



COUNCIL

Communicates

Highlights from City Council Meetings

April 1, 2025

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1. Roll Call
All present, except for Councilmen Jones and Cuthbert on roll call.
2. Closed Session
The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to:
 - a. §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 Actual or Probable Litigation and Specific Legal Matters Requiring the Provision of Legal Advice by the City Attorney, Specifically Including But Not Limited to Discussion Regarding the Legal Requirements of 58.1-3221.6 of the Code of Virginia; Section 106-1 of the Petersburg City Code; 23-ORD-20; Actual or Probable Litigation; and the Hotel Performance Agreement, and Loan Agreements for the Petersburg Hotel; and
 - b. §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 Performance, Assignment, and Appointment of a Specific Public Officer of the City of Petersburg; and
 - c. §2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia for the Purpose of Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property for a Public Purpose and the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body, Specifically Including But Not Limited to the Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property; and
 - d. §2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia for the Purpose of Discussion Regarding the Subject of Award of a Public Contract

Involving the Expenditure of Public Funds, and Discussion of the Terms or Scope of Such Contract, Where Discussion in an Open Session Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body.

3. Adjournment

A motion was approved to direct the city manager to explore the police department's current needs, including vehicles.

Council Work Session

5:00 pm

1. Roll Call

All were present except Councilman Jones. Councilman Jones arrived at 5:25 pm.

2. Prayer

Led by Vice Mayor Hill.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Parham.

4. Determination of the Presence of a Quorum

Quorum present.

5. Proclamations/Recognitions/Presentation of Ceremonial Proclamation

a. National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Accepted by Social Services.

b. Week of the Young Child, April 5-11, 2025, Proclamation

Accepted by Social Services.

6. Public Comments

Pamela Lundy

Ms. Lundy discussed ongoing drainage problems in the Blandford Community. She stated that Councilman Cuthbert and Ken Miller had walked the area with her.

Harriet Wynn

Ms. Wynn requested assistance in understanding the improvement plans for 401 Grove Avenue, which included parking. Councilman Cuthbert and the City Manager clarified that all permits have been approved, and code requirements met for the property.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):

a. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- March 18, 2025 Closed Session

- March 18, 2025 City Council Meeting

- November 19, 2024 City Council Meeting

- November 6, 2024 City Council Work Session

- b. First Reading and Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Easement Between the City of Petersburg and Virginia Electric and Power Company to Install a Transformer and Associated Underground Conduits and Cables for the Poor Creek Pumping Station Project on City Property Located at 16 Raleigh Avenue
- c. First Reading and Schedule an Official Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed of Easement to Virginia Electric and Power Company Across the Property Located at 1937 Johnson Avenue
- d. First Read and Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Amendment to the FY25 Petersburg City Public Schools Budget in the Amount of \$4,523,723
- e. First Read and Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Amendment to the FY25 Grants Fund and the FY25 Streets Fund
- f. First Read and Schedule a Public Hearing of an Ordinance Request by Crater Center, LLC, to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Petersburg to Allow Recreational Substance Retail Uses in the B-2, General Commercial Zoning District with an Approved Special Use Permit and At Least 1,000 Linear Feet from the Property Line of Any Child Day Care Center or Public, Private, or Parochial School
- g. First Read and Schedule a Public Hearing of an Ordinance for a Request by Alexander Graham, Jr., on behalf of the Warrenton Group, to Rezone Property at 2233 Halifax Road, Parcel ID 076030800, from the A, Agricultural, District to the M-1, Light Industrial, District with Proffers
- h. First Read and Schedule a Public Hearing of an Ordinance for an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Petersburg Pertaining to the Introduction of Civil Penalties for Violations of the Zoning Ordinance
- i. First Reading and Schedule a Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Authorize the Purchase of Property Located at 530 E. Washington Street - Tax Parcel ID No. 012280013
- j. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amended Development Agreement Between the City of Petersburg and ECIMED-1, LLC for the Development Of 101 West Washington Street Located in Petersburg, VA
- k. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Purchase Option Agreement Between the City of Petersburg and SUBSTRATE LLC for the Development of 130 N. Union Street and 122-124 West Tabb Street, Located in Petersburg, VA
- l. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Land Use Agreement Between the City of Petersburg and Morgan Contracting to Utilize City Property (1015 Commerce Street) for the Purpose of a Lay Down/Storage Area for the Construction of the Poor Creek Force Main Project

The consent agenda was approved.

8. Special Reports

- a. Petersburg Area Transit Moving the City of Petersburg Forward - Darius Mason, Director of Mass Transit

No action taken.

9. Monthly Reports
None.
10. Finance and Budget Report
 - a. FY2025-2026 Proposed Operating Budget
Introduced \$138 million + budget for upcoming FY25/26. No action taken.
 - b. FY24 Fund Balance Report
Update on interest on fund balance. No action taken.
11. Capital Projects Update
None.
12. Utilities
 - a. Public Works Monthly Report - April 2025
No action taken.
13. Streets
None.
14. Facilities
None.
15. Economic Development
None.
16. City Manager's Agenda
None.
17. Business or reports from the Clerk
None.
18. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
19. Adjournment