

The regular meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

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

Absent: None

Present from City Council Administration:

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

2. PRAYER:

Mayor Parham stated, "Council Member Hill will lead us in our opening prayer."

Council Member Hill led the council meeting in prayer.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Parham led council and the citizens in the pledge of allegiance.

4. DETERMINATION OF THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM:

A quorum was determined with the presence of all city council members.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATION OF CEREMONIAL PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Proclamation designating the week of July 17-23, 2022, as Pretrial, Probation, and Parle Supervision Week in the City of Petersburg, VA

Mayor Parham read the proclamation aloud.

Nicole Loving, Director of Petersburg Community Corrections, stated, "If I can just say one thing. I wanted to say publicly, I want to thank the staff that stands behind me. We have staff that has been on the team for five years or more and staff that are a couple of months in. And what I can say is that they do hard work. They are in the trenches with individuals who are struggling day-to-day with substance abuse issues, mental health concerns, also attached to the criminal justice system and have other issues that we have to address on a daily basis. These are housing, childcare, transportation, food, and a multitude of issues. And I cannot thank them enough for the time and effort that they put into the cases that we supervise on a daily basis. We are about 90% state funded and regulated through DCJS and 10% locally funded. And we supervise an average between 375 to 425 individuals on pretrial and probation supervision on a daily basis. And I cannot thank them enough. I wanted to introduce them if I can. Derek Brown, pretrial/probation officer (five years);

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Toni Stevenson, pretrial/probation officer (five years); Sherri Jones, pretrial/probation officer; Kevin Russell, pretrial/probation officer; Na'Shiyah Morris, pretrial/probation and Diamond Mitchell, administrative assistant. Ms. Mitchell controls the lobby and make sure that people are seen in a timely fashion and controls all that happens in the office. But I just cannot thank them enough for all the work that they have done. They are doing an amazing job and I don't think that they get enough credit. Again, thank you."

Mayor Parham stated, "Thank you so much for all your service.

b. Presentation from Richard Bland College

Mayor Parham stated, "Next, is a presentation by the best college in the land, Richard Bland College of William and Mary. We have the statesman here at our council meeting.

Terelle Robinson, Associate Director of Government Relations of Richard Bland College, gave an overview with a PowerPoint presentation.

Key points:

- Richard Bland College was established in 1960 by the General Assembly. Classes begun in 1961 and the first graduating class was in 1963.
- About a third of the population of students are first generation students. 57% are students of color. There are 83% full-time professors.
- The Global Student Success Program is a program that mirrors society and the working world by accepting international students who bring different life perspectives to change the cultural diversity of the campus. This done through a company called Navitas.
- Mission: To prepare our students for a lifetime of endless potential. We accomplish this by preparing students for university transfer through academically rigorous programs grounded in the liberal arts tradition of William & Mary.
- The core values are the foundation of the culture and character of RBC and enhances the long-term vision.
- High School students can earn college credits or obtain an associate degree.
- They have GPA (Guided Pathway to Success). It is the fastest path to success.
- They have partnered with Virginia State University and Virginia Wesleyan University.
- Have public-private partnerships with VAFAM, P3iP Innovation Park, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Vertical School of Professional and Technical Studies.
- Richard Bland is a college charting a destiny for connecting highly capable students to exceptional regional jobs – and beyond.

Mayor Parham stated, "Great work RBC and a round of applause. This presentation was really important because we have so many people in Petersburg asking how they can get into the growing pharmaceutical industry that is growing in Petersburg. Now, you just heard the path. RBC will be training to staff Civica, PHLOW and AMPAC. If there is anyone in the audience that is interested see Terelle or see Jeff. If you have kids that is interested in good paying careers here in Petersburg, we have a path through RBC that is fantastic. And I got to let Councilman Hill chime in right now on this dual enrollment program. Because he has a daughter that has benefited from that."

Council Member Hill stated, "I have my own personal testimony, well at least my daughter does. She was at Petersburg High, and she is ready to graduate from Norfolk State. But she did the dual enrollment, and she went in as an 11th grader. She was a freshman and then here senior year in high school, she was a sophomore in college. So, when she graduated from Petersburg High, she graduated with her associates degree from Richard Bland. So, when we went to Norfolk State where she wanted to go to get accepted, all

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she at to do was two years. So, she will be coming out this December. She graduated back in 2020. So, you do the math. That saved us two years. So, I would admonish all students, in particular from Petersburg, to take advantage of the dual enrollment. I know that you have to test for it. All of her classmates that did it are doing pretty much the same in different areas. It does work and it helped her in college. It was not easy, but she came out with honors. And she is on the Dean's List right now at Norfolk State, so we are happy for her as well. That is two years that you do not have to pay for if you qualify. So, we thank Richard Bland for all the hard work that they do. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Council Member Westbrook stated, "I just have a quick question and not to put you on the spot. Being that there is some work being done at Petersburg High School Stadium and the track is not accessible, would Richard Bland be willing if I encourage the residents of 7th Ward as well as the city to be able to come and use the facilities. We have walking groups that like an outdoor safe place to exercise and continue to change that stigma of Petersburg of being an unhealthy city. Right now, Albert Jones Field is like one of the only places that is accessible. So, I just wanted to see if Richard Bland was willing to partner over the months will the work is being to the stadium field."

Mr. Robinson stated, "I would say that we would be looking forward to partnering because I drive early in the morning, and I already see community members walking the track and walking the campus."

Council Member Westbrook stated, "Thank you on behalf of 7th Ward."

6. RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD:

Mayor Parham stated, "That is posted under Council Communicates."
Consideration of an

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (to include minutes of previous meeting/s)

- a. Minutes:
June 21, 2022 – Regular City Council Meeting
June 29, 2022 – Special City Council Meeting
- b. Consideration of an additional \$500,000 in grant funding for the Fleets Branch Stream Restoration Project – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)/VA Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Grant Funding
- c. Consideration to appropriate additional funding in the amount of \$648,233.48 to the Urban Highway Maintenance Fund per FY2023 rates approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.
- d. Consideration of the appropriation of the FY23 Gun Violence Intervention Program Grant for \$189,809 – 1st Reading

Mayor Parham stated, "We have one additional item which is to schedule a public hearing. This is going to be item 'e' added tonight, for consideration of an ordinance approving the petition submitted by Mr. Robert C. Snead, Agent for Berkeley Holding Company and RCS Group, LLC, to amend the proffers relating to the Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) adopted with the rezoning of the property for the Berkeley Estates residential development. And the public hearing will be on August 2, 2022."

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Westbrook, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham

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8. OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. A public hearing on July 19, 2022, for the consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Terry and Cynthia Bradshaw towards the sale of City-owned property at 2902 Nivram Road, parcel ID 080060011.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Economic Development received a proposal from Terry and Cynthia Bradshaw to purchase City-owned property located at 2902 Nivram Road which is currently a vacant residential home. The proposed use is to remodel the home for occupancy by their son when he graduates from college in the spring of 2023.

The proposed purchase price for the parcel is \$36,650 which is 50% of the assessed value, \$73,300. The purchaser will also pay all applicable closing cost. Terry and Cynthia Bradshaw has provided financial documentation supporting his ability to purchase the property.

This proposal is in compliance with the Guidelines for the City's Disposition of City Real Estate Property, Zoning, and the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Property Information

The zoning of the parcel at 2902 Nivram Road is zoned R-1A, Residential

Address: 2902 Nivram Road

Tax Map ID: 080-060011

Zoning: R-1A

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Economic Development recommends that the City Council approves the Ordinance authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Terry and Cynthia Bradshaw towards the sale of City-owned property at 2902 Nivram Road, parcel ID 080060011.

Brian A. Moore, Director of Economic Development, gave a briefing on the consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Terry and Cynthia Bradshaw towards the sale of City-owned property at 2902 Nivram Road.

Cynthia Bradshaw, petitioner, stated, "My son graduates from Virginia State University. I would think that this would be a really nice graduation gift for him getting out of school fresh and starting a home. I would love to purchase it."

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Council Member Hill made a motion to approve the ordinance as requested. Council Member Myers seconded the motion.

There was discussion among City Council and staff

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a substitute motion that until council has the resolution or

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ordinance in front of council that gives them the direction to go forward that it be tabled until the next council meeting. Council Member Cuthbert seconded the motion. There was discussion among council and staff. The motion was not approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert and Wilson-Smith; Voting No: Myers, Westbrook, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham

The original motion goes on the floor for vote.

Council Member Hill made a motion to approve the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement between the City of Petersburg and Terry and Cynthia Bradshaw towards the sale of city-owned property at 2901 Nivram Road, Parcel ID 080-060011. Council Member Myers seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Myers, Westbrook, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Voting No: Cuthbert and Wilson-Smith

22-ORD-40 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG AND TERRY AND CYNTHIA BRADSHAW TOWARDS THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 2902 NIVRAM ROAD, PARCEL ID 080-060011.

- b. A public hearing for consideration and to adopt the PY2022/FY2023 funding recommendations from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that City Council approve the action plan and recommendations of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Board.

Shekira Wynn, Finance Manager, gave a brief overview of the consideration and to adopt the PY2022/FY2023 funding recommendations from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Board.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Barbara Rudolph, 1675 Mt. Vernon Street, stated, "I am sorry that there was not a presentation given on this. I did have a few comments. The first one is on administrative cost which I think is \$116,650. I am getting that off the top of my head. That is about 20% of the total. That seems high to me, and I do not really know what it is for. My larger concern is with the item of funding for the McKenney Library. And that is proposed to become an African American History Museum. And it has been talked about at council several times. I think the last time was a little over a year ago. There was a presentation made by the McKenney Foundation. And at that time, my recollection is that Councilor Cuthbert had a whole lot of questions about where this was going and how it would be funded. Which I thought was a good question. I do not believe that he had any issue with the goals of this nor do I. Nor do I know anyone that does. An African America History Museum is excellent and that is a good location for it. But now there are so many unanswered questions that looking at the other types of recommendations of the CDBG Advisory Board, which would help critical housing needs that the city has for people. This thing stood out to be at almost \$200,000. It is not the best use of that money. For one thing, looking back at notes that I had about the library African American Museum project is that The Cameron Foundation was supposedly supportive of a feasibility study. It would be good to know what did they find and what came out of that. I think right now you are operating in an information void. There are just some unanswered questions about this and this facility. It is funny because we have been talking about real estate assessments and how they change and jump around. It is interesting that this property in FY22, the building itself was assessed at \$718,900. Well, it got reassessed to \$132,600. That is a decline of \$586,000.

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What does that mean? I realize that it was sold by the city for \$1 to the McKenney Foundation, which is already a tremendous benefit. So, I think this project for the museum needs some definition. Is it going to be a profit collecting money from donors of the general public or is it going to be subsidized by the city? I think that is where Councilor Cuthbert was going before. Because once you start with the city money getting into it, it becomes hard to draw the line. While again it is very nice to have effort. It is not the most critical thing that we have going on in the city. It felt like in reading the application that there had been a shoe hornet trying to fit it into the criteria to qualify as a CDBG effort to provide for the rehabilitation of a historic building servicing the low-income service area of the City of Petersburg. I am not really sure what African American History Museum has to do with low-income people as opposed to any other people. The museum exists for all levels of people in Petersburg as well as a tourist asset. It seems to me an awkward fit to this, and I hope that you consider that. Thank you.”

Marcus Omar Squires, 1701 Monticello Street, stated, “I was looking over this in the council packet and it just comes to show how our city treats funds that are not generated locally. It was stating that almost \$200,000 was not spent in the previous year due to the city spending a lot of money which was given to COVID Revenue. That money could have been used for new sidewalks or the rehabilitation of other low-income housing structures here in the city. Perhaps if the CDBG Advisory Board was full of staff with volunteers who would like to participate here in the city, then perhaps the money would not have gone unspent. And we would have a larger budget for things like an African American History Museum here in the City of Petersburg. Thank you.”

Seeing no further hands, Mayor Parham closed the public hearing.

Kofi Adih, Chairman of Community Development Block Grant, stated, “Just want to say some general statements and give an update on CDBG. As we know the CDBG Advisory Board in the last couple of years have been vacant if not longer. But I am happy to provide some points of pride. Last year Petersburg was part of the NCDA which is the National Community Development Association. Which is the consortium of CDBG’s. That happened this year. We had a board in previous years that was not apart of that. The other point of pride for CDBG is the training that was taking place. Board members such as myself and other three attended training at NCDA. So, while we do have some staffing gaps and some shortfalls, I assure city council that going forward we will have a concerted effort to use this funding in a way that provides an impact to the city. So, I ask the patience not only of city council but also of the public to let us build this advisory board up to actually make an impact. Mayor, we will get it right!”

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the ordinance for PY2022/FY2023. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Westbrook, Hill, and Parham; Absent: Smith-Lee

22-ORD-41 AN ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SAID ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, FOR THE GRANTS FUND.

9. PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD: A public information period, limited in time to 30 minutes, shall be part of an Order of Business at each regular council meeting. Each speaker shall be a resident or business owner of the City and shall be limited to three minutes. No speaker will be permitted to speak on any item scheduled for consideration on the regular docket of the meeting at which the speaker is to speak. The order of speakers, limited by the 30-minute time period, shall be determined as follows:

a) First, in chronological order of the notice, persons who have notified the Clerk no later than

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12:00 noon of the day of the meeting,

- b) Second, in chronological order of their sign up, persons who have signed a sign-up sheet placed by the Clerk in the rear of the meeting room prior to the meeting.

Gary Talley, 2323 Fort Rice, stated, "I have mostly questions. I do not know how much you all follow social media pages on Petersburg but there is a lot of discussion on the fire department and various topics. A lot of discussion and no answers because no one has the answers. So, I am coming to you all. I am starting with the fire department. For a city, this size what should we have here? How many firefighters and how many specific trucks are we supposed to have? Part B of that question is what do we have? And how do we plan to fill the gap and by when? You all are the only ones to have an answer to that. Regarding the old Ramada Inn, there was a lot of discussion and no answer. What happened to the many code violations that Mr. Harrison piled up over the many years? Did they just disappear? Did he ever pay those? I remember discussing in the council meeting criminal charges being filed. Whatever happened to that discussion? The discussion online said that we paid him over \$500,000 more than he paid us. These are our tax dollars so we would like to know why we did that. There has to be a good reason we just don't know. Finally, we talked about a lot of alternatives over the years, and we need our kids to have something to do. To stop some of the violence. It will not end it all, but it will help. We just passed a community development block grant. There is no money for community center development. In my neighborhood on Morton Street there used to be a park there and it got closed down years ago. I think it is city property and why don't we do something with that. We were given millions of dollars for COVID funds, why don't we invest in that in our youth. Help them. I grew up in this area. This is very different city then what I grew up in, but it does not have to be that different. Thank you."

Richard Stewart, 129 Rolfe Street, stated, "What I am here today to still talk about is about the Appomattox Bridge and the intersection coming into Pocohontas and how bad we need a traffic light. The July 7th fireworks showed me something. The police department did an excellent job controlling the traffic coming in and out. The made it one way and it was terrible getting in and out of Pocahontas. I even have a lot of people complaining now about Third Street exit. They are trying to get out in the daytime with Aerotek business you cannot see to the right or left so you have to pull all the way out to see. Something needs to be looked on Third Street and on Appomattox River Bridge. Another thing that I want to say that picked up a lot of traffic. Corporate Living did a special on Pocohontas and myself on living. And it brought people all up and down the east coast all into Pocohontas. Brought people from Mississippi and Alabama. They are coming from all over to Pocohontas. And I am sending them downtown to the businesses when they leave there. What I am saying is that I hope that I do not get my folks killed coming in just to see my hole in the wall magazine. And another thing is that if you look at the intersection there are trees that have grown taller than the bridge and you cannot look to your left. So, I don't know if it is the Department of Transportation or the city, but someone needs to take a look at those trees. Thank you."

Alexis Clinton, 1 Hayden Court, stated, "I am a US Navy Veteran of Virginia State University. I am currently working out of the office of the Secretary of Veteran and Defense Affairs. My intention in speaking in front of you all today is to introduce 'No Veterans Behind Organization.' To address the need for assistance with at risk and homeless veterans with the tri-city areas. Virginia rental rates within the last year have grown over 20% with Virginia holding the second lowest rental vacancy among large metropolitan areas at 1.1%. The McGuire Hunter Holmes Veteran Affairs is currently facing difficulty in assisting the influx of homeless veterans and their families. There is a dire need for a housing program that assist at risk and homeless veterans such as 'No Veterans Behind Organization.' NVB will offer a job readiness program that consist of resume writing, mock interviews, and employment networks. And also, the veterans will have the opportunity transition to and register for the apprenticeship program that is partnered through the Department of Labor and Industry and ultimately achieving employment. Lastly, NVB will be excited to offer services from licensed clinical social workers. Enclosing, I am asking that you all support 'No Veterans Behind' in its efforts to give veterans within the tri-city area the grounding to be reintegrated into society. With the inflation in the cost of living on the rise, any financial assistance and support from the communities in the city will improve the quality life for our

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veteran's. This will allow them to become more productive citizens in contributing to the tri-city regions. I plan to move forward with this project and would like to work with the city clerk in getting the information on the agenda for the next meeting. Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to address the council this evening."

Barbara Rudolph, 1675 Mt. Vernon Street, stated, "The earlier discussion brought up something kind of important and that is that you all have procedures that you develop. I am talking specifically about those selling city properties and the questions that Councilor Cuthbert was asking about that there supposed to be sold for 50% of the assessed value. I think that the bigger issue, and it is one that I know Councilor Wilson-Smith talks about a lot, it is what are the procedures. And if there are loopholes or problems in them. Like if it doesn't state in there that it is supposed to be the assessment as of the application by versus when council votes on it. That is the kind of thing that if it needs to be tightened up you would consider looking at that or maybe working with the city attorney to do some of that. I think that it might alleviate some of these misunderstandings and friction about how things are done. But something else came to mind about that. If the case of this property on Nivram that if it had been decided that the owner to be had to sell based on the latest assessment that became effective July 1st, and if somehow her ability to come before council had been beyond her control that it was delayed that is kind of a factor too. I mean a person could come forward and offer to buy city property in good favor and then due to various delays it can drag on many meetings. That is kind of unfair to fall back on the individual who is trying to do business with the city. Whether it be buying property or any number of other things. So, I just encourage you that as you look at your procedures, look at making sure that they are pretty specific. I also wanted to note that Mr. Talley's questions and comments were really good, and I hope that the city could come out publicly rather than using council communicates to answer questions about the fire department and the Ramada Inn that are widely held by many people. Just bring some presentations to us. I think that it would help with a lot of trust issues and just general information. So, that people are not operating under rumor or things that maybe completely different than the truth. Thank you."

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, "To the young lady Alexis Clinton, I do not know if you picked up a flyer from the back room. Tomorrow we are having a housing summit right here in this very room. It starts at 2pm. And we are talking about everything that has to do with housing, housing for the homeless population, housing for those who have been evicted, housing for veterans, and just housing. And you are invited to attend. We will be here at 2pm."

10. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR OR OTHER MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, "The first thing that I would like to say is a big shoutout and congratulations to our very own, Sheriff Vanessa Crawford, for being named the national sheriff of the year. And the second shoutout is to our very own Joanne Williams for winning not one Emmy Award but two Emmy Awards for her films won on First Baptist Church and I forget the second one. But she won two Emmy Awards. I have already told you all but in the back, there is a flyer for the housing summit that Petersburg will be sponsoring tomorrow. If you did not pick up a flyer from the back table, please do so. This is being sponsored by several partners and one being Ms. Genevieve Lohr. Ms. Genevieve, can you stand up please? Genevieve is a social worker with the Petersburg Police Department. It is also being sponsored by the Anti-Poverty Commission and I do not see anyone from that group here as well as myself. It is a two-part event. Tomorrow we will listen, and we will hear and learn what everyone else is doing. Because it appears that there are several different entities working to help the homeless population. But the right hand really doesn't know what the lefthand is doing. So, tomorrow we are going to learn what each other are doing. Then we are going to come back on August 10th and borrow a quote from Theodore Roosevelt. On August 10th we will take action and see how we can best serve the homeless population. And the last announcement that I have is that on July 24th, and it is a Sunday, it is based on another Roosevelt Fireside Chat that he does on Sundays, it is called Citizens Academy. Senator Joe Morrissey and Delegate Taylor will be here to discuss with the citizens what the new laws are in the State of Virginia. You do need to know what the laws are in the State of Virginia in

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order to be a law-abiding citizen. And you cannot go to a court and say that I didn't know that was the law. If you have broken it, then you have broken it. So, come out and hear what is expected of you as a citizen. And thank you."

Mayor Parham stated, "At this time, we had an earlier sign-up for the public comment period, so we now would like to welcome Mr. Marcus Omar Squires."

Marcus Omar Squires, 1701 Monticello Street, stated, "I am speaking to you guys today on behalf of what has been going on with me in the City of Petersburg. I wrote a post on Facebook in regard to incidents which were happening in the City of Petersburg regarding the police department. I then was outside of my home on Mercury Street, which I am currently developing, and I found a clip. It turns out that it was a high-capacity magazine. I called the police department, and they told me that they were going to send someone over. Over an hour had passed and no one had come. During that time, some other events had taken place. I think that it is ridiculous here in the United States of America. You can call the police department and you can be told that someone is going to help you or assist you and then nobody comes. And then you actually have to go down to the police department to meet somebody. Shortly, after that I have new tenants from Fort Lee moving in one of my rental properties and a police officer told him to not live in the City of Petersburg because it is a dangerous place. I did not know that this was something that are police officers were doing in telling people not to live here in the City of Petersburg. I hope that the City of Petersburg will look into these issues. I am out of rental income now due to this. There was a clause in the lease, so they did pay a portion. But they were supposed to be here for quite some time. Again, I hope that the City of Petersburg will look at these issues and take these issues seriously. This goes into our response time with the police department. People all around the United States of America have seen my story. It has been shared a hundred times on social media. Tens of thousands of people have seen it. I hope that the City of Petersburg will learn from this. We can all grow together but this is a major concern for me at this time. I am surprised that a council member said no to me when I am trying to speak. I signed up to speak earlier. Following the rules here, I do not appreciate trying to be silenced here in the City of Petersburg. Thank you for your time."

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "Thank you Mr. Mayor. I thought maybe you overlooked me. But I appreciate the opportunity. Mr. VanVoorhees do you have a photograph of 301 East Fillmore Street that was sent to you this afternoon. If you would put that up. I would like everyone to see it. I am going to speak briefly about it. That is east of Poplar Lawn Park. It is about a block away. I am delighted that you see that the work on the screen is underway. It would not be underway if the City Manager, Mr. Miller, and the Mayor, Mr. Sam Parham, and our Police Chief, Chief Christian, had not accepted my invitation to come look at a real eye sore in the neighborhood. And they did. And action resulted that you see on the screen. I took that picture on yesterday. So, I thank the Mayor, City Manager, and Police Chief. That is the good news. The bad news is that it took the Mayor, City Manager and Police Chief to make this happen. It should be happening without that kind of hands on as mentioned. But let's look at the happy side of it. The happy side is that progress is being made and I think that is something that we can all feel good about. The other thing I would like to talk about is the vote that we took that I do believe is a loser and not a winner on 2902 Nivram. Mr. Mayor, I believe that you previously told me that the house was purchased by the City of Petersburg in order to supply housing for the City of Petersburg Baseball Team, The Generals. Is that correct?"

Mayor Parham stated, "That is what the neighbors on Nivram Road had told me."

Council Member Cuthbert, stated, "Thank you very much. It may be that we need to revisit this after the city attorney has an opportunity to consider the applicable law. I do not have anything else to offer. Thank you very much."

Council Member Westbrook stated, "I would like to start off with a quote by Frederick Douglas and then I am going to adlib for the sake of unity. Frederick Douglas once quoted, 'A person's greatness consist of his or

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her ability to do and the proper application of his or her powers to things needed to be done.' I started out with that quote because I always like to get up here and preach the positivity that is going on in Petersburg. At the time when you can cut on the news and see a lot of things going wrong. I just like to make sure that we understand that there is balance. And I will start out with churches. Putting God first is something important to me. First of all, I would like to shout out Dr. Susie Wright, of Zion Apostolic Christian Memorial Church on Young's Road. She had her first pastoral anniversary on this past Sunday, and I was glad to be there to support. Then I will move over to Mount Olivet Baptist Church. Speaking out to Mr. Talley, I do appreciate your concern about the youth. And Mount Olivet is having a basketball tournament entitled neighborhood basketball tournament. It ends from July 25th to August 2nd. So, there will be good competitive basketball going on every night. There are 16 teams that have registered, and the games will begin at 6pm every night and 10am on Saturday. There is no cost to participate. So, come out and support Reverend Wesley Mclaughlin and the things that they are doing. They do have a light skilled workshop to accompany that. At Good Shepherd Baptist Church on Crater Road, on July 31st, they are having a unity in the community outdoor service. It is entitled, 'I love Petersburg.' Again, unity in the community. It is to get past your own restrictive place of worship. So maybe we can get together to support all places of worship. God is all inclusive. That is July 31st at Good Shepherd Baptist Church. Next, I will move on to, if you are paying attention there is a heat wave coming next week to this area. And with that there would be a time to shout out the great things that Marquis Allen is doing with Parks and Recreation, with opening Farmer Street Pool. Today, was there first soft grand opening. But they are open from 12pm-6pm on Tuesday to Saturday. I was told today that they had about 70 people to come out so far. I was proud to see that there were a lot of events in the community. It may take some time, but I think that we are on the right path with this resurgence of paying attention to our youth in the community. I would like to encourage people to reach out to your council members so that we can work with Mr. Paul Johnson, the new director of public works. I have an upcoming meeting with him to speak about some beautification projects that I would like to see done in Petersburg. And I would like to report back to you on the progress of that. But it starts with you reaching out to us, council members, so that we can work with the department heads here, especially Mr. Paul Johnson. Tyrone Cherry, if you watch the news, is doing a great thing with Dunlop Street Farms and he is trying to get land in the 7th Ward to have urban farming. Again, getting back to the youth, changing the culture and healthy living by healthy eating. The power of growing their own food and getting into farming and things of that sort. My last point is, the National Night Out that is coming out August 2nd. We will be having a meeting but that is the same day. I encourage neighborhoods to get with Chief Christian. The Petersburg Bureau of Police does have a QR Code with neighborhood activities and gatherings for National Night Out on August 2nd. Thank you very much for your time."

Council Member Myers stated, "I have nothing at this time Mr. Mayor, but I would like to yield my time until we get to 'd' under '14' if you do not mind."

Council Member Hill stated, "Pray that all is well. I want to talk about two items. I want to give a special thanks to our public works. Often times we get up here and we say thank you to certain departments and things of that nature. But whenever a citizen pulls you aside and say that they see a difference than that goes even further. I had one of the citizens and business owners in Old Towne area was talking about how well they see the cleansing of the city. And how they do not see as much trash that they used to. So, I want to give a big shoutout to public works and their staff and director. As regard with Mr. Talley, and the park, there is a plan for that particular park. We want to make it a walking park. The plan is to try to get some seating and some type of pavilion in the middle and some walking trail to go around. As talking to the citizens in that area, they do not want a basketball court anymore there. They had it taken down some years ago and the citizens did not want that back there and various things of that nature. But that is a plan that we are trying to get done. It is something that I have been trying to get done for a while. But I am glad that you brought it up. It is on our radar to try and get that park rehab and redone. It does belong to the city. We do take care of the park with cutting grass and things of that nature. I ask everyone to please be safe in this heat wave that is supposed to be coming through. As you see all over the nation it is very hot. We must look out for our elders and youth as well during this heat time. Other than that Mr. Mayor, I am just glad to see that everyone is doing well at this time."

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Vice Mayor Smith-Lee stated, "I only have a few things. I just want to give a shoutout to the interim city manager, Mr. Kenneth Miller, and the deputy city manager, Mrs. Innis, and our mayor for the outstanding intern youth program that you all have developed throughout the city. And I am so glad because several of the kids' aunts and uncles have reached out to me to say that they are really excited and that they have learned a lot in the last past month. And to be able to have some funds to do what they want to do with it. And I appreciate that. It means a lot to those kids. So, I appreciate what you all did to get this off. Also, go VSU. They have established so many camps for the kids this summer. I had to great nieces to attend the STEM Camp and it was just great. Because there are opportunities out here, we just to send our kids and make them do what they do not want to do. Marquis Allen and his group, thank you. I hope that I did not forget anybody. If I did just charge it to my heart. I just want to say thank you because I have gone down to Lakemont, and I have donated some items to them. And they were really excited about it. And if we just show our kids that we appreciate them and that we are here for them. It does not take a lot; they just need a little attention. But I just wanted to give them a shoutout. I think that concludes my report. Thank you."

Mayor Parham stated, "I just want to reiterate something that Councilman Westbrook said. Everyone please comes out on August 2nd for the annual night out against crime and support our law enforcement. It is all about building relationships here in the City of Petersburg. And that is a great night to get to know your officer that patrols in your community. So, that it is imperative that our police know who you are and that you know who they are. Also, there is a Summer Popup coming up on Brown Street on July 30th, starting at 12pm. Most of the small businesses will be there and out. So come out and support our small businesses and our up and comers in the city. Next, I also want everyone to come out and mark on their calendars on September 3rd. It is on a Saturday and from 2pm-8pm, we are having our 'Positive Vibes Only.' It is going to be an outdoor festival to promote mental health awareness here in the City of Petersburg. We are partnering with Mu Cuzzo and also, we have Poplar Springs as our sponsor on this. We are also gaining as much momentum on this wonderful festival to address one of our biggest challenges that we have not only in Petersburg but throughout the nation with mental health. I would like to commend Mr. Tony Williams who was just appointed by Governor Youngkin to the Criminal Justice Service Board. So, he joins Mr. Kenneth Miller. So, yes a round of applause please. Just to let you know the amount of talent that we have sitting up here with us that is recognized in the Commonwealth. We thank both of you all for your service and for what you do for the City of Petersburg. And Governor Youngkin knows that we have some great people working here."

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

*There are no items for this portion of the agenda.

12. FINANCE AND BUDGET REPORT:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Parham stated, "I know that Councilman Myers had conceded his time to talk about 'Item D.'"

Council Member Myers stated, "Thank you. I would like to introduce along with our new works director, Mr. Paul Johnson in consideration of a request to install a sidewalk mural along Perry Street at Artist Space. I would like to have Renard Mattox and Tamara Taswell to come to the podium along with Mr. Johnson so that

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he can introduce this wonderful opportunity that they have brought forward with respect to the young lady who has passed or was killed at 120 Perry Street a few weeks ago.

Item 14d moved up to top of “New Business.”

“Item 14d” – Consideration of a request to install a sidewalk mural along Perry Street at Artist Space.

BACKGROUND: On July 2, 2022, an incident of gun violence occurred in front of the Artist Space entrance, resulting in loss of life. This mural will be created as a memorial to the loss of life.

RECOMMENDATION: Public Works & Utilities supports this activity.

Paul Johnson, Director of Public Works, and Tamara Taswell gave a brief overview of the request.

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the request to install a sidewalk mural along Perry Street at Artist Space. Council Member Westbrook 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

Mayor Parham stated, “Next, under new business we have some additional items to add. I am going to add them before I go back to ‘Item A.’ First, we need to add ‘14e’, which is a request to adopt a resolution to approve the amendments to the City of Petersburg disposition guidelines for city-owned real estate property, ‘Item 14f’ which is the Virginia Brownfields Assistance Funds (VBAF) Grant for Harbor Project, ‘Item 14g’, which is Virginia Brownfields Assistance Funds (VBAF) Site Assessment and Planning Grant Performance Agreement for Harbor Project, ‘Item 14h’, the Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant, ‘Item 14i’, a resolution approving the City Manager to sign and submit appropriate documents for the submittal of the Industrial Revitalization Fund Grant for the rehabilitation of 112 North Sycamore Street, and then I have ‘Item 14j’, of a resolution approving the City Manager to sign and submit appropriate documents for the submittal of the Industrial Revitalization Fund grant for the rehabilitation of 1964 Puddledock Road. And there is one more, ‘Item 14k’, a resolution approving the development agreement for the development of 835 Commerce Street, Petersburg, VA, between the City of Petersburg and Tri-City Habitat for Humanity. I would entertain a motion to add those to new business.”

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion to add the items noted by the mayor to the agenda. Vice Mayor Smith-Lee seconded the motion. There was discussion on the motion.

Council Member Cuthbert made a substitute motion that the items are considered at the meeting of August 2nd and that they be given an agenda in the usual business fashion of a copy of the items that will be voted. Council Member Wilson-Smith seconded the motion. There was discussion on the motion.

There was discussion among City Council, staff, and Ms. Kelli Parker.

Council Member Cuthbert stated that he will amend his motion.

Council Member Cuthbert made an amendment to his substitute motion to consider all additional items added to the agenda to the August 2nd and add the item regarding 830 Commerce Street. Council Member Wilson-Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Westbrook, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Abstain: Myers

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Mayor Parham stated, "Next, we will add Habitat for Humanity (830 Commerce Street) as item '14e.'"

- a. Consideration of a resolution approving the development agreement for development of 1544 Halifax Street, Petersburg, Virginia, between the City of Petersburg and Ruffin Enterprises, LLC.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg City Council approved an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute documents related to the sale of city-owned property located at 1544 Halifax Street on June 21, 2022. Following a due diligence period, a development agreement has been drafted that requires, in consideration of the city's conveyance of the property to Ruffin Enterprises LLC shall perform the redevelopment or the property strictly in compliance with the project summary documents and in accordance with the terms in the agreement.

The development agreement shall be referenced as set forth fully in the deed of conveyance of the property from the city to Coastal Virginia Development. The deed shall include provisions for the reverter described in the development agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council consider the adoption of a resolution approving the development agreement for development of 1544 Halifax Street Petersburg, Virginia, between the City of Petersburg and Ruffin Enterprises, LLC.

Brian A. Moore, Director of Economic Development, gave a brief overview of the request.

Mr. Ruffin gave some brief comments on the request for the property at 1544 Halifax Street.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the development agreement for development of 1544 Halifax Street Petersburg, Virginia between the City of Petersburg, and Ruffin Enterprises, LLC. Vice Mayor Smith-Lee seconded the motion. There was 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

22-R-47 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 1544 HALIFAX STREET PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG AND RUFFIN ENTERPRISES, LLC.

- b. Consideration of an appropriation in the amount of \$4,321 from the Office of the Attorney General Crime Prevention for Seniors Grant Program – 2nd Reading.

BACKGROUND: On February 3, 2021, the Petersburg Sheriff's Office was awarded a grant which was solicited by Office of the Attorney General. This funding was made available to assist the Sheriff's Office in their efforts to promote safety and crime prevention for TRIAD members.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this appropriation ordinance be approved as it will allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase the safety equipment for the senior's participating in TRIAD.

Brian A. Moore, Director of Economic Development, gave a brief statement on the request.

Council Member Hill made a motion adopt the ordinance to allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase the safety equipment for the senior's participating in TRIAD. Council Member Wilson-Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, and Parham

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22-ORD-42 AN ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SAID ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, FOR THE GRANTS FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,321.

- c. Consideration of a resolution of support for Smart Scale Applications submitted by the Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Crater Planning District Commission and to authorize the use of city owned property.

BACKGROUND: SMART SCALE is a process established in 2014 to help Virginia meet critical transportation needs using limited tax dollars by evaluating potential transportation projects based on key factors like how they improve safety, reduce congestion, increase accessibility, contribute to economic development, promote efficient land use, and affect the environment. Through the SMART SCALE process, the anticipated benefits of proposed transportation projects are calculated, and the projects are scored and ranked. Project scoring and selection under SMART SCALE takes place as part of the Six-Year Improvement Plan (SYIP) development process. The scoring and ranking information is used by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to help guide and inform their project selection and funding decisions.

To demonstrate that a project has the support of key stakeholders and that the public has been afforded the opportunity to provide comments and input, all applications must include a Resolution of Support from the locality's governing body. The City Council of the City of Petersburg has previously approved resolutions and ordinances supporting the development of the Appomattox River Trail, Ashland to Petersburg/Fall Line Trail, and University Boulevard Gateway. Applications for the following projects located in the City of Petersburg were submitted in Smart Scale for funding approval by the Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization:

APP. 9104 - Fall Line Trail Phase 1A, Patton Park through VSU to River Rd

APP. 9125 – Trailhead for ART and FLT (in Patton Park)

APP. 9126 - Appomattox River Trail, Adams Street to I-95 and Bridge to Colonial Heights.

Applications for the following projects located in the City of Petersburg were submitted in Smart Scale for funding approval by the Crater Planning District Commission:

APP. 9166 - Appomattox River Trail, Old Town Petersburg (Squaw Alley to Adams Street).

All resolutions of support must be approved and uploaded as supporting documents to the SMART Portal system before the August 1 application deadline.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution.

Brian A. Moore, Director of Economic Development, gave a brief statement on the request.

Council Member Smith-Lee made a motion adopt the resolution of support. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote. On roll call vote, voting yes: Cuthbert, Wilson-Smith, Myers, Westbrook, Smith-Lee, and Parham

22-R-48 A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SMART SCALE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE CRATER PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.

- d. Consideration of a request to install a sidewalk mural along Perry Street at Artist Space.

*This item was moved in front of item "14a."

- e. Consideration of a resolution approving the development agreement for development of 835

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Commerce Street Petersburg, Virginia between the City of Petersburg, and Tri-Cities Habitat for Humanity.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg City Council approved 22-ORD-8 an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute documents related to the sale of city-owned property located at 835 Commerce Street on February 22, 2022. Following a due diligence period, a development agreement has been drafted that requires, in consideration of the city's conveyance of the property to tri-cities Habitat for Humanity shall perform the redevelopment or the property strictly in compliance with the project summary documents and in accordance with the terms in the agreement. The project summary documents describe the intentions of the purchaser with regard to the purchase and renovation of the property.

The development agreement shall be referenced as set forth fully in the deed of conveyance of the property from the city to tri-cities habitat for humanity and shall include provisions for the reverter described in the development agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council considers adoption of a resolution approving the development agreement for development of 835 Commerce Street Petersburg, Virginia between the City of Petersburg, and Tri-Cities Habitat for Humanity.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the adoption of a resolution approving the development agreement for development of 835 Commerce Street, Petersburg, Virginia between the City of Petersburg, and Tri-Cities Habitat for Humanity. 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

22-R-49 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 835 COMMERCE STREET PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG AND TRI-CITIES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

15. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

a. City Manager's Report

Mr. Miller stated, "Thank you. I just want to highlight a few quick things. I want to thank Mrs. Innis and the folks over at public works. They were successful in having the railroad ties removed from Pocohontas island yesterday. They did a great paving the roadway. I want to thank them for that. Secondly, the stop signs that council had us install have been installed. All of the stop signs. We have a cooling center open at transit tomorrow and for the rest of the week. Mr. Mayor, thank you and all of the members of council so much. It is so important to our city. We have 34 young interns. Those interns are kids from our city who are really doing a tremendous job with city staff. City staff is working with them every single day. So, for four weeks now these young folks have been in public works to the city attorney office to the city manager office. They are working throughout the city. They are off the streets, and they are making an impact. This would not have happened without your initiative and council. So, if you would allow me to say to all members of council, thank you. Lastly, Mrs. Innis is going to bring up J.M.T. to give a brief overview."

Doc Goodshall, Consultant from J.M.T, stated, "I am here tonight to discuss to council to brief you on the overall schedule for the City of Petersburg Infrastructure Improvements Program which is the water and wastewater portion of the large pharmaceutical development. We have been working very closely with the city manager's office. Rather than doing a deep dive into the detailed schedule which you have already seen, I would like to keep it at sort of an upper level. And what you see before you are a condensed version of what Mrs. Innis was just showing you all. There are a lot of other activities, and it would take more time than we

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have this evening to give you a detailed brief. I am of course available to provide that to the city manager's office at your discretion. The schedule is preliminary, but it is an updated version of the schedule that was presented and submitted to the EDA as part of the 'Build Back Better Regional Challenge' application back in March. So, we are not changing things around. The schedule has been seen before. I dare say vetted or will be in the process of being vetted by EDA if not other organizations. What you do not see in the schedule that you did see in the version that was presented to council is that all the other merit of activities that are going to need to be accomplished in other to implement this program. And that is both on the water and wastewater side. The key highlight to this schedule is that it is reasonable, and we have developed it using customary times for the activities involved. And once again that is a little difficult to see because you do not see all of the roll up task. But that is in fact the case. The roll up task drive this start, stop dates as well as the duration. I would note that these are working days and not calendar days. So, if you look at something and it seems a little bit off, it is because the program that is used to develop this schedule is on working days. The schedule is sound, and it accounts for all the necessary activities which are going to be required to get this program from cradle to grave. It meets all of the scheduling requirements for the funding agencies for those sources of additional monies that the city is pursuing. Specifically, EDA is requiring a completion date. We are well in advance for that with the schedule. It is flexible in that, and once again you cannot see it without looking at the roll of task, the schedule is flexible and there is slack built into it so that if you have slip or contraction the schedule can attract for that. Most importantly to the city it is achievable within the specified guidelines for example EDA. I am available for your questions."

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "I am sure sir, that you realize how important this is for the City of Petersburg. It is our future in many respects. Even though it is not in my ward I look at ward elections as being something mandated by the Department of Justice. We all represent everybody in the City of Petersburg. And I am 100% behind this as well as every member of council, we realize how important this is for the City of Petersburg. And I want to add my thanks to everyone else's. Thank you, sir."

Mayor Parham stated, "Thank you so much Mr. Goodshall. This is like Councilman Cuthbert said, I would just like to reiterate that this is the cornerstone of that development that is in the southern of the city. I see that we have a total of five years to get there."

Mr. Goodshall stated, "Close to four years."

Mayor Parham stated, "Can we shave some of it of there?"

Mr. Goodshall stated, "That is possible."

Mayor Parham stated, "What we have is that when Phlow, Civica and AMPAC got the federal contract to make the federal contract of the stockpile to the ingredients they told us from the start that we have to green light everything fast. We cannot afford any delays because this is of the need of security of the nation to get this done. If there are any barriers that we can get out the way to expediate that we will do everything in our power to move everything along."

Mr. Goodshall stated, "I believe that the city manager's office is already taking actions to that effect."

Mayor Parham stated, "Thank you."

Mr. Miller stated, "Ms. Williams was going to present to council tonight and bring you an update on the artifacts. But Ms. Williams is out tonight, and she is getting some treatments. She apologizes that she is not here. But she has assured that she will have it rectified when she gets well."

*Audio available upon request.

16. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FROM THE CLERK:

Mayor Parham stated, "Now we are at business or reports from the newly married Mrs. Nykesha Lucas. Who basically had the wedding of the decade here? Is there anything that you would like to add Mrs. Lucas?"

Mrs. Lucas stated, "I would like to thank Mr. Crocker, his staff and some of the public works workers for making my day smooth and possible. And for our wedding to be the actual first wedding held here in the event center and in the rotunda. Our hashtag was #LucasLoveStory which was basically a story and the perfect place to have it was in the library. I thank council for their attendance as well. I really appreciate and the support."

17. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor