

The Special Called Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, on live stream. Council Member Parham called the Special Called Closed Session Meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

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

Absent: Council Member Treska Wilson-Smith
Council Member John A. Hart, Sr.

Present from City Administration:

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

2. CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Parham stated, "I have another item that I would like to add to the closed session. And it is about the creation of the park on Washington Street. I would entertain a motion to add a personnel discussion regarding receiving legal advice and status update on the project to create a public park.

Council Member Hill made a motion to add a personnel discussion regarding receiving legal advice and status update on the project to create a public park to closed session. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Smith-Lee. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee and Parham; Absent: Wilson-Smith and 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 property; the City's participation as grant recipient for the Local Workforce Development Grant; and legal advice and status update on the project to create a public park and other legal matters requiring the advice of the City Attorney; and under Section §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion 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 the Clerk of Council and the FOIA Officer.

Council Member Hill made a motion that the City Council go into closed session for the

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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, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee and Parham; Absent: Wilson-Smith and Hart

City Council entered closed session at 11:02 a.m.

CERTIFICATION:

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 Council Member Wilson-Smith. 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, Hart, Hill, Smith-Lee and Parham

21-R-33 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 12:18 p.m.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor

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