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Highlights from City Council Meetings

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Closed Session

3:00 pm

1. Roll Call
All present.

2. Closed Session

The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to:

a. §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

b. §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 Section 15.2-2602 et. seq. in Relation to Hotel Petersburg; 56-575.1 et. seq. of the Code of Virginia; Section 2-5 of the Petersburg City Code; 15.2-1510.1 of the Code of Virginia; Petersburg Circuit Court Case No.: CL25000745-00; CL25000409-00; and Other Probable Litigation and Legal Matters Requiring the Advice of the City Attorney; and

c. §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
Specific Public Officers of the City of Petersburg

3. Adjournment

Special Meeting

5:00 pm

1. Roll Call
All present.
2. Determination of the Presence of a Quorum
Quorum present.
3. Official Public Hearing
 - a. A Public Hearing and Consideration of a Resolution to Require the Planning Commission to Report Its Recommendation to Council Before October 21, 2025 Regarding Item 3(A) From the September 2, 2025 Special Meeting Pertaining to the Special Use Permit Application on Behalf of SP-Thirteen Properties, LLC for a Special Use Permit to Operate an Assisted Living Facility at 36 W. Fillmore Street.
No public comments.
Motion approved to adopt the resolution in the Council packet.
4. New Business
 - a. Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Petersburg, Virginia, Committing Support and Fund Match Requirements for A Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund (VBSF) Grant to Demolish Two Downtown Buildings in Support of Economic Development.
No public comments.
Approved.
5. Adjournment

City Council Work Session

5:00 pm

1. Roll Call
All present.
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. Proclamation — Honoring the Petersburg High School Class of 1975 on the Occasion of Their 50th Reunion, Presented to Councilwoman Annette Smith-Lee, Petersburg High School Class of 1975.
 - b. Proclamation - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Honor and Remembrance of Sydney Hampton, Presented to Pamela and Sidney Hampton
 - c. Proclamation — Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Presented to Ms. Regina Parham, Feelings to Fight Foundation in Petersburg, Virginia
 - d. Proclamation — Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Presented to Anna Smith and Deloris Jefferson, The James House
6. Public Comments
Barb Rudolph
Ms. Rudolph urged the City Council and School Board not to fixate on who is responsible for success in the public school system, emphasizing shared accountability. She cited the Dealer School orientation as an example: some casino employees are moving to Chesterfield because they don't want their children in a school system with low performance. She said the conversation should prioritize academics over sports and acknowledged that this is a complicated issue.
7. Approval of Consent Agenda (to include minutes of previous meetings):
 - a. Minutes of Previous Meetings:
September 2, 2025 Special Joint Public Hearing with Planning Commission Minutes
September 16, 2025 Regular City Council Minutes
 - b. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreement Between the City of Petersburg and I AM POWER to Purchase the City-Owned Properties at 35 and 17 Bank Street, Located in Petersburg, VA
 - c. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreement Between the City of Petersburg and ZEBRINA MEADE for the Development of 746 Mount Airy Street, Located in Petersburg, VA

- d. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreement Between the City of Petersburg and K&K BEGINNINGS LLC for the Development of 110 Spruce Street, Located in Petersburg, VA
- e. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreement Between the City of Petersburg and ENTRUSTED VISIONS LLC and FETKO PROPERTIES LLC for the Development of 126 Kentucky Avenue, Located in Petersburg, VA
- f. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreement Between the City of Petersburg and NEW TOWN STATION LLC for the Development of 321 Witten Street, Located in Petersburg, VA
- g. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreements Between the City of Petersburg and ENTRUSTED VISIONS, LLC for the Development of 704 and 706 Wesley Street, Located in Petersburg, VA
- h. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreement Between the City of Petersburg and ANTHONY JACKSON for the Development of 724 Harding Street, Located in Petersburg, VA
- i. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Purchase Agreement Between the City of Petersburg and SKYE IS THE LIMIT RESIDENTIAL SERVICES LLC for the Development of 137 Franklin Street, Located in Petersburg, VA
- j. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Amendment to the FY26 Grants Fund
- k. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of the FY26-FY30 Capital Improvement Plan
- l. First Reading and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance to Request Enactment of the Petersburg Parking Authority Act
- m. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2025 Action Plan for the Purpose of Reallocating COVID Funds to Peoples Advantage Helping Hands

n. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend and Re-Adopt Chapter 50 — Environment, of the Petersburg City Code to Include Article VI. Tree Protection and Planting

o. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing for Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes

p. First Read and to Schedule a Public Hearing to Consider an Amendment and Re-Adopt Section 114-136 and Section 114-236 of the City Code Increasing the Public Utility Rates for Water and Sewer Commodity and Capacity Charges

Approved.

8. Special Reports
 - a. Staff Presentation on Sign Ordinance and Proposed Amendments
No action taken.
9. Monthly Reports
None.
10. Finance and Budget Report
None.
11. Capital Projects Update
None.
12. Utilities
 - a. Jacob Presentation - City of Petersburg, VA Rate Study Updates 2025
No action taken.
 - b. Public Works & Utilities Update
No action taken.
13. Streets
None.
14. Facilities
None.
15. Economic Development
 - a. UVA Presentation - Innovate Petersburg Fund
No action taken.
 - b. Economic Development Intern Presentation-Man By Design
No action taken.

16. City Manager's Agenda
Update on Downtown upgrades and South Side Depot.
No action taken.
17. Business or reports from the Clerk
Announced that the Arts Council needs a treasurer.
18. Business or reports from the City Attorney
None.
19. Adjournment