at 3:09 p.m.

Council Member Jones arrived.

Council Member Myers left the Closed Session discussions.

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, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; No: N/A; abstain: Myers.

25-RES-13 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 5:19 p.m.

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to take all actions necessary to review and develop an MOU with "Team Loaded" with terms substantially similar to those in the draft provided today, and bring any necessary formal action requirements including but not limited to necessary supplemental appropriations before Council for consideration during the regular April cycle of Council meetings.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to direct the City Manager and the City Attorney to take all actions necessary to review and develop an MOU with "Team Loaded" with terms substantially similar to those in the draft provided today, and bring any necessary formal action requirements including but not limited to necessary supplemental appropriations before Council for consideration during the regular April cycle of Council meetings. Council Member Smith-Lee 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.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

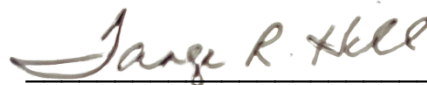
Adopted: April 1, 2025

APPROVED:

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

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

City Clerk