

The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. The meeting link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/372533>.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

W. Howard Myers, Councilor – Ward 5
Arnold Westbrook, Jr., Councilor – Ward 7
Samuel Parham, Mayor – Ward 3
Darrin Hill, Vice Mayor – Ward 2

Absent:

Charles Cuthbert, Jr., Councilor – Ward 4 (Late)
Marlow Jones, Councilor – Ward 1 (Late)
Annette Smith-Lee, Councilor - Ward 6 (Late)

Present from City Administration:

City Manager John March Altman, Jr.
City Attorney Anthony Williams
City Clerk Tangi Hill

A quorum of the City Council was present.

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)(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 Certain Federal Criminal Justice Grant Conditions; 8 USC § 1373; O.B.B.A. Public Law 119-21, and Other Probable Litigation and Legal Matters Requiring the Advice of the City Attorney; 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 Officers, Employees of the City of Petersburg, Specifically Including But Not Limited to Discussion of the Performance, Assignment, Salaries and Appointment of 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: Myers, Westbrook, Hill, and Parham; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A; Absent: Cuthbert, Jones, and Smith-Lee.

The Council entered Closed Session at 4:03 p.m.

Council Member Smith-Lee 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 the 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 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 5:11 p.m.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Adopted: 02/03/2026

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Mayor, Samuel Parham

ATTEST:

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

Clerk of Council, Tangi R. Hill