

The Special Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. The meeting link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/350797>

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Council Member Charles Cuthbert
Council Member Howard Myers
Council Member Arnold Westbrook
Vice Mayor Darrin Hill
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent:

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

Present from City Administration:

Acting City Manager Kenneth Miller
City Attorney Anthony Williams
City Clerk Tangi Hill

2. CLOSED SESSION

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

- a. §2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia for the Purpose of Receiving Legal Advice from the City Attorney and Legal Consultation Regarding Specific Legal Matters Requiring the Provision of Legal Advice by the City Attorney, Specifically Including But Not Limited to Discussion Regarding Chapter 26 of the Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, and Other Legal Matters Requiring the Advice of the City Attorney; and
- b. §2.2-3711(A)(6) of the Code of Virginia Regarding the Discussion or Consideration of the Investment of Public Funds Where Competition or Bargaining is Involved, Where if Made Public, the Financial Interest of the Government Unit Would Be Adversely Affected; and
- c. §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 Officers of the City of Petersburg

Vice Mayor Hill 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 roll call vote.

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

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

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; Absent: N/A.

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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 4:42 p.m.

Mayor Parham stated that he would like to entertain a motion to add to the agenda a resolution approving the City's participation in the Sackler Family Opioid Settlement.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to add to the agenda a resolution approving the City's participation in the Sackler Family Opioid Settlement. Council Member Smith-Lee seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote

of the Council. Motion carried.

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to adopt a Resolution of the City of Petersburg City Council Approving the City's Participation in the Proposed Direct Settlement of the Opioid-Related Claims Against the Sackler Family, and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Documents Necessary to Effectuate the City's Participation in the Settlement.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to adopt a Resolution of the City of Petersburg City Council Approving the City's Participation in the Proposed Direct Settlement of the Opioid-Related Claims Against the Sackler Family, and Directing the City Manager to Execute the Documents Necessary to Effectuate the City's Participation in the Settlement. Council Member Smith-Lee seconded the motion.

Mayor Parham opened the floor to receive public comments. Hearing none, Mayor Parham closed the floor for public comments.

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; Absent: N/A.

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to add a motion to direct the City Manager to reassign project management for certain specified projects to the agenda.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to add a motion to direct the City Manager to reassign project management for certain specified projects to the agenda. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous affirmative vote Council. Motion carried.

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to direct the City Manager to reassign the following projects from Public Works Utilities to a private contractor or other person or entity for the purpose of project management and report the status of such reassignment to Council at the Council Work Session in September – Courthouse Project; Poor Creek Water, Wastewater and Water Tank; Locks Watermain; Police Station; Animal Shelter; Southside Depot; Oak Hill Bridge; Bank Street Hole; Stormwater Study; Wythe Street Bridge; Storm Clean Up; Wilcox Lake Dam; Grass Cuttings, Cemeteries and Others; Former Roper Property, Paving Downtown Parking Lots, Petersburg Harbor, Mount Vernon Water Tank and Pump Station, Casino, Lead Pipe Replacement, Virginia Linen, and Travel Inn.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to direct the City Manager to reassign the following projects from Public Works Utilities to a private contractor or other person or entity for the purpose of project management and report the status of such reassignment to Council at the Council Work Session in September – Courthouse Project; Poor Creek Wastewater and Water Tank; Lox Watermain; Police Station; Animal Shelter; Southside Depot; Oak Hill Bridge; Bank Street Hole; Stormwater Study; Wythe Street Bridge; Storm Clean Up; Wilcox Lake Dam; Grass Cuttings, Cemeteries and Others; Former Roper Property, Paving Downtown Parking Lots, Petersburg Harbor, Mount Vernon Water Tank and Pump Station, Casino, Lead Pipe Replacement, Virginia Linen, and Travel Inn. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous affirmative vote of the Council. Motion carried.

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to direct the Acting City Manager to terminate the Public Works/Utilities Director and the City Engineer to the agenda.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to direct the Acting City Manager to terminate the Public Works/Utilities Director and the City Engineer to the agenda. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous affirmative vote of the Council. Motion carried.

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to direct the Acting City Manager Kenneth Miller to terminate the Public Works/Utilities Director and the City Engineer.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to direct the Acting City Manager to terminate the Public Works/Utilities Director and the City Engineer. Council Member Jones 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; Absent: N/A.

Motion carried.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Adopted: 09/02/2025



Mayor, Samuel Parham

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Tangi R. Hill

