

The Special Called Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at the Union Train Station. Mayor Parham called the Special Called Closed Session Meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL:**

Present:

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

Absent:

Council Member Treska Wilson- Smith  
Council Member W. Howard Myers  
Vice Mayor John A. Hart

Present from City Administration:

City Attorney Anthony Williams  
City Manager Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides  
Clerk of Council Nykesha D. Jackson

**2. CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(7) 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 and matters of actual or probable litigation specifically including but not limited to matters requiring legal advice by the City Attorney.

Council Member Hill moved that the City Council go into closed session for the purposes noted by Mayor Parham. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cuthbert. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; Absent: Wilson-Smith, Myers and Hart

City Council entered closed session at 6:03 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION:**

Mr. Williams stated, "The Mayor would entertain a motion to conclude the closed session called this evening to certify in accordance with §2.2-3712 that the Code of Virginia that to the best of each members knowledge that only public business matter lawfully exempted from the opening meeting requirements were discussed and that only such public business matters were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, heard, discussed or considered. If any member believes that there was a departure from the foregoing requirements should so state prior to the vote indicating the substance for departure that in his or her judgment has taken place. This requires a roll call vote Mr. Mayor."

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 Smith-Lee. There was no discussion on the motion.

\*Audio available upon request.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Smith-Lee, Hill, and Parham; Absent: Wilson-Smith, Myers and Hart

**20-R-2      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 6:39pm.

**3.      ADJOURNMENT:**

City Council adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

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Mayor