

The Special Called Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, on live stream. Council Member Parham called the Special Called Closed Session Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL:**

Present:

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

Absent: Council Member John A. Hart, Sr.

Present from City Administration:

Interim City Manager Kenneth Miller  
City Attorney Anthony Williams  
Clerk of City Council Nykesha D. Jackson

**2. CLOSED SESSION:**

Mayor Parham stated, "At this time, we have another item to add to the closed session on the Petersburg Circuit Court Case involving Peabody. So, at this time I would entertain a motion to add discussion of Circuit Court Case No. CL20-00008-00-00 to the closed session."

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee made a motion to add Circuit Court Case No. CL20-00008-00-00 to the closed session agenda. 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

- a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §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 matter requiring legal advice from the City Attorney concerning the old Ramada Inn property; employment law matters pertaining to specific public employees of the City; the Legal Opinion of the City Attorney pertaining to COVID Expenditures and related legal issues; legal advice pertaining to tap fees for water services; Petersburg Circuit Court Case No. CL20-00008-00-00 and legal matters requiring the advice of the City Attorney.

Council Member Hill made a motion that the City Council go into closed session for the purposes noted. 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, Hart, Hill, Smith-Lee and Parham; Absent: Hart

\*Audio available upon request.

City Council entered closed session at 11:03a.m.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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 Myers made a motion to return City Council into open session and certify the purposes of the closed session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. 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-20      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 12:30 p.m.

**3.      ADJOURNMENT:**

City Council adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

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Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

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Mayor

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