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## Highlights from October 21, 2014

### City Council Meeting

#### **4. Presentations/Proclamations/Recognitions**

- a. Proclamation designating October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **No action required.**

#### **5. Consent Agenda: All items in this section, a-d, have been scheduled to be heard on November 25, 2014.**

- a. Request to schedule a public hearing on the City's Stormwater Management Program Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2015-2019.
- b. Request to schedule a public hearing for proposed Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Projects, specifically the Fleet Street Riverfront Park and Trails Project.
- c. Request to schedule a public hearing for proposed Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Projects, specifically a Safe Route to School (SRTS) Project.
- d. Request to schedule a public hearing on a request form Eric M. Evans (Discipleship Housing Ministry, Inc.) for a Special Use Permit to operate a halfway house at 230 South Crater Road.

#### **6. Public Hearings**

- a. A public hearing on a proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Petersburg, pertaining to noise levels. **Amend Section 50-35 to include barking dogs. Approved.**
- b. A public hearing on a proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the Code of the City of Petersburg, pertaining to the Technology Zone. **Approved.**

#### **8. Business or reports for / from the Mayor or other members of City Council**

- a. Consideration of a Resolution supporting application for VDOT Revenue Sharing Program funds for the pavement overlay project on East Washington Street (Rt. 36). **Approved.**
- b. Consideration of a Resolution supporting application for VDOT Revenue Sharing Program funds for the underdrain installation project on Wagner Road. **Approved.**
- c. Consideration of the appropriation of fees received related to Public-Private Education Facilities Infrastructure Act (PPEA) projects. **Approved.**

**Councilman Carl M. Ross – Suggestion to push the dates back or add an additional date for Leaf Collection Program for trees that have a late falling of leaves.**

**Councilman Ken Pritchett – Ward 3 Meeting on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Vernon Johns Junior High School. Speaker will be the City Assessor Richie McKeithen.**

**Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith: Neighborhood Watch Meeting at Robert E. Lee Elementary School – November 20 at 6pm, Authorize the City Manager moving City Council meetings to Petersburg Public Library effective January 2015. City Manager, William E. Johnson, III will do an assessment and come back to Council with a recommendation.**

**Mayor Brian Moore - Appointment of Richie McKeithen as City Assessor.  
Contract to be renewed for City Manager, Approved.  
Contract to be renewed for City Attorney, Approved.  
Contract to be renewed for Clerk of Council, Approved.**

**Councilman W Howard Myers – Consideration of appropriation of \$5,000 to reestablish the foster grandparent program at Westview. City Manager, William E. Johnson, III will research and introduce at November 25 City Council session.**



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## **9. City Manager's Agenda**

- a. City Manager's report.  
Authorization to sign Economic Development Agreement. Approved.
- b. Consideration of the City's draft 2015 Legislative Agenda. Council will forward all questions to City Manager, and the agenda will be presented again during the November 25 Council session.

## **10. Clerk of City Council Agenda**

No agenda.

## **11. City Attorney's Agenda**

No agenda.

## **Public Information Period Questions**

1. In several parts of the City, there is a severe issue with gutter drain being clogged up. Are different tops able to be placed to drain the areas faster and more efficiently?

The City continues to clean drop inlets (gutter drains) of those locations that are clogged. The City is currently assessing the City's drainage system to improve the City's aging infrastructure. As part of the CIP, new tops overtime will be part of the City's improvement plan. The major caused of clogged drop inlets is litter. The City encourages citizens to dispose of trash/liter in an appropriate trash receptacle.

2. Are City inmates able to cut grass in areas that have received citations vs. contractors being hired?

City inmates are/and used to assist in cutting grass for citations and City' parks, cemeteries, and roadside management. Inmates cannot perform any services on private property.

3. Do police go under psychological evaluations or sensitivity training?

Yes, officers undergo psychological evaluations as part of the hiring protocol, done by an independent psychologist. Officers also have confidential access to mental health professionals, if needed, at anytime. All police personnel receive training in various topics under the umbrella of "sensitivity training".

4. Can the 'no mow zone' at Defense road be further away from streets and residential areas?

They are placed in the locations as part of our environmental plans (MS4) for maintenance/operations practices.

5. Is there any money for neighborhood watch programs?

Yes, the City has Neighborhood Watch programs and support for these programs is in the police department's annual budget. There are active programs in over 60 Petersburg communities. If a citizen lives in a community without an active Neighborhood Watch, the department has resources to help get a group get established. Information can be obtained by calling the police nonemergency line at (804) 733-422 or by calling Crimesolvers at (804) 861-1212.

6. How will City Council ensure that each person who speaks at the Public Information Period receive the same amount of time to speak?

We will make that sure that once the buzzer goes off for the three minutes that the person speaking ends their conversation. This way everyone is treated equal and fair with the time limit that everyone is given during the public information period and during the public hearings.