

The Special Called Closed Session Meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, on live stream. Mayor Parham called the Special Called Closed Session Meeting to order at 11:00a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Council Member Charles H. Cuthbert, Jr  
Council Member Annette Smith-Lee  
Council Member Darrin Hill  
Council Member W. Howard Myers  
Vice Mayor John A. Hart, Sr.  
Mayor Samuel Parham

Absent: Council Member Treska Wilson-Smith

Present from City Administration:

City Attorney Anthony Williams  
City Manager Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides  
Executive Assistant to Clerk of Council Tanesha Flowers

**2. CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. The purpose of this meeting is to convene in the closed session pursuant to §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 appointed by the Chief Elected Officials. Specifically including but not limited to the subject of performance, assignment and appointment of the Clerk of Council; and under §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 or 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 but not limited to the McKenney Library Property.

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 Myers. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote.

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

City Council entered closed session at 11:03a.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."

Vice Mayor Hart made a motion to return City Council into open session and certify the purposes of the

\*Audio available upon request.

closed session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion was approved on roll call vote.

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

**20-R-34      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 12:15 p.m.

**3.      ADJOURNMENT:**

City Council adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

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Mayor

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