

The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The meeting video link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/319395>.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

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

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 a Proposed City Charter Amendment; Proposed Amendments to the City Code and Zoning Ordinance; A Claim Concerning Utility Taps; Proposed Amendments to the City Code and Zoning Ordinance; the Requirements of Chapter 37 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia; 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; and §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 §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.

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.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Myers, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; no: N/A; Abstain: N/A.

Council entered into Closed Session at 12:03 p.m.

Council Member Westbrook arrived.

Council Member Cuthbert 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 open session and certify the purposes of the closed session. 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, Jones, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A

24-RES-__ 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 1:32 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to add to the agenda an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3-16 of the City Charter Concerning the Powers and Duties of the Collector of Taxes and schedule a Public Hearing and consideration for adoption on November 19, 2024.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to add to the agenda an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3-

16 of the City Charter Concerning the Powers and Duties of the Collector of Taxes and schedule a Public Hearing and consideration for adoption on November 19, 2024. Council Member Myers seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved in the affirmative.

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to adopt the charter amendment for the tax collector to the legislative agenda and the agenda for the first reading to schedule the ordinance for public hearing and consideration for adoption on the November 19, 2024 meeting.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to adopt the charter amendment for the tax collector to the legislative agenda and the agenda for the first reading to schedule the ordinance for public hearing and consideration for adoption on the November 19, 2024 meeting. Council Member Myers 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

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to add to the City Council November 6, 2024 Work Session agenda the consideration of a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Economic Development Performance Agreement with Tabb Street Development, LLC.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion add to the City Council November 6, 2024 Work Session agenda the consideration of a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Economic Development Performance Agreement with Tabb Street Development, LLC. Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion. Council member Cuthbert asked that the record reflect his abstention.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

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

3. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

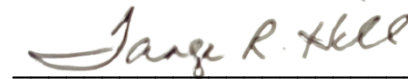
Adopted: 11/19/2024

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.

City Clerk