

The Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 3:39p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr
Council Member W. Howard Myers
Council Member Arnold Westbrook, Jr.
Council Member Darrin Hill
Vice Mayor Annette Smith-Lee
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent: Council Member Treska Wilson-Smith

Present from City Administration:

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

2. CLOSED SESSION:

- a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §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 specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by the city attorney, specifically including but not limited to discussion regarding Petersburg Circuit Court Case No.: CL21000495-00; and a contract issue; and under §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 and appointment of a specific public officer.

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

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

City Council entered closed session at 3:41 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

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the closed session. Vice Mayor Smith-Lee seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

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

22-R-43 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 open session at 4:54 p.m.

Mayor Parham stated, “At this time, I will entertain a motion to add the authorization of the execution of an employment agreement to retain the services of John March Altman, Jr., as city manager, commencing such status on August 15, 2022.”

Council Member Hill made a motion to add the add the authorization of the execution of an employment agreement to retain the services of John March Altman, Jr., as city manager, commencing such status on August 15, 2022. Vice Mayor Smith-Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Westbrook, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Wilson-Smith

Mayor Parham stated, “Next, I will entertain a motion to authorize the mayor to execute an employment agreement with John March Altman, Jr., to serve as City Manager for the City of Petersburg, with such status commencing on August 15, 2022.”

Council Member Hill made a motion to authorize the mayor to execute an employment agreement with John March Altman, Jr., to serve as City Manager for the City of Petersburg, with such status commencing on August 15, 2022. Vice Mayor Smith-Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Westbrook, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Absent: Wilson-Smith

3. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor

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