

The regular meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at the Union Train Station. Mayor Myers called the regular meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

REGULAR-SCHEDULED MEETING – 6:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Member David R. Coleman
Council Member John A. Hart, Sr.
Council Member Darrin L. Hill
Council Member Brian A. Moore
Council Member Treska Wilson-Smith
Vice Mayor Samuel Parham
Mayor W. Howard Myers

Absent: None

Present from City Administration:

City Attorney Joseph E. Preston
Interim City Manager Tom Tyrrell
Interim Finance Director Nelsie Birch
Clerk of Council Nykesha Jackson

2. CLOSED SESSION:

No closed session items.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

a. Clerk of Council, Nykesha Jackson, led council and the audience in a moment of silence.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

a. Clerk of Council, Nykesha Jackson, led council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: (Each presentation will be limited to 10 minutes.)

Kevin Brown, City Treasurer, gave an update on delinquent collection results.

There was discussion among City Council Members and Mr. Brown.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes: Regular City Council Meeting, November 1, 2016.
- b. Request to schedule a public hearing to add Section 106-66 to Article III of Chapter 106, of the 2000 Code of the City of Petersburg, to add as a prerequisite to applying to the circuit court for real property tax relief, a review by the Board of Equalization.
- c. Request to schedule a public hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Petersburg's existing charter.

Council Member Coleman made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda that scheduled public

hearings for December 13, 2016, regular City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hart. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

7. **OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS: (In accordance with the Rules of Council, public comment will be heard before discussion by Council. Once discussion has started, no further input from the public will be accepted. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes.)**

No public hearings.

8. **PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD:** The Public Information Period is established by the Rules of Council to hear input from City residents or owners of businesses in the City. It will last for a maximum of 30 minutes. Speakers will be called in the order that they have signed up to speak. If there are ten or fewer speakers, each shall speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. If there are more than six (6) people desiring to speak, the time allotted to each person may be adjusted or the number of speakers limited to meet the time limitation. A speaker may speak on items **except those that are listed on tonight's Council agenda**. Any matter brought before the attention of the City Council during the public information period will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting.

Brandon Martin, 1546 Berkeley Avenue, stated "I have four things briefly. First for the next six months I would request that this council waive the Rule of Council that relates to the three minute limit on public hearings and the public information session and then at the end of six months reevaluate reinstating the three minute rule. Don't muzzle the citizens. We are Petersburg. Secondly, think back to the budget work session and the presentation by the state technical team back in August. There was one take away from that. Do not dig the hole deeper. You have done it once already to the \$375,000 and it appears that you consider doing another \$6.5 million. Third, I would suggest that it would be appropriate to consider rolling back as in what Walmart does, the management position compensation programs that are currently in the books back to the 2010 level. You are talking about a half of a million dollars. Review it again when the budget time comes up next spring for action for FY18. Fourthly the treasurer just spoke briefly about his efforts. I have asked for and still did not see a spread sheet breakdown of just what happened with the June delinquent real estate tax sale. About 50 parcels were sold and some of them were almost giveaways. What was owed? Break that down with delinquent tax penalties and cost, demolition cost, grass cutting cost that the City was owed. What did they get? What was the final net to the City per parcel? Lastly within that area, how many accounts do we have that are 19 years delinquent? Real estate taxes are a lien on properties for 20 years. You can go after the people in 19 years and still get your money and sell it. Thank you."

Alvin Vassor, 214 South Sycamore Street, stated "Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to come before you. My name is Alvin Vassor and I am a resident of Petersburg. I reside at 214 South Sycamore. I come before you to give a recommendation to consider that may help the City Mayor approach the table. Thank you. I was told to make seven copies that's why I may seven. If I need more than just give me a way to get in touch with you and I can make more. Thank you."

Cory Harris, 2316 Anderson Street, stated "I don't do this much but you said something about the vulnerable in the City. Thank you. We don't hear that a lot here. That meant a lot to me and I just want to say thank you for that. What I want to talk about is just simply an article that came in the newspaper about poverty and how poverty has spread across central Virginia. I hope quite frankly that all of you have read the article. It was very important to read. I really hope that we put a lot of emphasis on trying to help the vulnerable in Petersburg because I have said this before I think that this is the key to building the City back and giving the City new life. About two blocks from my home there was a murder. And all those years living there it's something that quite frankly I wouldn't have thought would happen. I think you live near the area Councilman Hill. We need to pay more attention to the citizens of the City. We need to focus on the vulnerable in the City so we can bring new life in this City. I got to tell you a quick story if I can. When I grew up my father did a lot of jobs and I am proud of him for that. He worked hard to provide for our family. One thing that stood out to me was when he got home in less than ten minutes he was sleep. He was exhausted and tired. When it comes to time people that are poor, they don't have a lot of it. Time is the biggest enemy when it comes to people that

are in poverty. We give them more time, we give them more opportunity and that is why we need to focus on the vulnerable in the City. You cannot expect the vulnerable in the City to focus on education or trying to get off the streets if you will. If they feel they have very little opportunity to grow. I really wish that you understand that this is important. Detroit, Michigan I believe the poverty rate was 39%. I believe the City Manager in Chicago, \$1.3 million are in poverty. We can't overlook this epidemic. I wish that this council would take that serious if you are trying to truly grow this City. Thank you."

Richard Stewart, 129 Rolfe Street, stated "I came to you last City Council meeting to talk about 'I Can't Breathe' cause 'Black Lives Matter.' The strip of 100 feet of trucks. Thank you Mayor. Thank you Mr. Hill. Thank you Mrs. Treska. Something has been said and I don't know what it is. There is changes over there but we still haven't solved our problem. Black lives matter and we can't breathe. It's an advocate group that wants to help me but I said no and that I will stand down for a while and give them a chance to get it straight. Matter fact Mr. Gordon from the waste treatment met me before I came here today and said that we are working on something to try and help you. But I said what about the liability of my historical slavery property that has been in my family since 1850. He said that we never took a look at this. I let him walk around the property and said it's a liability. Pocahontas on its way back. DEQ is on its way over there. They come from all over the state and now they are looking at Pocahontas. Now my problem is some kind of way is getting out there. Black lives matter. There coming and I'll let you know the next time. There is something else concerning me, 'Clean Sweep.' My clean sweep is murder in Petersburg. Murder in Blandford area unsolved. Murder up on The Heights in 5th Ward. Clean Sweep 5th Ward murder. When are we going to clean sweep our neighborhoods. George Allen had something called 'Weed & Seed' and he had money for The Heights, Blandford and 5th Ward. Murder is rapid in Petersburg. If we going to do some clean sweeping in Petersburg let's clean sweep these black areas that got this crime in it. We got unsolved murders. Matter of fact there is a killing on Berkeley Street back there. It was two or three years ago. There is crime out there near Walnut Hill laundromat. What about these murders. Let's clean sweep these black neighborhoods with crime. I thank you."

Atiba Muse, 104 South Plains Drive, stated "Regarding the Petersburg Preservation Task Force, I appreciate the desire and transparency of a citizen's advisory committee. I am thankful this is the genuine request of City Manager Tyrrell and the Robert Bobb Group. I think that this is due diligence and at a time like this it's very important. Speaking for the task force I am pleased we have prearranged those certain probable organizations providing members to our task force interested in the responsibilities of Petersburg Museum and Tourism Industry. All things considered. Any board position of our organization will create fundraising difficulties that would be an unfair burden for the effort that we have displayed crafting contingency plans ready to engage various hypothetical scenarios that we have taken the time to work out. With that said 'I am the Preservation Task Force' would appreciate council rescinding the need for any governing body directing the actions of the task force. In an effort to please council and the city manager I would like to provide you the names of individuals in the organizations that they represent. As comfort our association is grounded in the community. Working together we have in the Preservation Task Force Cleve Wright of the Cameron Foundation; Louis Malon of Preservation Virginia; Bobby Lynch of the Historic Petersburg Foundation; Lucious Edwards, Jr. retired from Virginia State University; Lunsford Johnson of the Petersburg Museum Foundation; Martha Burton of the Petersburg Area Regional Tourism Authority; Billy Johnson of the Ladies Memorial Association of Petersburg; Sandy Graham representing the Battersea Foundation; Ann Atkinson of the Daughters of Revolution; Russell Kvasnicka of Petersburg Area Art League; Chris Calkins of the Virginia State Parks; Jim Hamlin of the Historic Blandford Cemetery Foundation; Wayne Tucker of the Friends of Farmer's Bank; Susan Wright of the Petersburg Garden Club; Atiba Muse, myself representing the school division; Chip Mann as the former chair of Historic Resources Board and advisory members at-large to include Dean McCray, Walter Patrick, Larry Tucker and Rob Blount. These individuals have given us grace and their good time. It is our hope that we can act in a responsible capacity in moving forward for the negotiations that we have engaged in thus far. We are very pleased with the progress that we are making and we look to open the museums November 25th and to extend that through the holiday period if that is the pleasure of the board. Thank you very kindly."

Barb Rudolph, 1675 Mt. Vernon Street, stated "I'm here to talk about some good news and some bad news. We will start with the good news. Robert Bobb Group, I think is good news. We have seen that Mr. Bobb has brought the fire power to identify the problems and propose solutions. I think by bringing a big staff of

competent people able to gang up on the problems and get things done in probably a way that we couldn't have done without their help. So kudos to all concerned. The bad news is related to that. The more that the Bobb Group learns and describes about what they find the more clear the management of the City's finances and operation it has been. I'll comment again that you have done a very poor job of managing your appointees and staff. Most of you have shown little to no interest in digging below the surface when there have been warnings such as the CAFR's. I think you're please with yourself for hiring the Robert Bobb Group and you figure that this will placate angry citizens. Well learning from the Robert Bobb Group just how bad the problems are isn't making us feel any better. Thank you."

Ron Flock, 1708 Pender Avenue, stated "My 3rd water bill ago I got in the mail, opened it up and put it on the file and forgot all about. Next month I get my bill and it says that I have a past due balance and my water is going to be cut off. I look at the cut-off date and it's the next day after I get my bill. I'm fortunate with my job I can come and go as I please. I can come in late and go home early. I was able to go down and get everything paid before it was shut off. But there are not a lot of people that are that fortunate. So I would ask that you consider changing that 30 days to add an additional ten days or fifteen days so that people will have time to react and come down and pay that bill. Thank you."

Vernal Gannaway, 652 Old Wagner Road, stated "I like to say kudos to those that participated in having our Christmas Parade. It gives up positive notion to the rest of the community that we are moving on the up or down. It makes not only me feel good but the community. About two weeks ago I was at the senior night football game for the seniors celebrating seniors with my granddaughter. We walked across the stage. Congratulations to those participating seniors. This is there last year participating with the band and other activities. I noticed at the game it was a different hope. I felt it was a different hope. The game was a slaughter and we won the game which was good. Anytime we win it always feel good when we win. So I am just saying to you thank you Mr. Hill and congratulations for coming back. But I think in seeing all across the country with the elections that we are just coming through that we can work together and get some things done. The whole key is if we lock arms with each other. We can disagree but not always be disagreeable. If we do this we will continue to make this City the greatest City which it has always been to me. Thank you."

Karen Graham, 402 High Street, stated "I have a question regarding the presentation that the Bobb Group gave with regard to the \$2.7 million dollars from the 2014 bonds where it was referenced that the Farmer's Market would be one of the projects moving forward. Clarification on whether or not this is the Farmer's Market building down here or our weekend Farmer's Market that was destroyed because of some of the City staff killing it. If it's the Farmer's Markey building down here why is the City continuing to put money into this project when it is under private development and being leased by someone else on a long term lease. We shouldn't be putting any more money into this building at all. There should be far more important projects where this money targeted for the Farmer's Market should be going into other projects. Put it into City museum sites. The former BB&T building where the City had or has a lease to move Economic Development and Tourism Offices into looks like that building is maybe close to completion with the renovation. What is the status to the lease? Are we still obligated to a lease when we still have a tourism department? And if we don't move forward with the lease and what is the financial penalty to get out of that lease and has the purchaser of the building paid the City in full for the building or are those payments tied to any lease agreement that the City has with the developer. Also can you update us on the status of the state investigation that you have decided to wait for their report rather than moving forward with the forensic audit? And just some sort of housekeeping, the traffic light has been out at Wythe and Union since the end of last week. I didn't go by today but has it been fixed and if not when will it be repaired. And Mayor Myers we have not had a ward five meeting in I can't tell you how long. I have asked for it all summer long. All these other council persons have had meetings, can you please represent your citizens. Thank you."

9. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FOR/FROM THE MAYOR OR OTHER MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

- a. Consideration of an appropriation for Victims of Crime Act Assistance.

BACKGROUND: Victim Witness was awarded \$283,505 for use in fiscal year, 2017. An appropriation of \$231,649 was previously approved. An additional \$51,856 was awarded and is recommended

to be appropriated. These monies will be used to purchase new equipment, office supplies and to attend annual conference. Annual reporting and certifications are filed yearly with the Department of Criminal Justice Service.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council approve the appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$51,856.

Vice Mayor Parham made a motion to approve the appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$51,856. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

16-ORD-46 A ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SAID ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, IN THE SPECIAL FUNDS FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,856 FOR VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE GRANT.

- b. Consideration to appoint a Board of Directors for Petersburg Museums.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg offers a unique combination of history, heritage, and social/cultural experiences. Rich in culture and history, the City of Petersburg has more than 1,000 properties listed on the historic registers for the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or the federal government. Recognizing the significance of local history and tourism-related economic opportunities, the City of Petersburg is collaborating with diverse local and regional partners in creating long-term strategies for preserving, managing, and operating its museums and other cultural assets. Working through a City Council-appointed Board of Directors for Museums will enable the City of Petersburg to become proactive and inclusive in improving the physical conditions, management, and operations of its historic assets, while maximizing visitor experiences, resource development, and revenue potential.

The mission of the Board of Directors for Petersburg Museums is to lead the transformation and future direction of the City's historic assets. The Board of Directors for Museums would be responsible for the following:

1. Making policy decisions concerning museum programs and operations
2. Establishing guidelines, procedures, and regulations
3. Approving a collections policy
4. Approving an annual budget
5. Approving financial and strategic plans
6. Overseeing all matters concerning liability insurance, risk management and loss prevention
7. Appointing a director or contracting with an organization for the day to day management and operations of city-owned museums.

The seven-member Board of Directors for Petersburg Museums would meet quarterly. Seven members and two alternates would be selected from the following organizations:

- The Petersburg Chamber of Commerce
- Virginia State University
- The Pocahontas Island Black History Museum
- Petersburg Area Regional Tourism
- John Tyler Community College
- The Historic Petersburg Foundation
- The Cameron Foundation
- Petersburg Public Schools
- The Virginia Historical Society
- The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- The Virginia Department of Conservation and Preservation

Board members would be selected for two-year terms.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that City Council appoints a seven-member Board of Directors and two alternates for Petersburg Museums consisting of representatives from a defined list of long-standing local and regional organizations responsible for history, educational programming, museums, preservation, and/or tourism.

There was discussion among City Council Members and staff.

Council Member Hart made a motion to table until there is more information out. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

- c. Consideration of a resolution of Support and Endorsement of the City of Petersburg House 2 (HB2) Applications for Funding.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg has identified transportation improvement projects that include Improvements to I/85 NB to I/95 SB Interchanges, and I-95 and South Crater Road as its top priorities for Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) House Bill 2 (HB2) funding. The stated improvements are in line with the City's Long Range Comprehensive Plan and the Crater Planning District Commission's 2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that City Council adopt a Resolution of Support and Endorsement of the City of Petersburg HB2 Applications for funding.

Council Member Hill made a motion that City Council adopts a Resolution of Support and Endorsement of the City of Petersburg HB2 Applications for funding. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hart. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Parham and Myers; Voting No: Wilson-Smith

16-R-70 A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG HB-2 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING.

- d. Consideration of the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND: The Operating budget is recommended for \$64,834,925 for the Fiscal Year beginning July1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution, to be adopted, that supports this request by category.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance.

Nelsie Birch, Interim Finance Director, gave a briefing of the Operating Budget.

Council Member Coleman made a motion to adopt the attached appropriation ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

16-ORD-47 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 IN THE GOVERNMENTAL OPERATING FUNDS.

- e. Consideration of the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Utility Fund Budget.

BACKGROUND: The Utility Budget is recommended for \$11,908,957 for the Fiscal Year beginning

July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution, to be adopted, that supports this request by category.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance.

Council Member Hill made a motion to adopt the attached appropriation ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hart. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

16-ORD-48 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UTILITY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.

f. Consideration of the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Mass Transit Budget.

BACKGROUND: The Mass Transit is recommended for \$2,869,531 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution, to be adopted, that supports this request by category.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance.

Council Member Hart made a motion to accept the recommendation to adopt the attached appropriation ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

16-ORD-49 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MASS TRANSIT FUND, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.

g. Consideration of the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant Budget.

BACKGROUND: The Community Development Block Grant is recommended for \$596,163 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution, to be adopted, that supports this request by category.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance.

There was discussion among City Council Members and staff.

Council Member Hill made a motion to adopt FY2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

16-ORD-50 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.

h. Consideration of the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Dogwood Trace and Petersburg General Budget.

BACKGROUND: The Dogwood Trace and Petersburg General Budget is recommended for \$1,059,083 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution, to be adopted, that supports this request by category.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance.

Council Member Hart made a motion to accept the recommendation to adopt the attached appropriation ordinance for Dogwood Trace and Petersburg General Budget. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Parham. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

16-ORD-51 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOGWOOD TRACE AND PETERSBURG GENERALS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.

- i. Consideration of the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Special Fund Budget.

BACKGROUND: The Special Fund Budget is recommended for \$15,047,894 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution, to be adopted, that supports this request by category.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance.

Council Member Hill made a motion to adopt the attached budget for the Special Fund Budget. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Parham. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

16-ORD-52 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.

- j. Consideration of a resolution for approving amendments to projects financed by the Virginia Resource Authority.

BACKGROUND: In consultation with the City's financial advisor, Davenport & Company LLC (the "Financial Advisor") and bond counsel, Sands Anderson PC ("Bond Counsel"), City staff has evaluated the current capital needs of the City and wishes to update and amend the descriptions of the 2013 Projects, the 2014 Projects and the 2015 Projects to defer or reduce expenditures on certain projects originally included as part of such Projects and to provide additional funding for other capital needs and related expenses including capitalized interest on the 2013 Bond, 2014 Bond and 2015 Bond, as appropriate, all such project costs to be funded only as permitted under Section 62.1-199 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an amendment agreement with VRA to provide for the Revised Project Descriptions, the details of such Revised Project Descriptions to be approved by the City Manager whose approval shall be evidenced conclusively by the execution and delivery of such amendment agreement and instructs the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel to take all such action as necessary or appropriate to conclude the amendments to the terms of the 2013 Financing Agreement, the 2014 Financing Agreement and the 2015 Financing Agreement and any related documents.

Recommend The City Council hereby approves, ratifies and confirms the actions of its officers, employees and representatives in furtherance of the amendment to the 2013 Financing Agreement, the 2014 Financing Agreement and the 2015 Financing Agreement to provide for the Revised Project Descriptions, and authorizes and directs its officers, employees and representatives, the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel and other professionals to take all such action necessary or appropriate to finalize the amendments to the 2013 Financing Agreement, the 2014 Financing Agreement and the 2015 Financing Agreement in connection with the Revised Project Descriptions.

There was discussion among City Council Members and staff.

Vice Mayor Parham made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with VRA

to provide for the revised projects. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hart. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

16-R-71 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO PROJECTS FINANCED BY THE VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHORITY.

- k. Consideration of the issuance, sale, and award of a general obligation revenue anticipation note, series 2016.

BACKGROUND: The City held a public hearing, duly noticed, on November 1, 2016 on the issuance of up to \$6,500,000 general obligation bonds or notes of the City in accordance with of the Act; The City Council has determined that it is necessary and advisable and in the best interest of the City to authorize the borrowing of money in an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000 in order to pay expenses expected to be incurred prior to the collection of taxes and revenues of the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and that such amount does not exceed the anticipated revenues for such fiscal year, and to issue the City's general obligation tax and revenue anticipation notes therefor.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council Approve the resolution to issue, sale and award a general obligation revenue anticipation note not to exceed \$6,500,000.

Council Member Coleman made a motion that City Council approves the resolution to issue, sale and award a general obligation revenue anticipation note not to exceed \$6,500,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

16-R-72 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND AWARD OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES 2016, OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, DETAILS AND PAYMENT THEREOF.

Council Member Hart stated "Just a couple of items. I would like Mr. Tyrrell to provide a current status of all the lease equipment that the City has and you can email it or whatever. And also next Saturday not this coming up, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, I am asking that if any citizen wants to come out and help me clean-up Exit 52. I'll provide rakes, shovels, trash bags or anything and council members as well. I will be out there at 8:00am to help beautify our exit a little bit. Thank you."

Council Member Coleman stated "On November 29th Ward 6 will have its ward meeting at A.P. Hill Elementary School. Our guest presenter will be our City Attorney Mr. Joseph Preston. I am also officially inviting the Robert Bobb Group to come out that day if possible and join us. And anyone else that would like to be there on the 29th of this month at 6:30pm at A.P. Hill. Thank you."

Council Member Moore stated "Mr. Mayor the item that I want to talk about is the forensic audit but I see that it is on the City Manager's agenda so I will defer until that time."

Council Member Hill stated "I just want to thank everybody for coming out on last Tuesday. I thank the citizens for their vote of confidence in me back on council. Also we are going to have a Ward 2 Town Hall Meeting. I will get the date by our next meeting. The topic will be.....We have to get some neighborhood watch in our community especially in East Walnut Hill. We had a shooting the other night and I think this is the second shooting within the last year that we have had in our particular neighborhood. We have to do better. I would like the Chief of Police and the neighborhood watch committee to get that started very soon. I will have that date coming real soon. I have to wait until after Tuesday in order to come up with a good date. Thank you for your vote of confidence I'm going to work hard for you. Thank you that will be all."

Vice Mayor Parham stated "I would like to thank all the residence of Ward 3 that came out for last night's ward meeting. And I want to thank Mr. Robert Bobb and Mr. Tom Tyrrell for speaking on behalf of the City. We had a good meeting. Also while Mrs. Hamlin is here 'Is your husband doing okay from last night?'"

Mrs. Hamlin stated "Yes he is doing a lot better."

Vice Mayor Parham stated "Sorry about that. Mr. Hamlin had a little fall last night. I'm happy that he is recovering and going to be okay. Tell him I will see him at the next one okay. Also in Ward 3 were going to have a committee clean-up. Since the holidays are here there are several residents that are interested in coming together to do a clean-up before Thanksgiving. We will meet up at Fort Davis at 9:00am. Anyone that is interested we will have safety vest, bags and anything to do and we can go out there and clean-up one of our main entrance ways. And anyone that wants to participate just meet us at Fort Davis. That is Saturday at 9:00am on Flank Road.

10. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

- a. City Manager's Report
 - 1. Financial Report
 - 2. Museum Update
 - 3. Holiday Parade Update
 - 4. Forensic Audit Deferment
 - 5. Public Information Period Responses

Mr. Tom Tyrrell stated "If it's okay I would like to stand up here. We have a couple of things we can go over fairly quickly then we want to have a talk over the financial report that we talked about earlier. As you know we operate as a team and Mr. Robert Bobb will review the financial report shortly. I just want to take a couple of minutes and say the museum update that I put here was just in case I needed to talk about it more. I understand that now it has been tabled. My assumption is that we'll bring back information and we will develop a couple of recommendations one that has a way forward without a board and one that has a way forward with a board. We will provide that to council for consideration if that's appropriate I will go down that path. A holiday parade update is that we have partnered with Ricky Johnson and Friend's Foundation and Woody Foundation to hold and organize our annual holiday parade. The parade is set to occur December 3, 2016 at 3:00pm. It will be in the Old Walnut Hill mall area South Crater Road and Morton Avenue and conclude at South Crater Road and Medical Park Boulevard. The Woody Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and they will be accepting tax deductible donations to help with the cost of the parade. Donations should be made out to the Woody Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 922, Petersburg, Virginia 23803. If you ever interested in joining a parade or need additional details call Christopher Woody at 804-549 9098 or Ricky Johnson at 804-774-0099 or visit them Monday-Friday at the Union Train Station at 103 River Street between 9:00am and 5:00pm. With respect to the forensic audit deferment as we promised in our entry level briefing two weeks ago we got a lot of forensics. The reason that we would ask to defer that is for two-folds. One is that we would like to have an appropriate target identified so that we can narrow the scope of the audit and make it the most effective outcome that we can get for our expenditure. As you know we had the responses to range from a cost at a little under \$200,000 to over \$1 million. That span by itself suggests that as an interpreter for request for proposal that made some assumptions about the scope of the inquiry. We certainly didn't have a million dollars in the budget to pay for that activity. I think we have about \$230,000. We believe that we can defer that now until we have a better target. I am happy to take questions on that if there are any."

Council Member Moore stated "Again that was voted on by council in February. Here we are three weeks into November. I guess if this is something that this council wants to do we should always work for a middle ground. Mr. Mayor if I may use a moment of my time from the previous block I would say that if we are going to do a defer of the actual voted audit that we encompass the written text that was approved by council and encompass that into a work statement and provide that to the Robert Bobb Group as far as guidance of the audit that they will be doing. And that will be a motion."

Council Member Moore made a motion that if we are going to do a defer of the actual voted audit that

we encompass the written text that was approved by council and encompass that into a work statement and provide that to the Robert Bobb Group as far as guidance of the audit that they will be doing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wilson-Smith. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Hart, Hill, Moore, Wilson-Smith, Parham and Myers

Public Information Period Responses

Mr. Tyrrell gave responses and information on the public information period from the previous City Council meeting.

- a. What can be done about the truck noise and dust on Pocahontas Island?
 - 1. South Central Waste Water Authority (SCWWA) applied stone on October and will also apply environment friendly oil to the road for additional dust control. Large trucks are allowed between 7a.m. to 6p.m. Monday – Friday and small trucks are allowed Monday – Saturday 6a.m. – 8p.m. If residents find trucks to be in violation of this curfew they may call SCWWA at 804-861-0111.
- b. Was the 10% reduction an across the board cut?
 - 1. All City employees received a 10% salary reduction except those salaries which were fully funded by other sources. City Council later voted to give a 20% reduction to Council Appointees who make over \$100,000; however, it was found that this reduction was not allowable under their current employment contracts. Those employee salaries were also reduced by 10%
- c. Which officers make over \$100,000?

City Attorney	Joseph Preston	\$139,500
Commonwealth Attorney	Cassandra Conover	\$132,545
Real Estate Assessor	Richie McKeithen	\$117,000
Circuit Court Clerk	Shalva Braxton	\$114,736
Fire Chief	Thomas Hairston	\$108,817
Human Resource Director	Lorraine Adeeb	\$105,750
Economic Development Director	Landis Faulcon	\$103,500

- d. What can be done about the number of cell phones in the City?
 - 1. Currently there are 188 cell phones issued to employees in the City. The current administration is working to limit cell phone issues to employees who need to be accessible after work hours.
- e. Provide the first quarter spending of last year and the first quarter of the current year?
 - 1. The administration is currently working through the City’s financial reporting systems to gain accurate date and will report this information at a later date.

Robert Bobb of the Robert Bobb Group presented a PowerPoint presentation on the financial report.

There was discussion among City Council and Mr. Bobb.

Council Member Hart stated “Sorry to hold you guys here. I just want to thank everybody for your calls and text messages and everything. A couple of weeks ago as I felt ill at the beginning of the meeting I just want to thank council for checking up on me and making sure that I got home along with the City employees and the citizens. I really do appreciate it and thank you so much.

11. CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL'S AGENDA:

Ms. Jackson stated “The only item I have is that the last regular council meeting for the year 2016 will be on December 13th at 6:30pm here at the train station. Again the last regular council meeting for the year will

be December 13th at 6:30pm here at the train station.”

12. CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA:

No items for this portion of the agenda.

13. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY):

No items for this portion of the agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor