

The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. The meeting link is <https://petersburgva.new.swagit.com/videos/381361>.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

W. Howard Myers, Councilor – Ward 5
Arnold Westbrook, Jr., Councilor – Ward 7
Annette Smith-Lee, Councilor - Ward 6
Darrin Hill, Vice Mayor – Ward 2
Samuel Parham, Mayor – Ward 3

Absent:

Charles Cuthbert, Jr., Councilor – Ward 4 (Late)
Marlow Jones, Councilor – Ward 1 (Late)

Present from City Administration:

City Manager John March Altman
City Attorney Anthony Williams
City Clerk Tangi Hill

A quorum of the City Council was present.

Mayor Parham entertained a motion to add to the Closed Session agenda discussions of the legal requirements of 15.2-953 of the Code of Virginia.

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to add to the Closed Session agenda discussions of the legal requirements of 15.2-953 of the Code of Virginia. Council Member Smith-Lee seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion. All members of Council present voted in the affirmative. Members of Council absent were Cuthbert and Jones. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

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)(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 Article X Section 6 of the Virginia Constitution; 58.1-3606 and 3651 of the Code of Virginia; 2024 VA AG LEXIS 11; Code of Virginia 15.2-953(c); Terms of the Hotel Petersburg Development Agreement; the legal requirements of 15.2-953 of the Code of Virginia; and Other Matters of Actual or Probable Litigation and Matters Requiring the Advice of the City Attorney; and
- c. Discussions of the legal requirements of 15.2-953 of the Code of Virginia

Vice Mayor Hill made a motion to enter Closed Session for the purpose stated. Council Member Westbrook seconded the motion.

Council Member Cuthbert arrived.

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; Absent: Jones.

The Council entered Closed Session at 3:03 p.m.

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, Yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A; Absent: N/A.

2026-RES-015 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.

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, Yes: Cuthbert, Jones, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A; Absent: N/A.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

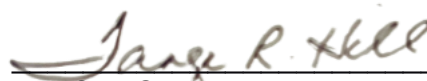
City Council adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Adopted: 04/28/2026



Mayor, Samuel Parham

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Tangi R. Hill