

The regular meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at the Petersburg Public Library. Mayor Parham called the meeting to order at 5:00 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
City Manager John March Altman, Jr.
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:

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

6. RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD:

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

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

a. Minutes:

-September 6, 2022 – Closed Session Minutes
-September 6, 2022 – Work Session Minutes

b. A request to schedule a public hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving an amendment to the PUD and Proffers for the Harrison Creek Properties for November 15, 2022.

*Audio available upon request.

- c. A request to schedule a public hearing on the amended and appropriation of FY22-23 All Funs Budget on October 18, 2022.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Westbrook 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

8. OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. A public hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving the rezoning of the property located at 2655 Stedman Drive from Single-Family Residence District (R-1A) to Mixed Use District – 3 (MXD-3).

BACKGROUND: The City received a request from the Economic Development Authority to rezone the property from R-1A to MXD-3. The property located at 2655 Stedman Drive is deeded to the Economic Development Authority. The property is currently vacant and totals 21.94 acres.

Rezoning the property to MXD-3 will permit a mixture of uses focused on commercial and industrial uses. The rezoning will potentially make the property more marketable, as the permitted uses of the property will increase. Adjacent land uses are commercial and residential.

The Planning Commission adopted a resolution during the July 7, 2022, meeting to recommend approval of the proposed rezoning from R-1A – Single Family Residence District to MXD-3 Mixed Use District.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the attached ordinance.

Reginald Tabor, Director of Planning and Community Development, gave a briefing on the request to rezone the property located at 2655 Stedman Drive.

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 approving the rezoning of the property located at 2655 Stedman Drive from Single-Family Residence District (R-1A) to Mixed Use District – 3 (MXD-3). Council Member Cuthbert 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

22-ORD-44 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REZONING OF THE PROPERTY AT 2655 STEDMAN DRIVE, FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT (R-1A) TO MIXED USE DISTRICT-3 (MXD-3).

- b. A public hearing and consideration of an ordinance approving the rezoning of the properties located at 513 Old Wagner Road, and 525 Old Wagner Road, from A-Agricultural District to R-1A Single-Family Residential District.

BACKGROUND: The City received inquiries regarding the vacant property located at 525 Old Wagner Road. The Zoning Administrator identified the zoning of the property and discovered that the property dimensions do not meet the minimum requirements for the zoning designation. The property is currently zoned

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A-Agricultural District, and the minimum acreage is eight acres, however the property is 1.55 acres. Also, the adjacent property located at 513 Old Wagner Road is zoned A-Agricultural District, and the property is .87 acres.

Rezoning the properties to R-1A – Single Family Residence District will bring them into compliance with the City’s Zoning Ordinance and permit the property owners to use the properties for a single-family residential use. Adjacent land uses are commercial and residential.

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Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Chioma Adaku Griffin, 1200 Harrison Creek Blvd, stated, “I am a member of the Planning Commission, and I would like to make a recommendation that you uphold the vote from the Planning Commission for the Berkeley Manor Project.”

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

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

Council Member Hill made a motion to approve the ordinance for rezoning of the properties located at 513 Old Wagner Road, and 525 Old Wagner Road, from A-Agricultural District to R-1A Single-Family Residential District. Council Member Myers 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

22-ORD-45 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REZONING OF THE PROPERTY AT 513 AND 525 OLD WAGNER ROAD FROM A TO R-1A.

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 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.

Barbara Rudolph, 1675 Mt. Vernon Street, stated, “There seems to be a serious problem with the real estate tax bills that are due September 30th, which is the first quarter of the fiscal year 2023. These bills, instead of using the new property value assessment you approved earlier this year, the current bills are based on the fiscal year 2022 which are now obsolete assessments. So, the correct tax rate, which you passed earlier this year of \$1.27 per hundred, that is used. But it is applied to last year’s real estate assessed value.

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The assessor told us in February that 65% of the properties in the city increased in value. Most of these have been potentially under billed. The annual impact of such an error can come close to \$2.5 million dollars, which is how much real property revenue has increased in the fiscal year 2023 budget. It is easier to illustrate this using real life examples, which is why I brought the spreadsheets that Mrs. Lucas has passed out to you. These include your residences along with a few other properties that are associated with several of you. I will tell you what to look for here. For each address, the first row shows last year tax assessments. So, that would have been your prior year bill. The second row, which is highlighted in orange, shows the FY2023 approved assessments. Those are the ones that came in the mail on a card to all property owners. With the tax amount calculated, using the new rate of \$1.27 per hundred. Those are the correct amounts on the orange highlighted row. The third row shows what was actually billed on September 30th bills for your properties. The annual and the quarterly tax amounts are incorrectly calculated from last year's assessments. That is how I backed in to figuring out the numbers on the bills were actually calculated. I do not see any evidence that the city is dealing with this. Now these taxes are due in ten days. You have potentially a large number of property owners in the city that are either under billed, which would be those who had increases, and those who property value decreased could have been over billed and the city would have to pay them back. I do not think the property owners will be pleased in either one of those scenarios. Also, there is a huge administrative effort involved in contacting everyone's mortgage holder. I own my home, so I get taxed directly by the city. I noticed this when I received my bill. That is how this came to light to me as I looked at the amount of the bill and it was \$488. Well, I knew that my real estate tax was supposed to be over \$500. So, that is what made me stop and look at it. I sampled two dozen properties and that includes the ones that you have on the spread sheet. It is time consuming, but I could look at more. But I hope that you all will do something about this and particularly be forthcoming. Because this is not the kind of thing that can be covered up. It is a big mess and some people have already paid their bills. They have either paid too much or too little. The only ones that are not affected is peoples who assessments did not change. So, if somebody assessment from 2022 to 2023 remain the same, the new lower tax rate would have been applied and they paid the correct amount. But that is the minority of property owners in Petersburg. Looking back, I do not know the exact process. I know the assessed values are generated by the assessor. According to the website, the finance office of collections is responsible for printing and mailing these bills. Somewhere along the line, control failed spectacular and it never should have gone out like this. I know that I have exceeded my time but thank you for the extra time. I felt like the only way to share this and maybe get your attention was to use the actual amount. So, thank you."

Richard A. Stewart, 129 Rolfe Street, stated, "I have been getting calls from people living on the island and outside the island and so forth about the river development. They say, 'Mr. Stewart, did you know that Third Street is going to be closed down. Did you know Fifth Street is going to be closed down?' I said no. I said I did not know anything about the city passing some ordinance shutting everything down. Some 1,000 to 2,500 cars would be involved in an activity down there. The folks tend to park on the westside of Sapony Street in the Pocahontas and on the grass of Joseph Jenkin Robinson. With that kind of activity with the Civic Center, Union Station, Crocker Spot, how can an area down there operate if you shut down those areas. Even when most times it rains, Lieutenant Run and Joseph Jenkin Robinson floods. I don't understand what is going on. Has the area been sold? I do not know what is happening, but the people keep calling me and asking me about it. Look out for Pocahontas. Another thing, I would like to thank the police department for patrolling Pocahontas. Because we feel like we are a safer community to see them ride through there. With all this crime going on in Petersburg, we thank the police and fire department and everything that comes over Pocahontas to look out for us. We are very thankful. And I thank you for allowing me a view minutes."

Michael Storrs, 1705 Johnson Road, stated, "The reason that I come before you are regards to speed deterrence on Varina Avenue. Now the residents on Varina Avenue ask for your reconsideration of speed deterrence of two blocks on Varina. That is between Bermuda and Johnson Road. Residence on this corridor witness how often people speed. Unlike the area on Bermuda Street to South Boulevard, with several stops' signs and parked cars to slow speed, these two blocks are wide with no stop signs or parked cars to slow traffic. We have done our due diligence to get petitions and submitting them to the Department of Public Works

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(DPW). DPW paid to have surveys conducted to determine if there was a need of safety precautions. The process has taken more than two years. And we still have no resolution. Within the last three months, the same two block corridor had two accidents due to driver error. One driver hitting a telephone pole at Varina and Bermuda. Thirty feet from the same intersection another driver was issued two citations. One for speeding and the other for distracted driving. The driver hit a nine-ton parked trailer and pushed it nine feet into a backyard. That trailer could have very well been pedestrians or children since that stretch of the road has no sidewalks. The city spends hundreds of tax dollars to conduct a study to point out the obvious. That not all drivers speed but that the residents witness enough daily that do so. They do it at speeds that are far more than 25mph. Since the city has not provided a solution other than to post children at play signs, that are ignored. The residents purchased \$245 of speed bumps as a temporary resolution. During the time that month they were in place, we saw a reduction in speed and traffic. On September 16th, DPW removed them in response to complaints about them obstructing or impeding traffic. We went to DPW and spoke with one of their general managers, Reggie Lantz. He said that our concerns were presented to the city council during one of the city meetings, but that our council person from 3rd Ward, Mayor Parham, rejected the proposal. During that time, the temporary speed bumps were removed, and we witnessed the return of speeders, increased traffic and one damaged vehicle when a car did not stop at a stop sign. Again, I ask that you consider our concerns about speeding on this road for those of us that live along that two-block area. Our personal and property safety should be more of a concern to you than as your apparent concern for will of those who speed through that corridor that do not live there. They complain and get results and we complain and get nothing. Thank you.

Gary Talley, 2323 Fort Rice Street, stated, "I am going back to when I asked these questions before. Since they are still not being answered in Council Communicates, I am going to forget the fire department. I can get that information from Marlow or the state fire marshal office. I was going to read what I wrote before. Regarding the Ramada Inn, there was a lot of discussion and no answers. What happened to the many code violations that Mr. Harris piled up over the many years. Did it just disappear? Did he pay those? I remember discussing in the council meeting criminal charges being filed. What ever happened to that discussion. The discussion online says that we paid him over \$500,000 more than he paid us for that building. Now there has got to be a good reason, we just don't know what it is. Last Wednesday in this very room, four of you all said that you support transparency in government. Tell us what really happened and the story behind the Ramada Inn. We know that it is coming down and we are all thrilled, finally. But what is the whole story behind it. Tells us, please."

Mr. Williams stated, "Just to avoid any conspiracy theory or anything like that regarding the Ramada. There is an order that is publicly available with the court that describes the disposition of the case. That addresses every single one of the issues that Mr. Talley is asking about. And so, I suggest that if he really wants a copy of that order, I do not mind providing it if council does not object."

Mayor Parham stated, "Thank you."

Chioma Adaku Griffin, 1200 Harrison Creek Road, stated, "I was coming to ask that the council uphold the Berkely Manor project where there was business development to be made. And that was my statement."

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

Council Member Cuthbert stated, "I have been looking forward to this moment. I want to offer a tribute to the late former mayor Florence Farley. She and I saw eye to eye on some things and some things we did not. But I always knew where she stood. And that is to her great credit. Also, she understood the importance of preserving Petersburg history. And this may be difficult to believe among those who were not present back in the 1970s, when our historic zoning came into play and our first historic zones were declared. Without Dr. Farley leadership we would not have the local historic districts that we have. I was there and there were four to

*Audio available upon request.

three votes. And if it were not for Dr. Farley, we would not have our local historic districts and our city would have lost a great deal of what makes it unique. The third point as part of my tribute to Dr. Farley, she was not afraid to rethink solutions in light of changed circumstances. She recognized that the ward system has outlived its purpose. And should be discarded in favor of at-large elections. I agree with her. Now, let me go to the second item. I want to thank the preservation planner, Ms. Sangregorio, for taking the initiative to mail out these cards to every property owner within our local historic districts. Given the property owner notice that they need a Certificate of Appropriateness before they make changes to the exterior of their property if they are in a local historic district. We are hoping that this will forestall appropriate changes and resulting some hard feelings among our citizens. The third item is that I want to give you an update on the death of our friend, Willie Noise. You may remember in June of 2021; he was murdered in a city park. And his death was the immediate driving force behind council action to adopt a gun ordinance. The perpetrator was tried and found guilty of murder and in August was sentenced to life in prison. Now there is no happy outcome here. We have only losers. Among the losers is city council, because we have lost one of our many people who appeared before us frequently and was interested in his own way for the future success of Petersburg. The last thing that I want to talk about is a threat of regionalism of our pharmaceutical cluster. I want to read to you an email that was sent on July 10, 2020, to the heads of local government in the Virginia Gateway Region (VGR). It says, 'VGR is working closely with Jeff Gallagher, PHLOW and other state partners to ensure that our region is prepared for the opportunities that will arise such as former manufacturing cluster's.' And that is plural. Last week or the week before we saw that regionalism playing out in a front-page article on last Sunday Progress Index. It was headlined, 'Civica Plans \$27.8 Million Dollar Testing Lab in Chesterfield.' So, there is competition afoot and we need to recognize that. We are not just the chosen one. We are going to have to earn it. So, if we want more pharmaceutical growth in Petersburg, we are going to have to be aggressive, visionary, and plan for it. This is a shot across our bow. Civica plans \$27.8 million dollar testing lab in Chesterfield. Mr. Mayor, thank you."

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated, "I would like to invite you all to our next Citizen Academy, which will be October 15th in this room. There appears to be a lot of discussion from the citizens about where to go vote. Since we have had our redistricting done, some people are confused about where to vote and what place can they go to have it addressed. It will be from 4pm to 6pm. All are welcome and please share with everyone else. I would also like to take the time to thank two city employees, Ms. Janell Sinclair, and Tamara Brown. For the work that they did in helping to coordinate the last health event that we had. We have embarked to make sure that the employees of the city are healthy. Hopefully that the insurance that the employee is have will see a decrease because we are doing our best to make sure that they are healthy. But these two young ladies went from department to department to make sure that the employees came out and attended the event. So, I would like to personally thank them and Ms. Joanne Williams for her part in it. And I don't see our HR person, but she also worked hard. So, thank you very much. That is all that I have. Thank you."

Council Member Westbrook stated, "I would like to start our cosigning what Mr. Cuthbert did about Florence Farley. I did it last week and would like to do it again at city council as well as Mr. Wilbert Bland. Many of us have brought flowers and other things from the florist. So, we lost two stellar stars of the community. And I know that it will take a lot to replace them but hopefully that memory would not be lost in the things that they did for the city. Even though the day is closing, I would like to acknowledge that today is National Voting Registration Day. So, please over the next few weeks, please find your voting place as Mrs. Treska said. Register if you have not already. For our people who have unfortunately had incidents with the law, get your rights restored. You be surprised what the process is to get your rights back to vote and become a citizen and having your voice heard. And if nothing else, you do not have to wait until November because it does start this week, September 23rd. Get out there and exercise your right to vote at any point over the next few weeks. Third, I would like to move on to one of the things that I base my campaign on, youth. Tri-Cities Elite Tutoring has a lot of events going. Please look them up as they are out helping students. But more importantly it just came to my attention today, at Walnut Hill Elementary School they had a dining with dads. And it was a great event as far as I saw. There were pictures but I think that it said that there were over 100 dads that came out with their children at Walnut Hill. And I hope that this program carries over to other

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elementary schools as well as the high school and middle school. But I think that if the youth really get behind and see the father in the community is behind them then great things can continue to happen. And that upward trajectory can continue going forward. If you are interested in being a hall monitor, I know that at Pleasants Lane they are looking for hall monitors and lunch monitors. Again, playing your part in volunteering. Also, the schools have been a little over a month in and there has been some complaints that the parents are not coming out to voice their concerns, issues, or success stories. So, let's get involved with your area schools and really let them you see that we are behind them. Delta Omega of Omega Psi Phi is doing an essay contest for the high school students. And I think that without proper publication it does not have the participation that it should be. The deadline is October 21st. Please encourage our high school students to really participate with that. Thank you to the doctors in the city. We want to make sure that we get over the stigma of being the unhealthiest city in the state. Finally, I will close out with just two pieces. Delegate Kim Taylor, if you want to talk to her more, she will be at Trapezium next Tuesday the 27th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. So, if you really want to see how things go on at a bigger level to make sure that we are getting our needs satisfied in Petersburg, come out to meet with Delegate Kim Taylor at Trapezium. Fort Lee, this Thursday the 22nd, for veterans and people that know veterans, they are having a 'Hire Vets Now' event from 11:30am to 1:00pm. So, if you are a former veteran get over there. And the final thing, I would like to say, God Bless the Queen, because Queen Latifah is still alive."

Council Member Myers stated, "I do not have much to say. I want to say, Mr. Mayor, thank you for all that you do for the City of Petersburg. You know I been in your position and our former Mayor Brian Moore has been in your position. Many times, and often we hear that you are just a ceremonial mayor. But when you think about the progress that we are experiencing at this time it is not about being ceremonial. It is about being a businessman. So, I want to say that we appreciate all that you do here in the City of Petersburg, and it would be inclusive of this particular council to help you move forward. So, I want to say thank you for that. Thank you."

Council Member Hill stated, "I pray that everyone is having a blessed day on today. Just a couple of things. So, we know that we have the bridge that is being worked on I-95. And I noticed that going north where you have to deviate from there is a lot of trash that is there. I know that VDOT is responsible for it but if we can get some of our public works to clean it up because it makes our city look very bad. And then I want to know the timeline of when VDOT is going to be finish the bridge so that it can open back up and we can have traffic going both ways. I thought it was supposed to be November or December or something like that. So, if the city manager or public works can get back with me on that I really appreciate it. Also, on Holly Hill Drive we had put up a sign. I am still getting complaints about speeding. So, I propose that we put a stop sign at the corner of Newport Avenue and on Holly Hill. We talked about it before. I do not think that we need a study. But just take a look at it. Also, I was going to mention about Wilbert Bland, Sr. who passed away who was a dear friend to the community. Many of the people in here has always patronized the Bland's Funeral Establishment and Bland's Florist. They are one in the same type of business. So, we are in prayer and mourning for that local business that has been down on the Avenue for many years. Also, we had a living legend that passed, Marva Hicks. She is an actor and singer, and she is from Petersburg, VA. And a lot of people do not know that. And I had the blessed privilege today. Blair Underwood always comes in town and come to my business. I have been cutting him and his sibling's hair for many years. And he came in today. And he talked about Marva and helping him getting started in acting. I believe that the mayor may have some type of meeting with a member of the family because they are trying to do a memorial. I know that they are doing something in LA and in New York. The last stop is supposed to be here in her hometown which is Petersburg."

Mayor Parham stated, "That is correct. We re planning to do something."

Council Member Hill stated, "We are planning to do something for Marva Hicks. She is Tony Broadway. If you look her up Ebony just did a spread for her. So, we thank all those. I really want to thank our council. We have come a long way and our staff who has helped us over these last few years. I am real concerned about

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what Ms. Barb Rudolph said about the taxes. When we made a vote to make it one way and it still came back the other way. So, we need to address that and see where the fault lies on that. So, we can get our business in order. But I am pleased with the direction that we are going in and I know that our city manager is coming in during a time when things are moving really fast, and staff has to buckle their boots so that we can get things done. A lot of things are coming to Petersburg, and we do not want to miss out those, especially the great opportunities. We thank all those people that work for the city, and we thank the citizens who live in the city. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.”

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee stated, “Joanne, stand up please. Thank you so much for that great newsletter. I have gotten so many calls and I need some extra ones if you have them. Thank you, Joanne. Congratulations to the Petersburg High School Boys Basketball receiving their Letterman Jackets for placing second in the state. That was really awesome. They had it at Petersburg High School. They all got Letterman Jackets and trophies and plaques. A job well done. Thank you, Sheriff Crawford, City of Petersburg, and Petersburg Public Schools, for spread heading the comedy basketball game that was at Petersburg High School gymnasium. It was truly a great event. There were so many kids and parents involved. That is what we need. The parents to be involved with their children. Thank you. Also, thank you VSU for allowing Petersburg High School football team to play on their field. That is a great partnership. I want everyone to know how grateful the President of Virginia State has been to Petersburg Public Schools. Mr. Paul Johnson, you can stand up. And where is Jim Reid. Thank you so much. You have only been on the job three months, and you are a rockstar. Any time I have had to call you and Mr. Reid, you have gotten on it. And the citizens are off my back. And I really appreciate the job that you are doing thank you. Mayor, Howard took what I was going to say. You have done an outstanding job. You have a full-time job and a family. But when we were in the midst of a whole of things you go to meetings after meeting. And you were really our city manager at one time because of the fact that you were going to meetings that the city managers would have gone to. I just want you to know that I don't care about what no one else says or do. Until they walk in your shoes and do the things that you do and have done the things that you have done to have brought us back from \$9 million dollars to now a plus. Your work speaks for you. Thank you for what you have done with keeping us on track. Thank you. That is all I have to say.”

Mayor Parham stated, “First, of all I have a few things. I just need some help from the clerk. I know we had a constituent to say something about speed bumps. Do you have a record of any of that coming our way?”

Mrs. Lucas stated, “Not for that. I know we did for stop signs.”

Mayor Parham stated, “I know we saw some for stop signs. Mr. City Attorney, I believe council did not have any action on speed bumps anywhere right.”

Mr. Williams stated, “That is correct Mr. Mayor.”

Mayor Parham stated, “Mr. City Manager, can you check into that to see who on staff is misguiding our constituents. And please follow up so that his neighbors can be clear on council's direction on what is true and untrue. Next thing is, like Councilman Hill said that we were able to present Mr. Wilbert Bland with a proclamation at his funeral. And I thank all of the council members that attended. He was really a mentor to all of us young people growing up here in the City of Petersburg. We wrap our arms around his family and continue to move Bland's Florist forward. And they were also featured in our newsletter. Thank you, Joanne it was right on time. Putting a spotlight on Bland's Florist and how important they are in the community. I also would like to say that council members talk a lot about the things that I do. I cannot pull it off without staff. And one of the most important people who is Joanne Williams. Who is always recognizing high regard amongst the pharmaceutical cluster. Because it was also times when before Mr. Johnson got here in public works that Ms. Joanne Williams was hammering away getting us the details in order to win the 'Build Back Better' regional challenge. And Joanne, Jeff Gallagher says that he is taking you out and that he is going to hold you to it for all the good work that you did to help us get there. Next, that something that has not been spoke on yet, the

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Reentry Forum. I would like to thank Sheriff Crawford. I mean she threw on an exceptional Reentry Forum. She always represents us to the fullest. Also, as Councilman Hill said that we are working with the Marva Hicks Family in putting together a memorial here that I hope that the City of Petersburg can help sponsor. Marva Hicks is an exceptional daughter of the city. She helped to put us on the map with so many stars and people have come through Petersburg that has made an impact across the world. I would like to address something that Councilman Cuthbert said about the pharma cluster. That lab that they put in Chesterfield; it was hard to compete with Civica being a private company. Chesterfield County said, 'Hey we are going to give you a \$1 million piece of property.' Which highlights something that Councilman Cuthbert and I hammer on all the time. Getting that Poor Creek Water Station up and running will definitely determine the future of manufacturing on that southern end of the city. And in many ways Civica had to put a plant in Chesterfield because of our water capacity problem that we have on that southern end of the city and things of that nature. So, it is imperative that we push along Poor Creek and get that done. I am with Councilman Cuthbert; I don't want to lose anything else due to us not having a site ready for development. And that is what we have to look at from now on ways that we can expand our pharma park and also our industrial park in Councilman Westbrook neck of the woods that is filled up. We have to look at how we can acquire some of those empty parcels that were used for farms and things of that nature and expand the industrial park. Because the businesses are ready to come. And if we do not have the pads ready, we will lose out to our neighbors and that is something that we do not want to happen. Also, the issue that was brought up, and I will let Mr. Altman speak on that later on the plan to address whoever dropped the ball in getting those real estate bills corrected and follow back up with that. Again, thank everybody for coming out tonight and we will continue to move the city forward. And we will move right along to our next item."

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:

- a. Consideration of appointment/s to the Appomattox River Water Authority (ARWA) Board.

BACKGROUND: The Appomattox River Water Authority consists of the Cities of Colonial Heights and Petersburg and the Counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George. The Authority is responsible for the operation of the Appomattox River Water Treatment plant.

The Authority Board includes one (1) Member and one (1) Alternate Member from each of the political subdivisions. City Council has, as have other as its representatives on the Board and the Director of Public Works as the alternate.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council appoint John M. "March" Altman, Jr., City Manager, as the primary, and Tangela Innis, Deputy City Manager, as the alternate member to the Appomattox River Water Authority Board.

Council Member Myers made a motion to adopt the resolution appointing John M. "March" Altman, Jr.,

*Audio available upon request.

City Manager, as the primary, and Tangela Innis, Deputy City Manager, as the alternate member to the Appomattox River Water Authority Board. 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, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham

22-R-59 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN M. "MARCH" ALTMAN, JR., CITY MANAGER, TO THE APPOMATTOX RIVER WATER AUTHORITY BOARD AS THE PRIMARY AND TANGELA INNIS AS THE ALTERNATE FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

- b. Consideration of appointments to the South Central Wastewater Treatment Authority Board.

BACKGROUND: South Central Wastewater Treatment Authority operates the Petersburg Wastewater Plant, which serves the Cities of Colonial Heights and Petersburg along with the Counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George.

The Authority Board includes one (1) Member and one (1) Alternate Member from each of the political subdivisions. City Council has, as have other member jurisdiction, traditionally appointed the locality's chief administrative officer as its representative on the Board and Director of Public Works as the alternate.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council appoint John M. "March" Altman, Jr., City Manager, as the primary, and Tangela Innis, Deputy City Manager, as the alternate member to the South Central Wastewater Treatment Authority Board.

Council Member Myers made a motion to adopt the resolution appointing John M. "March" Altman, Jr., City Manager, as the primary, and Tangela Innis, Deputy City Manager, as the alternate member to the South Central Wastewater Treatment Authority Board. 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, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham

22-R-60 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN M. "MARCH" ALTMAN, JR. AS THE PRIMARY AND TANGELA INNIS AS THE ALTERNATE WITH A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL VIRGINIA WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY.

- c. Consideration of an update to the Title VI Program and Resolution for Petersburg Area Transit's Title VI Program.

BACKGROUND: In order to receive federal assistance through the FTA, Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) must comply with the guidelines of Title VI of the Civil Rights ACT of 1964 and carry out the U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT" or "the Department") Title VI regulations (49 CFR part 21). PAT's Title VI document is intended to integrate programs and activities, based on the considerations expressed in the Department's Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients' Responsibilities to Limited English Proficient ("LEP") Persons (70 FR 74087, December 14, 2005). PAT will, as a commitment to civil rights, ensure that "No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal assistance.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council adopt the updated Title VI program and attached resolution approving Petersburg Area Transit's updated Title VI Program.

Queenie Byrd and Charles Koonce, Petersburg Area Transit, gave a brief statement on the request.

There was discussion among City Council and staff.

*Audio available upon request.

Council Member Smith-Lee made a motion adopt the updated Title VI program and attached resolution approving Petersburg Area Transit's updated Title VI Program. 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-61 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PETERSBURG AREA TRANSIT TITLE PROGRAM.

- d. Consideration of appointment to the Brightpoint Community College Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND: The Brightpoint Community College Board of Directors consists of 18 members from the participating jurisdictions of the Cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond and the Counties of Amelia, Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Surry, and Sussex. Petersburg is allocated two (2) representatives.

The duties of the board include, but are not limited to, the following: serve as liaison agency between the State Board and the governing bodies of local political subdivisions, promote the development of a program of community college education of high quality under the administration and supervision of the State Board of Community College, solicit community participation in program planning and development, and review and approve the regular annual and biennium budgets for the community college. Members of the Board should be acquainted with the need for technical education.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that City Council make an appointment to Brightpoint Community College Board of Directors and also to approve resolution with appointee name.

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee made a motion to appoint Bernard Lundy. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. There was discussion on the motion.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion to table action until they have their applications in front of them. Council Member Westbrook 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, Westbrook, and Parham; Voting No: Myers, Smith-Lee, and Hill

- e. Consideration of an appointment to the Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

BACKGROUND: The Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (PRHA) Board consists of seven (7) members who are appointed by City Council to serve four-year, staggered terms. PRHA was created to study blighted area within the City and to recommend programs for the improvement of such areas; to provide quality housing for low-income families at rents within their ability to pay; and to serve as the duly designated agent of the city to contract with federal agencies for financial assistance in order to undertake urban redevelopment and low-rent housing programs approved by City Council.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council make an appointment to the Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority and approve the resolution with new member name.

Council Member Cuthbert made a motion to table action until after the council's retreat to develop a vision of Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority. 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, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham; Voting No: Myers, Hill, and Smith-Lee

- f. Consideration of an appointment to the Riverside Regional Jail Authority.

*Audio available upon request.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside Regional Jail Authority is a seven-member regional jail that oversees the regional jail facility serving the localities of Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Prince George and Surry and the Cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, and Petersburg. The city has one member and one alternate to serve on the board.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council appoint John March Altman, Jr, City Manager, as the primary member and Police Chief, Travis Christian, as the alternate to the Riverside Regional Jail Authority.

Council Member Myers made a motion to adopt the resolution appointing John March Altman, Jr, City Manager, as the primary member and Police Chief, Travis Christian, as the alternate to the Riverside Regional Jail Authority. 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, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham

22-R-62 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN MARCH ALTMAN, JR, CITY MANAGER, AS PRIMARY AND POLICE CHIEF TRAVIS CHRISTIAN, AS ALTERNATE MEMBER WITH A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, TO THE RIVERSIDE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY BOARD.

- g. Consideration of an appointment to the Crater Youth Care Commission Board.

BACKGROUND: The Crater Youth Care Commission was officially formed in 1972 to supervise and operate a Secure Detention Facility and admitted the first residents on September 16, 1975. The Commission consists of the chief administrative official from each jurisdiction.

The Crater Youth Care Commission's mission is to: provide services and learning experiences within a psychologically and physically safe and secure environment, which will encourage youth to achieve lifestyles that are consistent with their personal needs, value systems, the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and in the interest of public safety.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that City Council appoint John March Altman, Jr. to the Crater Youth Care Commission Board.

Council Member Myers made a motion to adopt the resolution appointing John March Altman, Jr. to the Crater Youth Care Commission Board. 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, Hill, Smith-Lee, and Parham

22-R-63 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN MARCH ALTMAN, JR. TO THE CRATER YOUTH CARE COMMISSION BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2024.

- h. Consideration of the appropriation of the FY23 Gun Violence Intervention Program Grant for \$190,000 -2nd Reading

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg has been awarded a grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the FY23 Gun Violence Intervention Grant in the amount of \$190,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that Council approve the appropriation ordinance of the FY23 Gun Violence Intervention Grant for \$190,000.

*Audio available upon request.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the appropriation ordinance of the FY23 Gun Violence Intervention Grant for \$190,000. Council Member Hill 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-ORD-46 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 \$190,000.

Chief Christian stated, “Just for clarification, we are talking about two different grants. The first one we have to get approval from council before doing any expenditures would be the \$300,000 grant. So, the \$190,000 is a separate grant. I just want to make sure that we have clarification on that.”

Council Member Westbrook stated, “With ‘G,’ I know that we did that jointly for the city manager, Mr. Altman to be. They also needed one more appointed. Can we at least let people know that applications are being accepted through the proper procedure. This is with the Crater Youth Care Commission.”

Mr. Altman stated, “Mr. Westbrook is correct. The city has two representatives on the Crater Youth Care Commission Board. The last citizen term was up, and he declined to be reappointed. So, there is another position that council would need to appoint.”

Mayor Parham stated, “We are taking applicants for that and whenever that time that we get an application available then we will look at appointing that resident of Petersburg.”

- i. Consideration of the appropriation of the Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant in the amount of \$4,500 – 2nd Reading

BACKGROUND: The Petersburg Area Art League fosters and conducts many forms of art programs in the city. The Petersburg Symphony Orchestra has provided musical performances to not only the City of Petersburg, but to the greater Southside Virginia region for over 35 years.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend City Council approve the appropriation ordinance.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the appropriation ordinance. Vice Mayor Smith-Lee seconded the motion.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public comments.

There was discussion among council and staff.

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-ORD-47 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 \$4,500.

- j. Consideration of the appropriation of the Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant in the amount of \$4,500 – 2nd Reading

*Audio available upon request.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg Department of Police has been awarded a grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the FY23 SRO School Resource Office Grant in the amount of \$211,428.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that Council approve the appropriation ordinance of the FY23 SRO School Resource Officer Grant for \$211,428.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the appropriation ordinance. Vice Mayor Smith-Lee seconded the motion.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public comments.

There was discussion among council and staff.

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-ORD-48 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 \$211,428.

- k. Consideration of the appropriation of the unused FY22 funds provided by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management – Emergency Management Performance Grant to the FY23 Budget in the amount \$1,717.27– 2nd Reading

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg received annual funding from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. These funds are used to enhance the Emergency Management and Operations during preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery during significant incidents.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that Council approve the carryover of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management EMPG in the amount of \$1,717.27 and the appropriation ordinance.

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

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public comments.

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-ORD-49 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 \$1,717.27.

- l. Consideration of the appropriation of the unused FY22 funds provided by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs – Aid to Locality to the FY23 budget in the amount of \$96,735.31–

*Audio available upon request.

2nd Reading

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg receives the Fire Programs Fund – Aid to Localities grant annually. These funds are currently programmed for purchasing new Personal Protective Equipment, Fire Hose, and other related equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that City Council appropriate the appropriation ordinance and carryover amount of \$96,735.31 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs – Aid to Localities (ATL) from the FY2022 to the FY2023 budget of the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the appropriation ordinance. Vice Mayor Smith-Lee seconded the motion.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public comments.

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-ORD-50 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 \$96,735.31.

- m. Consideration of the appropriation of the unused Virginia Department of Emergency Management – Radiological Emergency Preparedness Grant to the FY23 Budget in the amount of \$3,949.98 – 2nd Reading

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg received annual funding from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. These funds are used to enhance the planning and response to radiological emergencies.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that City Council approve the appropriation ordinance and carryover of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management REP for \$3,949.98

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

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public comments.

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-ORD-51 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 \$3,949.98.

- n. Consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute the Extension of Lease Agreement between P & P Associates, LLC and the City of Petersburg for the property located

*Audio available upon request.

at 3811 Corporate Road Petersburg, VA.

BACKGROUND: The city approved the initial lease between the City and P & P Associates, LLC for the purposes of leasing the property located at 3811 Corporate Road, approximately 4,000 sq. feet. The initial term of the agreement ended May 31, 2022. This space is currently utilized by the Human Resources Department.

RECOMMENDATION: City Council review and approve the attached ordinance.

Mayor Parham stated, "This item has been tabled. So, I will entertain a motion to table."

Council Member Hill made a motion to table action regarding leasing the property located at 3811 Corporate Road. Council Member Myers 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

- o. Consideration of a resolution approving the development agreement for development of 2902 Nivram Road, Petersburg, Virginia between the City of Petersburg and Terry and Cynthia Bradshaw.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg City Council approved 22-ORD-40 an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute documents related to the sale of city -owned property located at 2902 Nivram Road on July 19, 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 Terry and Cynthia Bradshaw 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 Terry and Cynthia Bradshaw and shall include provisions for the reverter described in the development agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of the resolution.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the resolution. 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-64 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 2902 NIVRAM ROAD PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA BETWEEN THE CITY OF PETERSBURG AND TERRY AND CYNTHIA BRADSHAW.

- p. 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.

BACKGROUND: As a Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), the City of Petersburg is required to reduce stormwater pollutants discharged to receiving waters, known as the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), as part of its MS4 General Permit administered by DEQ. These TMDL reduction requirements set by DEQ include a 40% pollutant reduction by June 30, 2023. Virginia State University, also an MS4 entity, began a stream restoration project for Fleets Branch; however, VSU did not need the additional pollutant removal credits to complete the project. On the other hand, the City of Petersburg is in significant

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need of pollutant removal opportunities due to the land cover, topography, and ownership of challenges specific to the city. Therefore, a collaborative effort was envisioned between the two MS4's where the stream restoration project could be completed with combined financial assistance from both the NFWF Grant, and Petersburg funding and the resulting pollutant removal credits would be given to Petersburg to help meet its TMDL goals.

NFWF recognized this collaborative effort, and in turn awarded \$500,000 towards the \$1,450,000 estimated cost of design and construction with the City to initially provide the remaining \$950,000 in matching funds. Subsequently, the FY2023 Capital Budget consisted of another \$833,000 awarded DEQ Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) grant of \$497,523 and American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) funding in the amount of \$335,477. The remaining \$117,000 will be paid from the Stormwater Management Division funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Request council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance in the total amount of \$500,000 for the NFWF Grant. It should be noted that additional funds in the amount of \$833,000 have already been approved and appropriated as a part of the FY2023 Capital Budget. Those additional funds consist of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$335,477 and a DEQ SLAF Grant in the amount of \$497,523.

Vice Mayor Smith-Lee made a motion to approve the appropriation ordinance in the total amount of \$500,000 for the NFWF Grant. It should be noted that additional funds in the amount of \$833,000 have already been approved and appropriated as a part of the FY2023 Capital Budget. Those additional funds consist of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$335,477 and a DEQ SLAF Grant in the amount of \$497,523. Council Member Hill seconded the motion.

Mayor Parham opened the floor for public comments.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Parham closed the public comments.

There was discussion among council and staff. 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-ORD-52 AN ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SAID ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, IN THE GRANTS FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR "FLEETS BRANCH STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT."

15. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

a. City Manager's Report

Mr. Altman stated, "As was brought up by one of the citizens this evening, we have experienced some issues with the real estate bill. And we fully recognize that, and we have had a couple of meetings over the past week and conversations. We are going to be pulling everyone together to find the who, what, when where and why. At this point, the focus is going to be on what the fix is. Because if we do have issues, what is that fix? Is it supplemental bills? And if we need to provide more time to our residence like an extension then we have to look at that. We will have plenty of time to figure out why this happens, and we will report back to council and the citizens of our solutions for that not to happen in the future. It is a tremendous inconvenience to our citizens to have to experience that and we do apologize for that. But we are working on a solution for everyone. Just wanted to let everyone know that. But we are going to try and make right by them."

Mayor Parham stated, "Thank you. Any other items?"

*Audio available upon request.

Mr. Altman stated, “No sir. It has been a busy couple of weeks. This is my first full meeting with council, and I do appreciate. As always, we have a lot of good things going on in Petersburg. I fully understand completely the discussion of the competition of the region that Councilman Cuthbert had. And rest assured we are going to do everything in our power that in the future that lab is in Petersburg and not somewhere else. There was a recognition early on I the process of the lack of space not just in Petersburg but in the entire Richmond region. So, it is not surprising that there is a need to build the space. But we need to be in the position to capitalize on that further and look at different locations as the mayor indicated. There is some property out on the western portion of our community, 179 acres that we need to look at and clear up any issues. So, staff will be working hard on that. So, I absolutely want to win those battles. So, thank you.”

Mayor Parham stated, “I want to recognize Retired Fire Chief T.C. Hairston. Thank you for your service here for the City of Petersburg.”

16. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FROM THE CLERK:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

17. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

*No items for this portion of the agenda.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor