

The Special Called Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2021, on live stream. Council Member Parham called the Special Called Closed Session Meeting to order at 1:39p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr
Council Member Treska Wilson-Smith
Council Member W. Howard Myers
Council Member Darrin Hill
Vice Mayor Annette Smith-Lee
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent: Council Member John A. Hart, Sr.

Present from City Administration:

City Attorney Anthony Williams
Clerk of Council Nykesha D. Jackson

2. CLOSED SESSION:

Council Member Hill made a motion to add the language of Virginia Avenue title and the Petersburg Public Library to the closed session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee and Parham; Absent: Hart

- a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussions pertaining to performance, assignment, and appointment of specific public employees of the City of Petersburg specifically including but not limited to discussion of the assignment, appointment, and performance of specific public employees including Interim City Manager appointment; under Section §2.2-3711(A)(6) for the purpose of discussion and consideration regarding the subject matter of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the government unit would be adversely affected; and under Section §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 specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by the City Attorney specifically including but not limited to matters requiring legal advice from the City Attorney as it relates to Virginia Avenue title issues and Petersburg Public Library.

Council Member Myers made a motion that the City Council go into closed session for the purposes noted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee and Parham; Absent: Hart

City Council entered closed session at 1:43p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

*Audio available upon request.

Mr. Williams stated, "The Mayor would entertain a motion to conclude the closed session called this evening 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 so state prior to the vote indicating the substance for departure that in his or her judgment has taken place. This requires a roll call vote Mr. Mayor."

Council Member Hill made a motion to return City Council into open session and certify the purposes of the closed session. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Smith-Lee. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee and Parham; Absent: Hart

21-R-12 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 opened session at 3:02 p.m.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor