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Highlights from June 17, 2014 City Council Meeting

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4. Presentations/Proclamations/Recognition

- Proclamation recognizing the celebration of Juneteenth
- Proclamation designating June as Business Appreciation Month
- Presentation by Megan O'Reilly (**Actually presented by William F. Mackey, Jr.**) on the State Route 460 Project
- Presentation by Alexander Graham, representing Petersburg Community Development Corporation, Inc. on a potential development project at the site of the former Virginia Avenue School. **Council woman Treska Wilson-Smith questioned the scope of the study and why other buildings had not been considered. No action required**
- Presentation of the annual report on the Comprehensive Services Act program by Jackie Zemmett and Warren Bull **No action required**

5. Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the regularly scheduled meetings held on May 6, 2014 and May 20, 2014. **Approved**
- A request to schedule a public hearing on a proposed Ordinance regarding open burning. **Scheduled for July 1, 2014**
- A request to schedule a public hearing on a proposed Stormwater Management Ordinance for Local Implementation of the Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP.) **Scheduled for July 1, 2014**

6. Public Hearing:

- A public hearing on an Ordinance declaring the following a blighted property and a public nuisance to the community and authorizing the abatement of such nuisance: 1150-52 Farmer Street; 1333 Farmer Street; 554 Halifax Street; 834 S. Jones Street; 1364 Rome Street; 1110 Stainback Street; 1135 Willcox Street; 1137-39 Willcox Street—all public hearings will be continued until a later date.
- public hearing on an Ordinance declaring 212 S. Jones Street a blighted property and a public nuisance to the community and authorizing the abatement of such nuisance. **Approved**
- A public hearing on an Ordinance declaring 216 S. Jones Street a blighted property and a public nuisance to the community and authorizing the abatement of such nuisance. **Approved**
- A public hearing on an Ordinance declaring 222-224 S. Jones Street a blighted property and a public nuisance to the community and authorizing the abatement of such nuisance. **Approved**
- A public hearing on an Ordinance declaring 227 S. Jones Street a blighted property and a public nuisance to the community and authorizing the abatement of such nuisance. **Approved**
- A public hearing on an Ordinance declaring 206 S. Jones Street a blighted property and a public nuisance to the community and authorizing the abatement of such nuisance. **Approved**
- A public hearing on an Ordinance declaring 110 North West Street a blighted property and a public nuisance to the community and authorizing the abatement of such nuisance. **Approved**
- A public hearing on an Ordinance declaring 509-11 South West Street a blighted property and a public nuisance to the community and authorizing the abatement of such nuisance. **Approved**
- A public hearing on the potential disposition, via lease, of a publicly-owned structure known as the Peabody High School, which is located on property addressed as 725 Wesley Street. **The Old Peabody High School at 629 Jones Street will be leased to the Peabody High School Alumni Association for \$1,200.00 per year. The building will be turned into a museum.**



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8. Business or Reports from Mayor or other Members of City Council:

- a. Consideration of an appointment to the John Tyler Community College Board. **Zelma Tucker-Dugger appointed to a four year term ending June 30, 2018.**
- b. Consideration of the adoption of the Utility Fund budget for FY2015. **Approved**
- c. Consideration of a Resolution electing the City's contribution rate for the Virginia Retirement System. **Approved**
- d. Consideration of an Ordinance that incorporates future changes of the Virginia State Code. **Approved**
- e. Consideration of an Ordinance regarding imposing and collecting FY2015 taxes. **Approved**
- f. Consideration of a request to place an individual marker on Memorial Hill in Blandford Cemetery. **Approved**
- g. Consideration of appropriating a transfer of funds from the Mental Health Docket Initiative to Petersburg Community Corrections. **Approved**

City manager's Agenda- **Introduction of Ritchie McKeithen as interim City Assessor.**

Councilman Coleman will have a ward meeting Monday, June 30, 2014 at 6:00PM in AP Hill Elementary School.

Councilman Myers reported that the Community Clean Up held on June 14, 2014 went well.

Treska Wilson-Smith will be starting a community garden Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 6:00AM across from Blandford School at East Bank and Old Church. Everyone is invited to join.

Mayor Moore will have a ward meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 from 6:30-8:30PM in the Black Swan at 9 W.Old Street.

The July 15, 2014 City Council meeting will be moved to July 22, 2014 due to travel absences of several city officials.

7. Public Information Period Questions:

What are police practices regarding citizens videotaping officers? As long as all laws are being upheld, citizens can videotape officers.

Will there be a progress report of accomplishments of goals identified during the Police and Community Together meeting held on May 31, 2014? Yes, the Petersburg Bureau of Police will compile results and disseminate to the community.

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