

The special regular meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, live streamed. Mayor Parham called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

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 Charles Cuthbert, Jr. (on speakerphone listing to meeting)
Council Member John A. Hart, Sr.

Present from City Administration:

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

2. PRAYER:

Mayor Parham stated, "Councilman Hill will lead us in our opening prayer."

Council Member Hill led the council meeting in prayer.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Parham led council and the citizens in the pledge of allegiance.

4. DETERMINATION OF THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM:

A quorum was determined with the presence of all City Council Members except Council Member Hart and Council Member Cuthbert.

Mayor Parham stated, "I just want to let you know Ms. Jackson that we have Council Member Cuthbert here as well on speakerphone. So, can you register him present on the roll as well."

5. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATION OF CEREMONIAL PROCLAMATIONS:

a. Proclamation designating June 17, 2021, as AMPAC Day in the City of Petersburg.

Mayor Parham read the proclamations out loud.

6. RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD:

Cynthia Boone, Administrative Assistant to Economic Development Director, read the questions and answers from the previous meetings.

1. Are there any capital improvement plans for sidewalk repair and street repairs?

*Audio available upon request.

Answer: There is currently \$1,000,000 capital improvement project for the paving the streets. The city in conjunction with VDOT are in the process of concluding a citywide street assessment to identify streets that need paving. A calendar for 2021 has been created.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (to include minutes of previous meeting/s)

- a. ABC Application for TTT Enterprises LLC (Monarays)
- b. ABC Application for 115 North Sycamore Street
- c. Request to schedule a public hearing on July 20, 2021, regarding a proposal to purchase City-owned property located at 115 Jolly Alley, and consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Joel Erb towards the sale of City-owned property.
- d. Request to schedule a public hearing on July 20, 2021, regarding a proposal to purchase City-owned property located at 357 University Boulevard, and consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Robert Jones, Jr., and Crystal Jones towards the sale of City-owned property.
- e. Minutes of the June 1, 2021, Closed Session, and the Special Work Session City Council Meeting of June 1, 2021.

Council Member Hill made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read by the mayor. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Smith-Lee. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

8. OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. A public hearing regarding a proposed ordinance to amend and re-adopt sections 114-78, 114-208, and 114-236 and to adopt section 114-219 of the Petersburg City Code to establish a Sanitary Lateral Repair Program.

BACKGROUND: Adoption of a Sanitary Lateral Repair Program will cause the portion of all sanitary sewer laterals located within a public Right-of-Way, or a public Wastewater Utility Easement, to become the City’s maintenance and repair responsibility, with no out-of-pocket expense to customers. The program will impose a \$3/month fee to customers with an escalation of \$0.50 every 5 years, beginning in 2025. A \$30 “trip” fee will be assessed when the City is called to resolve a sewer backup and the issue is determined to be on the customer’s property.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend that the City Council adopt this item.

Andrew Barnes, City Engineer and General Manager of Utilities, stated, “I did want to make you aware that we are proposing an amendment to the proposed ordinance. In particular Section 114236-E, which would include a Subsection 1 in allowing for administrative exemptions from the proposed fee for undeveloped properties for those properties that are legally connected to private sanitary sewer systems.”

He gave an overview on the public hearing and proposed ordinance to amend and re-adopt sections 114-78, 114-208, and 114-236 and to adopt section 114-219 of the Petersburg City Code to establish a Sanitary Lateral Repair Program.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

*Audio available upon request.

There was discussion among City Council Members and staff.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance to amend and re-adopt sections 114-78, 114-208, and 114-236 and to adopt section 114-219 of the Petersburg City Code to establish a Sanitary Lateral Repair Program with proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-ORD-36 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ADOPT SECTIONS 114-178, 114-208, AND 114-236 AND TO ADOPT SECTION 114-219 OF THE PETERSBURG CITY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A SANITARY LATERAL REPAIR PROGRAM.

b. A public hearing for the potential renaming of Poplar Lane to Rev. R.A. Diggs Ln.

BACKGROUND: Reverend Diggs has served the community in the City of Petersburg for all of his life. The applicant felt it would be appropriate to honor him by renaming Poplar Lane after the Reverend.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached resolution.

Temidire Okeowo, CIP Manager, gave an overview on the potential renaming of Poplar Lane to Rev. R.A. Diggs Ln.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Council Member Hill made a motion to approve the resolution renaming Poplar Lane to Rev. R.A. Diggs Ln. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers.

There was discussion on the motion between council and staff.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a substitute motion to rename the street Robert A. Diggs Ln or R.A. Diggs Ln, whichever preferred by Mr. Diggs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-R-54 A RESOLUTION TO RENAME POPLAR LANE TO ROBERT A. DIGGS LN.

c. A public hearing and consideration of an ordinance to amend the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance regarding the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

BACKGROUND: The City's Zoning Ordinance currently does not include provisions regarding the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. Such provisions are required by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Planning Commission considered the provisions during the June 2, 2021, Planning Commission meeting and approved a resolution recommending approval by the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council holds a public hearing and approves an ordinance amending the text of the City's Ordinance regarding the Chesapeake Bay Preservation

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Act.

Jeremy Tennant, Assistant to the City Manager, gave an overview of the ordinance to amend the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance regarding the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the ordinance amending the text of the City of Petersburg Zoning Ordinance to add provisions pertaining to the Chesapeake Bay Act. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wilson-Smith. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-ORD-37 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY ACT.

- d. A public hearing and consideration of an ordinance to amend the text of the City's Subdivision ordinance regarding the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

BACKGROUND: The City's Subdivision Ordinance currently does not include provisions regarding the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. Such provisions are required by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Planning Commission considered the provisions during the June 2, 2021, Planning Commission meeting and approved a resolution recommending approval by the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council holds a public hearing and approves an ordinance amending the text of the City's Subdivision Ordinance regarding the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

Jeremy Tennant, Assistant to the City Manager, gave an overview of the ordinance to amend the text of the City's Subdivision ordinance regarding the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

Council Member Myers made a motion adopt the ordinance to amend the text of the City's Subdivision ordinance regarding the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Abstain: Myers; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-ORD-38 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE TO ADD PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY ACT.

- e. A public hearing and consideration of an ordinance amending the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) Funding, as approved, and appropriated for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved funding to the city to address impacts of the Corona Virus, and CDBG-CV.

*Audio available upon request.

The City Council of the City of Petersburg adopted 20-ORD-29, on June 16, 2020, making appropriations for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund.

The total amount awarded and appropriated was \$371,969, and the HUD Funding Approval/ Agreement was executed July 17, 2020.

The City Council of the City of Petersburg considered a proposed allocation of the funding when the ordinance was adopted, and the identified funding needs have caused a need to amend the allocation of the funding.

This is an ordinance amending the allocation of the CDBG-CV funding.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council schedules a public hearing and approves an ordinance amending the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) Funding, as approved and appropriated for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Reginald Tabor, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development, gave an overview on the consideration of an ordinance amending the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) Funding, as approved, and appropriated for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Barbara Rudolph, 1675 Mt. Vernon Street, stated, "And I apologize I looked at the agenda quite a while ago. Is there actually a plan in there on how to spend the \$371,000 that you are asking to reappropriate? I know that we did not just see it on the screen but is it in there? Because this has been an interesting item where there was a plan that was presented that Mr. Tabor said a year ago in 2020. And it was appropriated and then later in the fiscal year there was the larger amount of money that came in from the CARES Act which is \$5.5 million. That got spent but the money that was supposed to be spent out of this particular allocation was taken out. So, it is just unclear of what is exactly going on with it. And it would be interesting and illuminating to know. And I hope we are going to hear more about the \$21 million that is coming in from the American Rescue Plan. Thanks."

Seeing no further hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council, staff, and the developer.

Council Member Myers made a motion adopt the ordinance amending the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) Funding, as approved and appropriated for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Smith-Lee. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-ORD-39 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONA VIRUS (CDBG-CV) FUNDING, AS APPROVED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 FOR THE FUND.

*Audio available upon request.

- f. A public hearing and consideration of an ordinance to authorize the release of funds from the Petersburg Public Library Endowment Fund by the city of Petersburg.

BACKGROUND: Walter Dandridge McKenney died on January 14, 1936, and under his will he made a \$2,000 request to the City of Petersburg in memory of his late brother, William R. McKenney, and is known today as the "McKenney Memorial #1Fund".

RECOMMENDATION: To approve the ordinance to authorize the release of funds to the McKenney Foundation.

Wayne Crocker, Director of Petersburg Public Library, gave an overview on the consideration of an ordinance to authorize the release of funds from the Petersburg Public Library Endowment Fund by the city of Petersburg.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

Council Member Hill made a motion adopt the ordinance to authorize the release of funds to the McKenney Foundation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-ORD-40 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM THE PETERSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND BY THE CITY OF PETERSBURG.

- g. A public hearing and consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Petersburg Preservation Task Force.

BACKGROUND: The Petersburg Preservation Task Force (PPTF) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City on July 16, 2019, for a two-year period. Currently, PPTF manages the Blandford Church and Reception Center, Centre Hill Mansion, and The Exchange Building (formerly The Siege Museum).

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Petersburg Preservation Task Force.

Wayne Crocker, Director of Petersburg Public Library, gave an overview on the consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Petersburg Preservation Task Force.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Petersburg Preservation Task Force. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

- h. A public hearing and consideration of an ordinance making appropriations for the Fiscal Year

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commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 “The Cameron Foundation Grant for The Stabilization of The Jarratt House in the City of Petersburg,” carrying over the balance of the grant from two previous fiscal years which ended on June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg received a grant from the Cameron Foundation, “The Grant” in 2019 for the stabilization of the City-owned historic property, the Jarratt House.

The stabilization project commenced and was completed in fiscal year 2021. Only a portion of the grant funding was previously expended.

There is a need to carry over unspent grant funds for Jarratt House stabilization project expenditures in fiscal year 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the city Council schedules a public hearing and approves an ordinance making appropriations for the Cameron Foundation Grant for the Stabilization of the Jarratt House, carrying over the balance of the grant from two previous fiscal years.

Reginald Tabor, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development, gave a brief overview on the consideration of an ordinance making appropriations for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 “The Cameron Foundation Grant for The Stabilization of The Jarratt House in the City of Petersburg,” carrying over the balance of the grant from two previous fiscal years which ended on June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing further hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance making appropriations for the Cameron Foundation Grant for the Stabilization of the Jarratt House, carrying over the balance of the grant from two previous fiscal years. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-ORD-41 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2020, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 “THE CAMERON FOUNDATION GRANT FOR THE STABILIZATION OF THE JARRATT HOUSE IN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, “CARRYING OVER THE BALANCE OF THE GRANT FROM TWO PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS WHICH ENDED ON JUNE 30, 2019, AND JUNE 30, 2020.

9. PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD: A public information period, limited in time to 30 minutes, shall be part of an Order of Business at each regular council meeting. Each speaker shall be a resident or business owner of the City and shall be limited to three minutes. No speaker will be permitted to speak on any item scheduled for consideration on the regular docket of the meeting at which the speaker is to speak. The order of speakers, limited by the 30-minute time period, shall be determined as follows:

- a) First, in chronological order of the notice, persons who have notified the Clerk no later than 12:00 noon of the day of the meeting,
- b) Second, in chronological order of their sign up, persons who have signed a sign-up sheet placed by the Clerk in the rear of the meeting room prior to the meeting.

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, stated, “Yes, I have been away for a minute but there are quite

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a few things, but I am going to try to condense them down to one thing. I would definitely like to say to members of council that we have a serious problem that needs to be addressed. And I have heard other council members talk about the various housing developments and all. And one thing that I can truly say is that because wards one and four part but there are a lot of things shared by Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith and Councilman Cuthbert. I am going to tell you like this because I have a number of clients in some of those hotels and I am thankful that Mrs. Treska Smith has addressed them and even talked to some of my clients. This City needs to do something about its homeless problem and needs to stop denying that it exists. We know that there are members of council who have issues and problems with homelessness. But we cannot look the other way. We are talking about doing things and trying to protect our citizens from COVID. But our homeless are still left out there to fend for themselves. Some of the agencies that got this COVID money, I did everything that I could to call the governor and everybody else on them because they are not doing their job. I would say this also. While we were spending time talking about that mural and what we knew as Lee Park that did not go right. That whole process was not done right. There were a lot of things that just were not done right including taking care of our citizens. We have had a number of side streets that have been paved but some of our main streets are not paved. I say that to say this, while we are going after the gentleman that owns the Ramada Inn I remember when a few of you members of City Council came at a few members of the community because we questioned that owner when he first came and talked about the hotel. And you all told us that we were against progress. Now look at what is standing up there, a big embarrassment. Again, we the citizens are not the enemies. And we hate to be treated like such. But if we are going to be treated like that we are going to push back. All I am saying is that the members of council, stop overlooking what is right there in our face. We have homeless families in this City, and we are not doing anything about it but worrying about a mural in a park and some other stuff that is not even necessary. Last but not least, the old City jail. What are we going to do with that building? It is empty. That is a good place to put the homeless. Some of us know why Peabody caught on fire. Because you had homeless people in there trying to stay warm because we have nowhere for them. And despite what many of you may think not everybody is homeless because they want to be. Thank you."

Amanda Green, 1210 West High Street, stated, "And one of the concerns that I have for the City or that I want to bring to the City's attention is that I own another property in the City of Petersburg, and it is off Bank Street. And this property is vacant, and I am currently working to get this property renovated. But in speaking with one of the owners of the vacant property that is literally beside my house that is an eyesore, he does not pay the \$100 vacant property fee. The property is obviously vacant and so it got me to thinking that I was debating on submitting a FOIA request to ask for the City's collection results of vacant properties. Because this one owner is not paying the vacant property fee. The property is completely dilapidated, but I have been doing my job to make sure that the City gets that revenue. The property that I own is in fact vacant. So, I am a little concerned about the collection activities regarding the vacant properties in the City. I think that we cannot leave any dollars on the table because we can use all the resources that we can get. And then secondly, I do not know if that is something that is possible but to hire an attorney. Some of the City's ordinance regarding vacant properties should obviously be revisited at some point. Everyone is aware that we have an issue with blight in the City. I am not sure if this is something that is possibly looked into modifying or updating some of the ordinances to speak more to a better look at home. Not something that is boarded up that is a complete eyesore. In the last year I have put about \$10,000 in fencing and in the exterior of my house. I mean the property right beside mine is completely run down and it is boarded. Pieces of the roof have fell beside my property. I have actually contacted the city because he did not cut his grass on time. His grass had started growing through my fencing. I had paid some guys to clean that away so that it is not going through my fence. So, I mean really looking at some of the City's ordinances that the standards should not be boarded up with windows. I understand that there is theft issues and things like that. We should set the standard a little bit higher. I do not know if these things are possible but just having these things boarded and everyone is compliant is not a successful story for Petersburg. That is all that I have. Thank you, guys for your time."

Michelle Murrills, 131 South Market Street, stated, "I just want to speak on what the other two speakers have spoken about. One thing that I want to discuss is the condition of the roads coming and going out of

*Audio available upon request.

Pecan Acres. The other day pictures were posted that showed that when it rains that the roads become impossible. This is unacceptable. I realize that this is not the best part of town and I know that there are citizens as well as Council Members who would say that the city should not be spending money on this part of the city as it is just throwing good money after bad. This is an area that needs even more care than anyone else in Petersburg. One of the biggest complaints in Petersburg is the violence that happens here. To combat this violence the city has to show that all citizens are essential and to not just pick and choose. Those who are considered nice enough or wealthy enough to merit city advocacy for when the city infrastructure breaks down and needs a repair. What does that say to the people who are not giving the same advocacy. The people who use these roads are going to work, helping families, getting food, etc. just like the rest of us in Petersburg. The buses could not even get into the neighborhood. That also means that police, fire, and ambulances could not get in as well. If you were to tell me this happened during once in a lifetime flooding that might be one thing. But this happens on a regular basis when Petersburg gets a good rain. Something needs to be done to fix these problems so people can travel to and from their homes with no impediment even if it is raining. I also want to discuss what is going on with the Martin Luther King, Jr safehouse. I am happy to report that the grounds around the house are being kept up very nicely. This seems to be the only part of the city we are finding them for. However, nothing is being about the house itself since they are decaying with no upkeep at all. I know that we said earlier this year that fines were going to be levied. It is time to give the property owner final notice. I have seen no notice of such notice at the property and now it has been several months, and the house still sits worse than ever. We need to do something about that so that we do not lose this very historic property.”

10. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR OR OTHER MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, “Thank you. I have a list of about eight items, and I will do my best to rush through them. I want to know if we can please have a review of the proposed rental policy at the July 6th meeting, please. I guess that would be public works I am not sure or code compliance. I know that they were working on updating the policy. If we can have some type of review of that policy on just where you are with it. That is number one. Number two is that I want to ask the attorney and/or the department chair of that department to review and recommend changes to the street/ building renaming policy. Last time we visited this policy the city attorney did think that we needed some changes but has not come back with any. I would like for that to be reviewed and reported to us at the July 6th meeting. Number three is that we received a petition from Ms. Barbara Hoosier in reference to people voting for their own mayor. What are our next steps? What does City Council do next with this petition? If we can put that on the next agenda, I would appreciate it. Number four is that I am very concerned about the crime or the shootings in Petersburg. There have been roughly 40 shootings which resulted in about seven homicides. Five of the victims that were shot were under the age of 18 years old. So, what I would like to have at the July meeting is a detailed report of preventive measures to include some information on a gun buy back program. If it is possible to do the gun buy back program and if not, why not. And what can we do to get some of the guns off the street. Number 5 I would like to see a complete review by the City Attorney of all of the ordinances for boards and commissions. Each one of the boards and commissions have an ordinance. Some may need to be updated and some may not. But I would like to ask the City Attorney to please review those ordinances and see what we may or may not need to change if anything in any of them. Mr. Mayor it is time in July, we need to do employee evaluations on the employees that we supervise. And in doing so perhaps get information from the new City Manager as the first list of goals that he is expected to do. Number seven is let’s not let the public forget that we have a school board/ City Council Meeting scheduled for June 28th. And Number 8, the monies that we have coming in from the federal government, I would like to see this council establish something whereby the citizens could participate starting now and what it is that they think that we could or could not do with this money. It is quite a lot of money. I do not think that we need to wait until it gets here to make decisions. I think that now is the opportune time to start asking the citizens how you would like to see us spend that money. There are stipulations but the citizens can be made aware of those stipulations. But this is a lot of money and I think that they should have an input. We take their input before we make a decision on what it is we are going to do.

*Audio available upon request.

Lastly, by way of announcement, Saturday is Juneteenth, and we have two Juneteenth ceremonies in this City. That is not lastly, one last thing. In our packet, there was a magazine from John Randolph Foundation. And in your reading, you will see that they did a two-page spread on Moses Malone talking about the things that the family is doing for Petersburg students and his contributions. This City needs to consider that the City of Hopewell, the John Randolph Foundation is recognizing him, and we are not. That is not good. And that is the last of what I have. Thank you so much.”

Council Member Hill stated, “I have not items.”

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee stated, “Good afternoon. I just want to say that I hope that the citizens come out and participate in the Juneteenth activities that is going on in the City of Petersburg Saturday. I also want to say congratulations to Petersburg High School Class of 2021. I attended the graduation and they received over \$1.5 million dollars in scholarships. They had over 100 students that will be attending college. I think that it was 11 going into the military. They had several individuals that was going to nursing school. There were eight that received their Associates Degree from Richard Bland College. I think that they should be commended. The graduation was really nice and very well put together. So, congratulations to the Class of 2021. The valedictorian had a grade point average of 5.2 if I am not mistaken. Also, I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Willie Fobbs, Sr., pavilion recognition. It was a very nice event. His family from Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and Petersburg were all there. So, I would like to say thank you to WHOP City and thank you to the council, Mrs. Innis and all and Chief, Interim City Manager, the police department, and the fire department for just being a great supporter of this event. And that concludes my report.”

Mayor Parham stated, “I just wanted to take some time to reflect on one of our dear friends that we lost in this City, Mr. Willie Noise. I spent a lot of time with Mr. Noise, and we used to meet twice a month at Dixie restaurant or Yankee Coffee Shop and have breakfast. He was part of something that we called the ‘Mayor’s Advisory Board.’ Mr. Noise was chairman of the advisory board. So, every couple of weeks we get together and go down a list of things. And I met with him two weeks ago, and I am going down his list of items right here and we were at 184 up to this year. Mr. Noise was really a great man. He also used to give me a copy of his report from what he wanted to tell the director at McGuire Veteran’s Center. He used to give me these packets with all these things in it. I found that it was quite amusing. He had up here suggestion for McGuire was a veteran’s day parade. And he wrote that Virginia and Fort Lee. And he wrote the Petersburg Freedom Support Center and circled it. I just want to go down a few things on the list right here. He was very organized with the things that he did here. I am going to miss Mr. Willie Noise. And I am going to miss these spreadsheets from him on things that we need to work on and address. He was definitely a phenomenal man and definitely inspiring to me and a lot of people in the city. He also in my last packet here left me with two CDs with gospel music on it. Mr. Willie Noise is definitely a legend here and definitely champion with everything in the city. He was just there with us for Mr. Turille’s press conference for his invitation to the City of Petersburg. And Mr. Noise was there with his fold up chair and that hat, and he presented Mr. Turille with his packet too. So, definitely Mr. Nosit will be missed, and a funeral service is setup at Wilkerson’s on Thursday at 10am. I ask everyone to pay their respect in a great man, Mr. Willie Nosit. Thank you.”

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

12. FINANCE AND BUDGET REPORT:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*Audio available upon request.

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A resolution approving the Development Agreement between the City of Petersburg and BLW Solutions for development of single family residential rental property located at 1157 West Washington Street and 1203 West Washington Street Petersburg Virginia.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg City Council approved 21-ORD-31 an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute documents related to the sale of city-owned property located at 1157 West Washington Street and 1203 West Washington Street on May 18, 2021. Following a due diligence period, a Development Agreement has been drafted that requires, in consideration of the City's conveyance of the Property to BLW Solutions, BLW Solutions shall perform the redevelopment of the Property strictly in compliance with the project summary documents and in accordance with terms defined in the Agreement. The Development Agreement shall be referenced as if set forth fully in the deed of conveyance of the Property from the City to BLW Solutions. The deed shall include provisions for the reverter described in the Development Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council considers adoption of a Resolution approving the Development Agreement and authorizing the City Manager and the City Attorney to execute all documents to facilitate the sale of City-owned property in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Cynthia Boone, Administrative Assistant for Director for Economic Development, gave an overview on the request of approval of a resolution on the Development Agreement between the City of Petersburg and BLW Solutions for development of single family residential rental property located at 1157 West Washington Street and 1203 West Washington Street Petersburg Virginia.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee made a motion to approve the resolution approving the Development Agreement and authorizing the City Manager and the City Attorney to execute all documents to facilitate the sale of City-owned property in accordance with applicable legal requirements. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert, Myers, and Hart

21-R-55 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 1157 WEST WASHINGTON STREET AND 1203 WEST WASHINGTON STREET PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG AND BLW SOLUTIONS.

- b. A resolution approving the Development Agreement between the City of Petersburg and Little Creek Kung Fu Wudang Daoist Temple of Virginia for development of a Daoist Temple located at 105 Burch Street North, 109 Burch Street North, 113 Burch Street North and 115 Burch Street North Petersburg, Virginia.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg City Council approved 21-ORD-30 an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute documents related to the sale of city-owned property located at 105 Burch Street North, 109 Burch Street North, 113 Burch Street North and 115 Burch Street North Petersburg, Virginia on May 18, 2021. Following a due diligence period, a Development Agreement has been drafted that requires, in consideration of the City's conveyance of the Property to Little Creek Kung Fu Wudang Daoist Temple of Virginia, Little Creek Kung Fu Wudang Daoist Temple of Virginia shall perform the redevelopment of

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the Property strictly in compliance with the project summary documents and in accordance with terms defined in the Agreement. The Development Agreement shall be referenced as if set forth fully in the deed of conveyance of the Property from the City to Little Creek Kung Fu Wudang Daoist Temple of Virginia. The deed shall include provisions for the reverter described in the Development Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council considers adoption of a Resolution approving the Development Agreement and authorizing the City Manager and the City Attorney to execute all documents to facilitate the sale of City-owned property in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Cynthia Boone, Administrative Assistant for Director for Economic Development, gave an overview on the request of approval of a resolution approving the Development Agreement between the City of Petersburg and Little Creek Kung Fu Wudang Daoist Temple of Virginia for development of a Daoist Temple located at 105 Burch Street North, 109 Burch Street North, 113 Burch Street North and 115 Burch Street North Petersburg, Virginia.

Council Member Hill made a motion to appoint approve the resolution approving the Development Agreement between the City of Petersburg and Little Creek Kung Fu Wudang Daoist Temple of Virginia for development of a Daoist Temple located at 105 Burch Street North, 109 Burch Street North, 113 Burch Street North and 115 Burch Street North Petersburg, Virginia. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-R-56 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 105 BURCH ST NORTH, 109 BURCH STREET NORTH, 113 BURCH ST NORTH, AND 115 BURCH ST NORTH PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG AND BLW SOLUTIONS.

- c. Consideration of appointing Tangela Innis as the primary to the Appomattox River Water Authority (ARWA) Board.

BACKGROUND: The Appomattox River Water Authority consists of the Cities of Colonial Heights and Petersburg and the Counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George. The Authority is responsible for the operation of the Appomattox River Water Treatment plant.

The Authority Board includes one (1) Member and one (1) Alternate Member from each of the political subdivisions. City Council has, as have other as its representatives on the Board and the Director of Public Works as the alternate.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council appoint Tangela Innis, Director of Utilities and Capital Projects to the Appomattox River Water Authority Board as the primary member.

Council Member Myers made a motion to appoint Tangela Innis to the Appomattox River Water Authority Board as the primary member. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. There was discussion on the motion.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a substitute motion to appoint Tangela Innis as an alternate to the Appomattox River Water Authority Board. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-R-57 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TANGELA INNIS AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE

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APPOMATTOX RIVER WATER AUTHORITY BOARD.

- d. Consideration of appointing Tangela Innis as primary to the South-Central Wastewater Treatment Authority Board.

BACKGROUND: South Central Wastewater Treatment Authority operates the Petersburg Wastewater Plant, which serves the Cities of Colonial Heights and Petersburg along with the Counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George.

The Authority Board includes one (1) Member and one (1) Alternate Member from each of the political subdivisions. City Council has, as have other member jurisdiction, traditionally appointed the locality's chief administrative officer as its representative on the Board and the Director of Public Works as the alternate.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council appoint Tangela Innis, Director of Public Utilities and Capital Projects, as the primary representative of South-Central Wastewater Treatment Authority Board.

Council Member Myers made a motion to appoint Tangela Innis as the primary representative of South-Central Wastewater Treatment Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. There was discussion on the motion.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a substitute motion to appoint Tangela Innis as the alternate to the South-Central Wastewater Treatment Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-R-58 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TANGELA INNIS AS THE ALTERNATE TO THE SOUTH-CENTRAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY BOARD.

- e. Consideration of appointment to the Architectural Review Board.

BACKGROUND: The Architectural Review Board consists of 7 members appointed by City Council. The duties of the Board include but are not limited to the following: administer the provisions of the City Code, Article 35, and preservation of the Historical Areas within the City. In addition to those duties, under the CLG Program the review board shall, at a minimum, perform the following duties: conduct or cause to be conducted a continuing survey of cultural resources in the community, according to guidelines established by the State Historic Preservation Office; act in an advisory role to other officials and departments of local government regarding protection of local cultural resources; disseminate information within the locality on historic preservation issues and concerns; and review all proposed National Register nominations for properties with the boundaries of the locality.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council to make an appointment/s to the Architectural Review Board.

Nykesha Jackson, Clerk of Council, provided information on the Architectural Review Board.

Council Member Myers made a motion to appoint Mr. William H. Hartsock to the Architectural Review Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-R-59 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM H. HARTSOCK TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD WITH A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

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Mayor Parham made a motion to appoint Louis Malon to the Architectural Review Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-R-60 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LOUIS MALON TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD WITH A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

- f. Consideration of re/appointment to the Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

BACKGROUND: The Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (PRHA) Board consists of seven (7) members who are appointed by City Council to serve four-year, staggered terms. PRHA was created to study blighted areas within the City and to recommend programs for the improvement of such areas; to provide quality housing for low-income families at rents within their ability to pay; and to serve as the duly designated agent of the City to contract with federal agencies for financial assistance in order to undertake urban redevelopment and low-rent housing programs approved by City Council.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council make re/appointment to the Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Council Member Hill made a motion to reappoint Joseph Dickens to the Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. There was discussion on the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Wilson-Smith, Myers, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Cuthbert and Hart

21-R-61 A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSEPH DICKENS TO THE PETERSBURG REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY WITH A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

15. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

- a. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Millers stated that Chief Michalek would be giving the COVID-19 Update.

Chief Kevin Michalek stated, "Mayor Parham and Members of City Council, this is a short summary of our statistics here in the city. It is presented on behalf of the City's COVID Team and if Gerrit can pull up the PowerPoint. These numbers are as of yesterday morning. The numbers throughout the State, Crater Health District and the City of Petersburg continue to decline. Our seven-day averages are continuously dropping each day as presented here on the screen. As of yesterday, the current case in the city is coming in at 3,934. Our deaths are at 88. There is two additional from this past weekend that is being reported by the State Health Department. And these are the first that occurred since May 12th of this year. Our vaccination efforts are paying off. You can see those. This is listed for 18 years and older. At least 51.7% of the population in the city has now received one dose. And now 41.6% are fully vaccinated. We started the effort with children, and we do not have the statistics of that yet. But hopefully by the next council meeting we will be able to start listing some of those. Since the last council meeting, we have had seven events that have went successfully. These events are continuing even as of today. And last, we are still reaching out to our home bound residents and those that are non-ambulatory. So, anybody that needs assistance in getting the vaccination or has a family member they can contact Crater Health Department and we will get them vaccinated. And that is the end of my presentation unless anyone has any questions."

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There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Mr. Miller stated, "Chief Michalek thank you very much. Mr. Mayor that will be it. You have my report, and I am always open for any questions.

Mayor Parham stated, "Question Chief about the holiday coming up for 4th of July. Mrs. Yerby will be putting out more information. She is right now tackling our Juneteenth. They are family events. So, all of the entertainment that Mrs. Yerby and her team are scheduling are circled around the family. We are trying to get the young folks out. We are practicing social distancing and we are still conscience and aware of this COVID thing still not over. But these are family events that we are having in our community, and they are outside. Look for some family events and we will be putting out more information. And this is to say come on out to the City of Petersburg and have a good time. Once she gets passed Juneteenth then she will post on social media with respect to July 4th."

Mayor Parham stated, "Yes, I looked at that we are observing it on the 5th right for all City employees."

Mr. Miller stated, "The City will be closed on the 5th and the city will also be closed this Friday with respect to Juneteenth."

Mayor Parham stated, "Great. Is it possible to get transit guys a day off on the 5th?"

Mr. Miller stated, "They will be working with a crew that will still be able to provide services to our community. Transit will be closed but they will have a few staff members there working."

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee stated, "Are we trying to come up with a plan so that the kids can go back to going back to the parks. I know that they can go to the park but to open some of the parks."

Mr. Miller stated, "Mrs. Yerby is working on that. She and I spoke earlier this week about putting out basketball goals throughout the city. She has some other activities that she is working on, but we just came back from the lockdown. She has an additional staff member working with her starting Monday. We are getting better with respect to our city opening up."

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee stated, "My next question is did we find some money to maybe possibly give the City employees a raise?"

Mr. Miller stated, "I know you have not ma'am. I am working on some funding to address. But we have addressed the folks that are making less than \$15 an hour. We have addressed the folks that are making minimum wage of \$7.25 and raised them up as the state did to \$9 and then in July to \$11. And then the people making less than \$15 an hour will be making at least \$15 an hour come July 1. So, we have addressed those folks and we are looking at ways to retain our workforce."

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee stated, "Thank you."

Council Member Hill stated, "Council Member Annette Smith that is Legends Park and not Lee Park."

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee stated, "Thank you, Legends Park."

Council Member Hill stated, "I talked to Mrs. Yerby the other day and she is going to postpone the spursing of the park for the unveiling and things of that nature. Just to let you know and that date will be coming out. We are not going to do it on Juneteenth. But she is working on it. But as you all know the former Deputy Manager was working on that during that time. She just took it over. So, she is going to be working on

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that. So, it will probably be mid-July or something like that for the unveiling. So, that is just to put it out there. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.”

16. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FROM THE CLERK:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

17. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor