

The regular meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at the Union Train Station. Mayor Moore called the closed session meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Member David R. Coleman
 Council Member W. Howard Myers
 Council Member Ken M. Pritchett
 Council Member Carl M. Ross
 Council Member Treska Wilson-Smith
 Vice Mayor Horace P. Webb
 Mayor Brian A. Moore

Absent: None

Present from City Administration:

City Manager William E. Johnson, III
 City Attorney Brian Telfair
 Clerk of Council Nykesha D. Jackson, CMC

2. CLOSED SESSION(a):

No Closed Session.

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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

a. Clerk of Council, Nykesha Jackson, led council and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

4. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

No items.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Minutes of meetings held on April 2, April 8, and April 16, 2013.

Vice Mayor Webb made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ross. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

6. OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. As required by the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing on a proposed Ordinance regulating soliciting, begging, and panhandling from the traveled portion of a roadway.

BACKGROUND: The public's health, safety, and welfare, including vehicular and pedestrian safety, and the free flow of traffic are legitimate public purposes of the City of Petersburg. Soliciting, begging and panhandling from the traveled portion of a roadway is an inherently dangerous activity that compromises both vehicular and pedestrian safety. Examples of such dangers include driver distraction, impeding the

normal and safe flow of traffic, and the chance of the solicitor, beggar, or panhandler causing an accident or becoming a victim of an accident.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council approve and adopt the proposed ordinance amending the Code of the City of Petersburg pertaining to solicitation.

William Johnson, City Manager, gave a brief overview on a proposed Ordinance regulating soliciting, begging, and panhandling from the traveled portion of a roadway.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Moore closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve and adopt the proposed ordinance amending the Code of the City of Petersburg pertaining to solicitation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ross. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

13-ORD-37 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG PERTAINING TO SOLICITATION BY ADDING CHAPTER 35, SECS. 35-1 TO 35-99, AND PERTAINING TO RESTRICTIONS ON AGGRESSIVE SOLICITATION BY REPEALING CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE I, SEC. 74-2 AND ADDING CHAPTER 36, SECS 36-1 TO 36-99.

- b. As required by the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing on a proposed Ordinance increasing the vacant building registration fee and civil penalty.

BACKGROUND: The City continues its efforts to address blighted properties and keep the City clean. Currently, there are 202 properties on the Red Tag List (not fit for habitation). Five years ago the number exceeded 500.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached Ordinance amending and reordaining Sections 22-140(c) and 22-141(a) of chapter 22, of Article V, of the Code of the City of Petersburg, as amended, increasing the vacant building registration fee and civil penalty.

T.C. Hairston, Fire Chief, gave a brief overview on a proposed Ordinance increasing the vacant building registration fee and civil penalty.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Karen Graham, 402 High Street, stated that she just came in and that she missed the start of Chief Hairston presentation. She asked whether this was a new ordinance or if this was some that has been on the books that is being amended. She stated that if it is some that has been on the books that are being amended then how the property owners have been notified of the registration requirement if they have vacant property. She asked that if this is something new then how will they be notified and how will this be enforced. She stated that on the cover sheet to the ordinance it states that five years ago the City had over 500 red tag properties. She stated that it also states that the City is down to 200 and something properties. She stated that in some aspects this is good but that this may affect the historical buildings in the historic district. She stated that she thinks that the City needs to realize that when buildings are removed out the historic district this can be an impact on the historic district designation. She stated that the City could lose their historic designation if a certain percentage of properties are removed from within an historic district. She stated that the City should be enforcing the current codes on the books for the properties. She stated that in other localities they enforce the ordinance or have other means in which to prevent these properties from just sitting vacant. She asked why is there a few differential for a targeted area versus across town.

Chief Hairston stated that this is not a new ordinance. He stated that this ordinance has been on the books for quite some time. He stated that they are asking that the fees be raised. He stated that one of the problems that are in the City is that there are a lot of absentee owners and that it is hard to track these people down. He stated that they will advertise the program and that they will send out information to all the owners that the City can find to enforce the program. He stated that this is not a new program.

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

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Council Member Coleman made a motion to to adopt the ordinance amending and reordaining Sections 22-140(c) and 22-141(a) of chapter 22, of Article V, of the Code of the City of Petersburg, as amended, increasing the vacant building registration fee and civil penalty. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross,

Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

13-ORD-38 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTION 22-140(C) TO ARTICLE V, OF CHAPTER 22, AND TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTION 22-141 (A) OF ARTICLE V, OF CHAPTER 22, OF THE 2000 CODE OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, AS AMENDED INCREASING THE VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION FEE AND CIVIL PENALTY.

- c. As required by the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing on proposed increases in the water and sewer commodity rates and capacity charges.

BACKGROUND: The cost to operate the water and sewer systems is continuing to increase due to the cost to purchase and distribute water and the cost of wastewater collection and treatment. While at the same time, the customer base is stable and revenue from water and sewer billings is not increasing. The proposed increase will provide funds needed to operate water and sewer systems, purchase treated water and wastewater treatment services, maintain antiquated infrastructures and undertake capital improvements projects.

The FY14 budget includes two (2) line-items: a payment in lieu of taxes (also referred to a PILOT) of \$125,000 and a contribution to the water and sewer reserve fund of \$350,000.

The proposed budget recommends an increase of 8.6% to water rates and 13.5% to sewer rates (combined increase is 11.9%). The chart below represents the average bi-monthly utility bill for residential users.

Bi-Monthly Water and Sewer Charges – Residential Users			
Based on Consumption of 12 CCF over 2 months			
	Water (8.6%)	Sewer (13.5%)	Total (11.9%)
Current FY13	\$21.47	\$43.98	\$65.45
Proposed FY14	\$23.32	\$49.92	\$73.24
Increase	\$1.85	\$5.94	\$7.79

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached Ordinance.

Steven Hicks, Director of Public Works, gave an overview on proposed increases in the water and sewer commodity rates and capacity charges.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Yvonne Paige, 321 Porterville Street, stated that it states on the paper about the water rates and that also the sewer was mentioned as well. She stated that on her street there is no sewage drainage or a sidewalk. She stated that she invites someone to come through her streets and that they will see the standing water. She asked are they going to pay for the water standing up in the street or are they going to be judged on how much water that they are using. She stated that people should not be paying for water that they are not using. She stated that anyone can come up there and look at it and that if they would like she will walk with them and show them what she is talking about.

Vernel Gannaway, 652 Old Wagner Road, stated that there is standing water in his yard as well. He stated that the increase is ridiculous. He stated that they do not need any other fees as far as water. He stated that he gets tired of standing water in his yard every time there is a heavy rain.

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

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Vice Mayor Webb made a motion to approve the proposed increases in the water and sewer commodity rates and capacity charges. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Myers, Ross, Webb, Moore; Voting No: Coleman, Pritchett, Wilson-Smith

13-ORD-39 AN ORDINANCE TO AMENDING SECTION 114-136 AND SECTION 114-236 OF THE 2000 CODE OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, AS AMENDED, TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC UTILITY RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER COMMODITY AND CAPACITY CHARGES.

- d. As required by the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing on the proposed FY2013-2014 Utility Fund Budget.

BACKGROUND: The recommended Utilities Fund Budget is \$8,865,767 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution of the Utility fund that supports this request.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached Ordinance in the amount of \$8,865,767.

William Johnson, City Manager, gave an overview on the proposed Ordinance in the amount of \$8,865,767 for the proposed FY2013-2014 Utility Fund Budget.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Moore closed the public hearing.

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Council Member Ross made a motion to approve the ordinance in the amount of \$8,865,767 for the proposed FY2013-2014 Utility Fund Budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Webb, and Moore; Voting No: Wilson-Smith

13-ORD-40 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UTILITY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2013, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,865,767.

- e. As required by the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing on the proposed FY2013-2014 General Fund Budget.

BACKGROUND: The recommended General Fund Budget is \$80,202,858 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution of the general government that supports this request.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached Ordinance in the amount of \$80,202,858.

William Johnson, City Manager, gave an overview on the proposed FY2013-2014 General Fund Budget.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Julian Greene, 1625 Blair Road, stated that he comes to express concerns with regard of the General Fund Budget in relevance to the school system. He stated that the City has a school system that is being looked at in a negative way across the Commonwealth of Virginia. He stated that the City has good professional individuals and persons with leadership within the school system. He stated that everything that is wrong with the system is not relevant to the system. He stated that the school is not the cure for everything that is wrong with the City. He stated that there are children that are coming into the system that have dire consequences and situations every day and ready to endure the classrooms because of the environment that they have to come out of into the system. He stated that he is asking for a reciprocate process to be appropriated for the schools and employees as well. He stated that this is not an option but an obligation. He stated that economics depend on the school system as well as jobs and quality of life. He asked City Council to do the right thing and support the Petersburg School System increase for level funding.

Rebecca Moon, a nurse practitioner at the Department of Health and Crater Health District, stated that she is going to follow the coat tail of the gentlemen that just spoke. She stated that she thinks that everyone present loves the City of Petersburg. She stated that the City of Petersburg will not ever be anything if the health of the people does not come first. She stated that she thinks that this ties in with the school system. She stated that she would like them to consider this with cutting the health department's budget.

Vernel Gannaway, 652 Old Wagner Road, stated that he comes out of the school system of Petersburg. He stated that he has been here all his life. He stated that he feels that he is a good product of Petersburg Public Schools. He stated that he thinks that they should put their judgment at the best teachers. He stated that they have the best leadership and best community. He stated that it is time to support the schools where he came from.

Bob Zemp, 272 High Street, stated that he was not expecting to come to the meeting tonight. He stated he had heard a rumor. He stated that he had to applaud everyone regarding the pay raise that they were briefing a while ago. He stated that he spent 20 years in the army and the soldiers also got taken care of before the supervisors. He stated that what he was looking for when he went through the budget was that he heard that there were monies that were provided to the department heads with the discretion to give themselves a raise. He stated that he found this greatly disturbing in trying to find something where council had approved this involving the pay increase of the supervisors. He stated that he had found nothing. He stated that he went through all the figures and noticed that there was 7.3% of the entire budget that is off finding. He stated that there is \$7 million dollars that is being allocated to non-departmental use and special reserved fund. He stated that he understands a need for a rainy day fund. He stated that he does not

understand \$7 million dollars that is present that has not been part of the budget process and being created without the public knowing where the monies are going to. He stated that this is while the City has the highest single disease rate in the State of Virginia.

Ebony Patterson, 2848 Nivram Road, stated that she is an 11th grade student at Petersburg High School. She stated that she would like to keep all of the highly qualified teachers at Petersburg High School. She stated that they do not want to lose all of the great teachers that the City has and the knowledge that they have as well due to the issue of pay. She stated that she is asking City Council tonight to support the teachers who support all of the children. She stated that one thing that they should remember is that if they do not have teachers with good pay then they will leave the City's school division and go to another. She stated that with this happening it can be an advantage to other school divisions and a disadvantage to Petersburg Public Schools. She stated that they want to keep their Petersburg School Division on top.

Mercedes Kates, 1210 High Street, stated that she is a graduating senior this year. She stated that the years that she has been in Petersburg she has become a part of the CTE program. She stated that she goes to other school divisions and she feels that there are more opportunities at the other schools. She stated that they have more supplies, demands and more needs to fulfill their destinies and what they want to do. She stated that she feels when she comes to Petersburg they have share books, tools and other things of that nature. She stated that as far as the teachers getting a raise she believes that they should get one. She stated that they have some dynamic teachers in the City of Petersburg. She stated that they are not only teachers to them but that they are parents to them as well. She stated that they nurture the students and give them the advice that they need to move along in the future. She stated that this year she lost her mother in February. She stated that she did not have a teacher she had teachers who were a mother to her to help her stay along in school. She stated that they helped her to stay motivated to accomplish her dreams and do the things that she needs to do. She stated that she remembers that there is a \$4 million dollar golf course across from Petersburg High School. She stated that they have a Petersburg High School where her aunt attended and says that the school looks the same. She stated that her aunt graduated in 1989. She stated that she feels bad because she feels like there is no improvement. She stated that she sees that the City has a new library. She stated that she knows that the City wants to draw more people into Petersburg but that it has to start first with the children. She stated that the children are the future and that they are going to change the City. She asked what 13% on the school system is. She stated that everything else is spent on buildings and other things of that nature. She stated that none of these buildings are for the school system. She stated is it possible for the City to have a movie theatre or a mall or somewhere that youth can go so that they will not be on the streets or on the corners selling drugs. She stated that this would be something they can do instead of going to Colonial Heights and getting locked up because they want to have fun. She stated that she would like to make a motion to City Council to think about everything. She stated that if she can motion that Petersburg City Council can make a challenge. She asked the audience that all that was in favor to say "aye".

Juan Pierce, Executive Director of the Minority Health Consortium, stated that he to speak tonight in support of restoring the funds to the Petersburg Health Department into the budget. He stated that he understands that there has been a proposal to cut the funds by approximately \$50,000. He stated that due to the codes in Virginia there is a match that is required by the state that is about \$100,000 to \$132,000. He stated that this means that there would have to be a reduction in the nursing staff in the health department. He stated that one of the things that he does know is that Petersburg has the highest teenage pregnancy rate in the State of Virginia. He stated that CDC statistic rate stated that the HIV/AIDS and STD rate is among the age group of 15 to 24. He stated that he notices that the City has a lot of young people in Petersburg. He stated that every Friday he is in the Petersburg Health Department from 8:00am until 11:00am teaching the young people that come in that are waiting to get checked for STDs or they have been listed by the partner or they come in for education. He stated that he is teaching them how to use condoms as well. He stated that sometimes because of staff they have to turn people away for some classes. They have a set amount that they can have in each class during a time. He stated that he does remember that along with people that have STDs they have partners. He stated that they did not have nor obtain this STD through combustion. He stated that this means that the partner is somewhere within the City or surrounding area. He stated that if the City continues to cut the monies that are necessary for the health department then this will also cut staff to help the City with the health problems.

Angela White, 134 North Park Drive, stated that she is a parent, a teacher and a product of Petersburg. She stated that she is a fourth grade teacher at A.P. Hill Elementary. She stated that she feels that they need the \$12.1 million dollars requested in order to bridge the gap. She stated that the funds are needed to provide for staff development and incentives for students and supplies as well. She stated as Dr. Melvin summarized that there is a seven point priority plan to build such an environment for effective instruction and student achievement. She stated that if she does not get a raise and the insurance goes up then she will not be able to pay the expensive water bill.

Yvette Robinson, 486 Reservoir Heights Street, stated that she is present for two reasons. She stated that she has not been a part of the school system but that she does have to speak for the children. She stated that her second reason for being present is that she serves on what is called "Petersburg Paint it Pink". She stated that it is an advocacy group which is for breast cancer. She stated that as you can see in Petersburg there is a breast cancer problem. She stated that she does not get paid for this and that everything that she does is volunteer. She stated that she sits at the table at the health department and they try and make it better

for the City. She stated that she also serves on the Petersburg Consortium for Health. She stated that when she sees that they are going to cut the health department it hurts her because she knows that they do not mean this. She stated that the perception of what they are is what the people see the City as. She stated that she has been everywhere. She stated that she has been to Africa. She stated that this made her appreciate health. She stated that she has seen level funding on the information that was shown and she would like for City Council to do level funding as well for the health department. She stated that they need this service and that she hopes that they will be able to put the funding back.

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, stated that he comes before City Council today as the president of Petersburg Advocacy for Children. He stated that if they were told the facts then they would better understand. He stated that as was seen the students that spoke made a couple of good points. He stated that he wants to make a point. He stated that this is the time that they need the delegate and her challenger in the room. He stated that first and foremost is that everyone is talking about what Petersburg has done. He asked what does the City expect the school system to do when they have been operating on 40% of the allotted budget that they had last year. He asked where the rest of the money is. He stated that 40 plus 60 equals 100. He stated that if the schools is operating off of 40% then 60% somewhat needs to be found. He stated that the money needs to stop being held hostage. He stated that the City has good teachers. He stated and people wonder why the students do not stay in Petersburg. He asked how anyone expects the students to stay in Petersburg and become another Ms. Mickens or another Hermanze Fauntleroy, in other words great teachers. He stated that how is this to become when they are not giving what they have a raise. He stated that if the teachers do not get a raise then they are going to go up out the City of Petersburg. He asked where this will leave his child or a person's grandchild. He stated that it will leave them sitting somewhere looking at City Council the way they are looking at them now. He stated that when the children start to get into more trouble then there are monies needed for more technology and money to keep the teachers in the City. He stated that the schools need money so that someday the children can sit where City Council is sitting and probably make better decisions for the City then what they have now. He stated that this is not a moral issue; this is violating the young people civil rights. He stated that he does not take kindly anyone or anybody violating his or his child's civil rights.

Annie Mickens, 1019 Melville Street, stated that she comes before City Council as a 41 year veteran of Petersburg Public Schools. She stated that she comes as the President of the Petersburg Education Association representing over 300 members of the teachers that serve in the great system. She stated that she comes to you as a parent of children who have been through the system. She stated that she comes as an advocate of children. She stated that she also comes as a community advocate. She stated that with all these things in mind there are no dividends for any investment. She stated that the City has to consider the legacy that the City will leave from this day forward for the education of the City of Petersburg. She stated to City Council that they should ask themselves how many times they have been in the schools. She asked City Council how many times have they talked to an educator and how many times have they actually tried to be a part of resolving issues with parents and children. She stated to the extent that they were willing to say thank you for your help. She stated that the 13% is a decrease when you look at all of the things that the schools are being asked to do. She stated that she has hope. She stated that 40 years ago she had absolutely no desire in her heart to be anything but a teacher. She stated that today teachers have come up to her to say that three teachers this week are going to go overseas to Abigabi and China. She stated that they are leaving the City to go do this. She stated that it mainly was because of money. She stated that the teachers that stated that said they would never teach because they feel like they are not first class citizens. She stated that they do not feel like anyone is looking out for them. She stated that the schools are a reflection of the community. She stated that the schools are a reflection of the City and not the other way around. She stated that she says to City Council that if they are not willing to invest then do not criticize or even ask any questions. She stated that if you are not willing to invest then do not be concerned when they are at the bottom. She stated that they should not be concerned when the City's image is mixed up with theirs. She asked City Council what type of image they want. She stated to City Council to invest in the schools like the image that they want to have.

Stephanie Pride-Harvell, 1616 North Valor Drive, stated that she had no intentions on speaking but that she just couldn't let it go. She stated that the one problem that she has is that everyone sitting in the room was taught by somebody. She stated that they are always cast out like they do not matter. She stated this is from the federal government to the state government all the way down to the locality. She stated she goes to meetings sometimes and she turns her bag around because she gets tired of people saying that she is from down there. She stated that she is the gifted coordinator for the City and she took some of her children to Goochland. She stated that they had a little room for the children for the competition and that they did real good. She stated as the children were trying to finish coloring the lady said to them that she forgot that they do not have crayons in Petersburg. She stated that being a Petersburg Alumni she got so angry. She stated that she left and actually went somewhere and cried. She stated that she needs City Council to remember that they had a teacher. She stated that she left Petersburg and came back because there is no place like home. She stated that every jurisdiction has their issues. She stated that they do not have to get the "P" out of their mouth before people know that they are referring to Petersburg. She stated that this she knows. She stated that she is an ex-police dispatcher and that she is married to a firefighter. She stated that there are a lot of people that do not want to leave the City. She stated that they want to stay here and stay at home. She asked how are they to stay when they are being asked to work for nothing. She stated that she wants to be the dynasty that they used to be. She stated that there is at least one City Council Member that knows her from being that little. She stated that the City cannot be a dynasty if the City is going to keep cutting education. She

stated that the City has some children that are doing wonderful things because of the teachers that they have present. She stated that she became a teacher because of Mrs. Mickens and that she swore that she would never teach. She asked City Council to please think about this before they cut education.

Annette Ampy, 531 Amherst Drive, stated that she has two children in the Petersburg School System. She stated that she has been on the PTA president, vice president and treasurer board in the City of Petersburg. She stated that she has a good relationship with the teachers in the school system. She stated that she stands as an advocate for the teachers and the children in Petersburg Schools. She stated that it has been many years that she knows of that the teachers have not gotten a raise. She stated that the teachers and administrators go way above and beyond the time that they are required to spend with the students. She stated that she has seen teachers that when you go by the school their cars are still in the parking lot at four and five in the afternoon. She stated that the teachers put their heart in the children and into the school system. She stated that she truly believes that if the officials can get a raise then why the teachers can't get one as well. She stated that she is standing there tonight because she is asking that the teachers get at least a three to five percent raise. She stated that this is nothing compared to what the teachers do. She stated that it is long overdue for the teachers to get a raise. She stated that other localities are supporting their teachers and making sure their teachers are happy. She stated that the City has wonderful teachers and that her children are doing very well. She stated that her daughter got accepted in the governor's school. She stated that her daughter had great teachers to push her to success. She stated that her son is doing very well and that he is on the honor roll as well. She stated that all this comes from great teachers. She stated that the teachers spend time with the children and they support the children as well.

Ian Christian Davis, 410 Mistletoe Street, stated that he is a proud student at Petersburg High School. He stated that he comes before City Council to let them know that he is an asset worth investing in and to express as well how important it is to fund the schools \$12.1 million dollars that they are requesting. He stated that so often it is said that he and his fellow peers are not taught properly because the teachers are not qualified. He stated that his question to City Council is how they can keep the highly qualified teachers that they already have when they have not received a raise in over six and more years. He asked how they can attract more highly qualified teachers when the City seems not fit to do what needs to be done. He stated that it is also said that when he and his fellow peers graduate that they stay in the City and give back what the City has given to them. He stated that in closing he is asking City Council to fund the schools so that he will have the tools to live and progress in today's society.

Sergeant Keith Washington, Petersburg Sheriff Deputy, stated that he stands before City Council today for a request of a raise. He stated that on behalf of the great men and woman of the sheriff department they accepted a great responsibility when they took their job. He stated that they also have responsibilities as well when they go home. He stated that one of his responsibilities is sitting in the audience as well. He stated that he wanted to let his child see how the process goes. He stated that he wanted him to understand that public service is not a job that you go into and make a bunch of money. He stated that you do it because you love it. He stated that at the same time people have to be justly compensated. He stated that no one in that line of work should have to debate if they are going to pay a bill or provide for their children. He stated that this is a fact that a lot of them face to this very day. He stated that he would like to ask City Council to provide the funds that are needed for anyone that works in public service.

Deputy Jeffrey Johnson, 605 Hope Drive, stated that he is a proud citizen of the City. He stated that he comes on behalf of the sheriff's office. He stated that he also has a family. He stated that he has a bigger family that is sitting behind him. He stated that they are present diligently. He stated that they are present because they are concerned and that they are also present because they are in need just like he is. He stated that they are not asking to make them rich but that they are asking to make them to be able to make ends meet. He stated that they appreciate this in advance. He stated that he as well as the deputies that work with him has their heart in their jobs. He stated that they are present trying to give a service and provide a service through pride and dignity. He stated that mostly everyone knows him and that he is not a stranger to most people. He stated that he is present to represent and speak on behalf of the sheriff department.

Jasmine Thomas, 449 Graham Road, stated that she would like to speak on behalf of the school and teachers. She stated that they need a raise. She stated that the teachers come to school Monday through Friday to give them encouragement and to tell them that they believe in them. She stated they push them to do the best. She stated that the teachers are like family to them. She stated that they have Saturday school and the teachers stay after school as well.

Johnna Basket, 1838 Lamar Avenue, stated that just about the time that you think that you can make ends meet somebody moves the ends. She stated that she stands before City Council tonight as a dedicated and passionate educator with 17 years of service and experience in Petersburg Public Schools. She stated that she has invested her time and her talents and she takes pride in being what she calls the teacher next door. She stated that where your treasure is your heart is as well. She stated that where your value is basically where you place your focus and attention and your worth. She stated that localities to the north of them typically try to fund education close to 50% as possible. She stated that in the past year the school system has funded at an average of 11%. She stated that she does not remember it being over 14% and that this may be inflation. She stated that they have to remember that they are always decreasing upon what the decrease the year before. She stated that looking at the funding trends in the City is easy to see that your

heart is not grounded in education. She stated that this is where you find no value. She asked what does this say about the future of the City. She stated that the blighted neighborhoods to which were referred to earlier will continue to exist and become more prevalent. She stated that crime will continue to rise. She stated that as long as the City continues to downward education they will continue to spiral to a dismal abyss and a sinking hole where people will fall into. She stated that she encourages City Council to seek their heart and find their treasure and invest in the future by giving the children a valuable future.

Sharde Gannaway, 1151 West Normandale Avenue, stated that she is coming to City Council as well for the raise for teachers. She stated that the teachers push the children forward in life. She asked City Council how the teachers can stay there willingly if they are not getting what they need as well. She stated that they have to also remember that the teachers have families as well. She stated that some of the students may not care about the teachers but that she does. She stated that she knows that most of the students care about the teachers. She stated that she feels that they teachers should get a raise.

Trisan Fench, 1665 North Valor Drive, stated that he is a proud student of Petersburg High School. He stated that he has been in the school system for 11 years. He stated that not only have they been a teacher to him but they have been a parent as well as grandmother, a dad, and a brother and sister. He stated that in these days they are also said that they will never succeed. He stated that when he goes to Chesterfield they also say that they will never be anything because they are from Petersburg. He stated that he stands present today to say that they are liars. He stated that he knows his school system and that he knows that the people support him. He stated that he is going to Paris in June. He stated that he could not do this without the help of his teachers. He stated that now he can say that he has been somewhere in his life instead of Petersburg. He stated that he has been out the state and out the country. He stated that the teachers have been there for him and the thanks them for this. He stated that this used to be a great City at one point but what happened. He stated that the City fell. He stated that they need to be more about education.

Ms. Johnson, 201 Greenwood Drive, stated that she is also a proud parent of a child at Peabody Middle School. She stated that she is also Petersburg Citywide PTA President. She stated that while they are facing these difficult financial times they must remain committed and not compromise the integrity of quality education that they want to offer the children for their future. She stated that she is an ex and that her husband is retired military. She stated that her daughter went to Vernon Johns Junior High School. She stated that Dr. Watson taught her daughter. She stated that they moved overseas and then they came back to Petersburg. She stated that the first thing that you hear overseas when you are in Germany is to not go to Petersburg School System. She stated that she is a proud parent and that she graduated from Petersburg High School. She stated that her parents still live here. She stated that then it is said that the City does not want to give the teachers a raise. She stated that the teachers are the backbones in the system and community. She stated that it is said that if you work in Petersburg you can work anywhere else in the system. She stated how bout they cut the City's raises and give it to the teachers. She stated that she is just saying to think about what they are doing.

John Hart, 2457 Dupuy Road, stated that for about six years he has been coming and asking City Council for raises for the school systems and citizens in the City. He stated that he asked them year after year to come up with a plan. He stated again they are without a plan and no way to come up with funding. He stated that he is not going to say let's get a plan. He stated that he is going to say keep doing what they are doing. He stated to City Council that they are doing a great job and they are on their way out. He stated that there are so many other things that are needed in the City. He stated that he will back track and say get a plan. He asked is the problem that this makes them accountable for their actions. He stated that a plan means you have to put your name on it. He asked is this the issue that no one wants to be held responsible for the actions from the plan. He stated that he came up a couple of weeks ago and spoke on information and handouts to give to the businesses in the area. He stated that he hopes that they have started this already or at least looked into.

Vanessa Crawford, Petersburg Sheriff, stated that she noticed that when the public safety budget went up the percentage that was indicated did not include the Petersburg Sheriff's Office. She stated that they were not included with the City's raises as well. She stated that they do provide services to the City. She stated that they send out eight inmates a day Monday through Friday for six hours a day for a rate at minimum wage. She stated that they are asking for the 5% raise and that also health is not an option it is a necessity. She stated that there are people that work for her that cannot afford insurance because of the pay they bring home. She stated that additionally they have \$1.2 million dollars left for the remaining of the fiscal year. She stated that their projections will put their expenses under the budget by \$200,000. She stated that this is after the 3% reductions have been taken out. She asked City Council to please give them the 5% raise.

Michael Edwards, 510 Squaw Alley, stated that he has sat there tonight and has heard all of this. He stated that he is going to briefly touch on a couple of things. He stated that first he is going to touch on the sheriff's department. He stated that he is going to try and get this information stated in 3 minutes. He stated that his grandfather was a 12 year veteran in deputy department downtown. He stated that back then the pay was drastically lower than what the pay is now. He stated that when he walks the streets today most of them know that he is his grandfather's grandson. He stated that whereas the police officers when they are on the streets they put their lives on the line each day when they do their jobs. He stated that there is no difference in the jail. He stated that anything can happen. He stated that they are underpaid. He stated that his

grandfather walked the halls of the 17th century jail. He stated that his grandfather treated the inmates as citizens and not inmates. He stated that he encourages City Council to find some funds to give them what they need. He stated that the school system has been in the spotlight now for over the past year. He stated that it is now even more since the election is approaching. He stated that he himself is a product of the Petersburg Public School System. He stated that he attended Walnut Hill Elementary Schools. He stated that he can stand present and name each of his teachers by name. He stated that back then teachers go through a lot more than what they go through now. He stated that when he was in school there was no air conditioning and that they barely had heat. He stated that the teachers are underpaid. He stated that the teachers put up with a lot. He stated that there are still some good educators. He stated that it troubles him. He stated that he knows that there has been a lot of back and forth with the budget and collaboration of the school board. He stated that he knows that the budget is tight. He stated that he is sure that there are some programs that they can cut to help with the funding in the necessary areas.

Oliver West, works with the Petersburg Sheriff Department and TRIAD, stated that he comes before City Council to talk about another group of folks. He stated that he would like to talk about the senior citizens of the City. He stated that in TRIAD they have a membership of at least 800 people that are senior citizens. He stated that the information that is presented to the members is information that will keep them from being scammed. He stated that the senior citizens are pretty vulnerable and that someone has to look out for them. He stated that everything that they do really helps the City. He stated that he knows that the money is really tight. He stated that they try to do as much as they can. He stated that the only way that they can do this is through the block grant that they get from the sheriff's office. He stated that sometimes they try to give back. He stated that the Petersburg TRIAD is one of the best in the State of Virginia. He stated that some of the things they do is like a food drive. He stated that the seniors donated over 8,000 pounds of food.

Paulette Friday, 1800 East Boulevard, stated that she is a teacher at A.P. Hill Elementary School. She stated that it breaks her heart to think that the City does not understand what is going on in Petersburg with the schools in reference to not giving them a raise. She stated that she has worked for Petersburg Public Schools for about 18 years. She stated that she has not gotten a raise in the last seven years. She stated that she is a school counselor at A.P. Hill Elementary School. She stated that she works with children who have needs. She stated that she listens to children every day and sometimes they sit and cry about the many things that are going on in their lives. She stated that she has stayed there for many years because she loves what she does. She stated that she wants them to reconsider giving the teachers a raise. She stated to City Council that they should come to the schools and just walk the halls and see how hard the teachers work hard.

Veronica Person, 1800 East Boulevard, stated that the days before she came to Petersburg everyone asked her why is she going to Petersburg. She stated because she loves to teach and that she wanted to catch children when they are extremely young. She stated that it is hard to teach and continue to teach when there are hardly any tools to teach with. She stated that she is at work sometimes late at night. She stated that the parents call her anytime day or night. She stated that she has seen the gifts of succeeding. She stated that this would help with the funding to help put tools in the classrooms. She stated that this raise and funding would help so much. She stated that she was told that Petersburg is the teaching place. She stated that she was amazed to see the comments of how poor the teaching habits were stated in the City of Petersburg. She asked Council to please help and give the funding for the schools

Samuel Winston, 916 Clarke Street, stated that he has been a citizen for the City of Petersburg for 65 years. He stated that he is 70 years old and that he retired from the post office. He stated that he is present tonight to ask for the sheriff's request. He stated that there is a group called TRIAD that is within the City. He stated that in his entire lifetime this program has come up to help do things with senior citizens. He stated that his request tonight is that City Council support the request from the sheriff's department.

Jewel Hill, 551 Locke Lane, stated that she would like to talk about Peabody High School at this point. She stated that she graduated from Peabody High School. She stated that she also graduated from the Medical College of Virginia (MCV). She stated that when you look at Peabody it is a disgrace. She stated that she wants somebody to look into getting federal funds to fix the building up. She stated that she is asking City Council to hire a City contractor of the City to revitalize this building. She stated that no child should have to walk in the school the way that it looks. She stated she wants every City Council Member to go into that school and just look at it. She stated that money does not have to take money out the budget because it is federal funding. She stated that the children are the future for the City.

John Henry Tabb, Jr., 62 Slagle Avenue, stated that both his fathers had businesses in Petersburg. He stated that you can talk to the walk but the walk cannot talk back. He stated that when you vote you can send them packing.

Vita Crocker, 634 Flynn Lane, stated that if you fail to plan then you plan on failing. She stated that she does not want this to happen to the children when you look at their faces. She stated that the State of Virginia has been working on this project as well regarding pregnancy. She stated that she wants City Council to plan on revisiting the monies to appropriate the monies for the health department. She stated that she is an employee of the Petersburg Health Department. She stated that she has worked in the City of Petersburg for over 30 years. She stated that she gets the opportunity to come back and work with the Petersburg Health Department. She stated that she takes in pride in being a citizen of Petersburg. She stated that it seems like a

small amount.

Pat Hines, 25 Centre Hill Court, stated that she comes to City Council not as a school board member but as a product of Petersburg. She stated that the children are important and that education is important. She stated that this is a reflection of the City. She stated that she came back home ten years ago to make a difference and to make a change. She stated that she is asking City Council to stand up for Petersburg.

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

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to have the City Manager to revisit the budget to find monies to add to the Sheriff Department and the Health Department and look at funding for the school system. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Moore; Voting No: Myers, Webb

- f. As required by the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing on the proposed FY2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget.

BACKGROUND: The recommended CDBG Budget is \$567,965 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution that supports this request.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached Ordinance in the amount of \$567,965.

William Johnson, City Manager, gave a brief overview of the proposed FY2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

George Friday, commander of VFW Post 622, stated that he is present on behalf of the senior citizens and TRIAD. He stated that he is requesting that the sheriff department be considered for the CDBG grant that they submitted. He stated that where there is no vision the people do perish. He stated that he thinks that they need to get some committees together so that they can give the City some synopsis's where they can come up with the funds to help with the raises that were requested. He stated that the City needs some feedback. He stated that this would be the wise thing to do and that is to get feedback from the public. He stated that he submitted for the CDBG funds and that he has not heard anything. He asked what are the criteria for receiving the funds and are the same people that have received the funds in the past still receiving the funds now. He stated that he does not think that this is right. He asked whether some of the funds that are allocated are used for something else other than what they are requested for.

Mr. Johnson stated that the process is that last year City Council adopted four priorities. He stated that each year the City gets a letter from HUD indicating the amount of that the City will be receiving. He stated that once that this is done they post it. He stated that there is a CDBG advisory committee that went through the entire request. He stated that this year they had requests at about roughly \$2.2 million dollars. He stated that they only had \$567,965 to allocate. He stated that the applications are submitted to Mr. John Young in the Planning Department. He stated that Mr. Young submits the applications to the advisory committee and this proposal came back to City Council Members. He stated that City Council had two meetings regarding the recommendation. He stated that once City Council had their final recommendation they had the public hearing which is tonight.

Parely Perry, TRIAD, stated that she is speaking on behalf of TRIAD under the direction of Sheriff Crawford. She stated that she is an office employee and the secretary for the board of directors that is present there. She stated that they have in assessed 800 members. She stated that they look forward to having the annual meetings. She stated that they go on trips and this enhances a lot of the senior's personal life. She stated that there are seniors who have never left the City of Petersburg. She stated that they benefit a lot from this. She stated that they have a lot of speakers to come in and that they address a lot of the personal issues. She stated that this enhances the longevity of the senior's lives. She stated that she is asking City Council to please consider the funds requested.

Richard Taylor, 828 West Tuckahoe Street, stated that he had not planned on speaking. He stated that he is present to ask City Council to support the sheriff and her request for funding from the CDBG grant program. He stated that his reason for this is that he wears a lot of different hats in the community. He stated that he has been a volunteer in the community for a good little while. He stated that he is a resident of the City and has lived at his current address for over 40 years now. He stated that he has never had a request denied by Sheriff Crawford. He stated that when he asked her to help with the volunteer projects she has always been a great help. He stated that he would appreciate if City Council consider and try and find the sheriff some funds to help her with the programs that she does. He stated that it was some years ago that a president looked at the citizens and stated "Ask not what your country do for you but ask what you can do for your

country.” He stated that this motto has stuck with him for a long time. He stated that he applies it to the City. He stated that he thinks that it is time for the City to come forward in these tough budget times.

Yvonne Paige, member of TRIAD, stated that when she came back to Petersburg there was not anything present that was for senior citizens. She stated that she was so amazed with the sheriff when she built up an organization for seniors. She stated that when she lived in Baltimore she was on the Baltimore Police Department. She stated that when she was in Baltimore there was not anything being done for any seniors. She stated that she wanted to say that the sheriff deserves anything that she has asked but she has done so much. She stated that the sheriff has made so many sacrifices.

Brenda Turner, member of TRIAD, stated that her husband is the president of TRIAD. She stated that when she came to Petersburg she did not want to be here until she met Sheriff Crawford. She stated that they went everywhere and that she enjoying being in the City. She stated that she hopes that City Council gives her the money that she needs to continue to help the senior citizens.

Sheriff Vanessa Crawford stated that she understands that someone stated that there was a recommendation already made. She stated that she has no clue on whether TRIAD was a part of this or not. She stated that if they are not she still asks City Council to consider their request for TRIAD. She stated that this is the premier senior citizen crime prevention program of the state. She stated that she has been called to go to various parts of the state to try and share information on how they got started with the program. She stated that recently they had a statewide TRIAD conference a month ago and she was one of the workshop speakers. She stated that this is basically the premier program for senior citizens. She stated that they talked about going on trips. She stated that every trip that they go on there is a test of videos about crime prevention.

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, stated that he is present to speak on whether the Boys & Girls Club put in their recommendation for consideration for CDBG monies. He stated that if they were he definitely hopes that they would be strongly considered as would TRIAD. He stated that he sees TRIAD as a valuable organization in the community. He stated that TRIAD looks out for the overlooked population which is the elderly population. He stated that Sheriff Crawford is one of the few elected officials in Petersburg that he can say that if he had to grade her would be great. He stated that 85% of the promises that Sheriff Crawford made she kept. He stated that she has been by far the most community oriented City official that they have in the City. He stated that her sheriff department works very closely with his neighborhood association. He stated that they are not taking from the police department but that if the grades were given then they would be in favor of the police department. He stated that they are people persons. He stated that in closing he was glad to say that he was there when Prince George County TRIAD was started after talking and working with the City's own Sheriff Crawford. He stated that Sheriff Crawford navigated them through the process.

George Friday, Director of the Supreme Humanitarian Assist Relief Program Incorporated (S.H.A.R.P.), stated that he is present to speak on his own request for his program. He stated that they partner with the veterans on Post 622. He stated that they put in a request for Operation Community Garden. He stated that they are having a segment at the VFW all this week entitled “Healthy Eating”. He stated that they are working with Virginia State University (VSU) and the Agricultural Department at VSU. He stated that they are going to help with the operation of community gardening. He stated that he would like City Council to please reconsider his request that he submitted for the funds from CDBG. He stated that the property is property that is donating for the program to utilize for fresh fruits and vegetables and show people how to garden. He stated that he hopes that City Council supports his request.

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

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Council Member Myers made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance in the amount of \$567,965 for the proposed FY2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Webb. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore; Voting No: Coleman

13-ORD-41 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2013, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$567,965.

- g. As required by the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing on the proposed FY2013-2014 Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) Budget.

BACKGROUND: The recommended budget for Petersburg Area Transit is \$1,911,748 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution that supports this request by category.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached Ordinance in the amount of \$1,911,748.

William Johnson, City Manager, gave a brief overview of the proposed FY2013-2014 for the Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) Budget. He stated that the City cannot actually adopt the budget tonight due to the public hearing that will be held on June 18, 2013, regarding the route changes.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Edward El Segundo, 1838 Lamar Avenue, stated that there truly is a fact finder on the payroll. He stated that he does not know what people think of regarding the usage of the buses from the citizens. He stated that he takes the bus to purchase groceries or to be able to go places. He stated that he has to work tomorrow and that he will be looking forward to the bus to take him there. He stated that he has had two jobs on the same bus stop. He stated that the children at Virginia State University need to be able to get off campus. He stated that there are a lot of freshmen that cannot afford vehicles so they use the buses for transportation. He stated that if some of the routes are taken from then how money will be giving back to the community. He stated that the City needs to figure out why they take it and when they take it. He stated that if the bus is not being taken as much as it needs be then maybe the City needs to advertise it more.

Michael Edwards, 510 Squaw Alley, stated that he is going to speak on the transit budget figure. He stated for an operation as small as Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) this is a great amount of money. He stated the PAT has at least five supervisors for an operation that small. He stated that for years one person ran the entire operation. He stated that he cannot avoid the elimination of routes. He stated that he did not want to talk on it but that it is not going to work. He stated when the City talks about eliminating routes for a transit system that was put in place by an independent person and put in place for the citizens of the City that did not have the proper transportation or the means or the money to get where they needed to go. He stated that now when the City talks about eliminating Ettrick there are people that still live in that area. He stated that it is always talked about that Virginia State University is the gateway to the City. He stated that when the students need to get around they do not have money to catch a cab and usually they have to wait about three hours for one. He stated that the City needs to look at all the useless supervisor's positions and get some more money to where they can keep the bus routes.

Jeff Fleming, 1819 Chuckatuck Avenue, stated that he is not the sharpest knife in the box. He stated that he has a question. He asked what are the neighboring municipalities paying for the City to run a bus service into their City. He stated that he thinks that the city needs to approach this. He stated that if the other localities are not putting anything into this then maybe the City needs to cut back in that area. He stated that the municipalities are making tax dollars of the City of Petersburg citizens.

Mr. Johnson stated that the last fiscal year and this year they sent letters to all the surrounding cities and the tri-cities as well. He stated that this year the City sent a letter to the general manager of Southpark Mall seeking funding. He stated that the only entity that has truly responded has been the City of Colonial Heights. He stated that the City received a written response from them. He stated that he would encourage everyone that has concerns about the bus routes that have been eliminated and the bus routes that are being redirected to please be present at the meeting on June 18, 2013. He stated that it will be an eye opening experience. He stated that the City had a contract with Virginia State University that expired in 2009. He stated that the City still runs the service today. He stated that the down side to this is that Virginia State University was contributing roughly \$58,000. He stated that the cost of running the routes was \$260,000. He stated that if you do the math then you will see where the City is. He stated also if you recall that in the previous fiscal years that a transfer from the general fund to transit was roughly \$1 million dollars. He stated that he does agree with one of the comments that were made that if there were more riders then this would make a great difference.

Vernel Gannaway, 652 Old Wagner Road, stated that he was at a particular meeting with Mr. Jones in past that was in reference to transit. He stated that he believes that this is one of the major reasons why he is not getting support of the buses. He stated that it is a beautiful bus facility but that it is empty. He stated that there are a lot of things that they can do inside of it. He stated that a lot of money is just coming through. He stated that without the beautiful building the City can have something there. He stated that the City needs advertisement. He stated that he knows that there is some way or system where there can be a little restaurant in the facility or something for the people to gravitate to so that the people can come. He stated that for the people that would like to tap into this they would have to pay.

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, stated that if some of the bus routes continued or not would not affect him because he drives. He stated that he usually walks. He stated that he does know a great number of people that use the buses. He stated that one thing that he is going to applaud City Council on is that there has been a decision made that allows them to review the proposal regarding elimination of routes. He stated that some of the routes serve vital transportation. He stated that he would like to thank Mr. Johnson again for the information because Colonial Heights was the only one that responded. He stated that from what he read it was not a favorable response. He stated that the way that the buses ended up in Colonial Heights was not done properly.

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

There was discussion among City Council Members.

- h. As required by the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing on the proposed FY2013-2014 Special Fund Budget.

BACKGROUND: The recommended Special Fund Budget is \$4,649,431 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution that supports this request by category.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached Ordinance in the amount of \$4,649,431.

William Johnson, City Manager, gave a brief overview on the FY2013-2014 Special Fund Budget.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, asked what the special fund is.

Irvin Carter, Finance Director, stated the special funds are grant monies. He stated that it is monies that the City gets for a specific purpose or designation. He stated that for example, the Litter Control Grant. He stated that the things that the City anticipates getting money for are appropriated for the fiscal year.

Mr. Christian stated that he does not know if these items were listed or not. He stated that he would say that when you approve the budget and for future references do not call it a special fund. He stated that he cannot speak for the rest of his citizens but that it sounds like slush fund to him. He stated that when he hears slush fund it sounds like money that is being stock piled and not being used for the better benefit for the citizens.

Mr. Johnson stated that the reason that it is called a special fund is because it is not funded with the general fund dollars. He stated that this is a requirement of the general accepting accounting principles. He stated that if the City does not designate the special funds when the audit is done then the auditors actually leave a bad mark for not keeping the funds separated from the federal fund. He stated that to name a few is the Office on Youth, Police Department, Court Services Unit, Commonwealth Attorney, Social Services, Library, Community Corrections, Parks and Leisure Services and the Fire Department. He stated that these are all a variety of grants that come in the City that is not a part of the general fund. He stated that they have to maintain these funds separately.

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

Council Member Coleman made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance in the amount of \$4,649,431 for the Special Fund Budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

13-ORD-42 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2013, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,649,431.

- i. As required by the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing on the proposed FY2013-2014 Dogwood Trace Golf Course and Petersburg Generals Budgets.

BACKGROUND: The recommended budgets for Dogwood Trace Golf Course (\$1,006,462) and Petersburg Generals (\$162,023) total \$1,169,485 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014. The appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution of Dogwood Trace Golf Course and Petersburg Generals that supports this request.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached Ordinance in the amount of \$1,169,485.

William Johnson, City Manager, gave a brief overview of the proposed FY2013-2014 Dogwood Trace Gold Course and Petersburg Generals Budgets.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, stated that as far as the golf course he is wondering about some of the things that were laid out to what was being done. He stated that he wants to know has this been done as of yet. He stated that he would like it clarified as to whether they are operating the golf course at a loss. He stated that his next question would be why they still are funding a team that at one time he thought was up for sale. He asked whether the team was no longer up for sale. He stated that if the team is going to be up for sale and the City is still maintaining it he wants to know for what reason. He stated that if the things that they disagreed as citizens about the golf course being done then this is money that they should look at

refunding. He stated that the most use would be from recreation because of the summer program. He stated that this is the most that he has seen from it since the golf course has been open. He asked why the City is continuously putting money towards a team that was supposedly up for sale. He stated that he would have been thrown under the bus for this. He stated that yet the leaders and manager are skating not even skating on thin ice. He stated that he is tired of the City money going down the drain.

Gloria Brown, 1557 South Sycamore Street, stated that the golf course was a big controversy when it was proposed. Her question is pretty simple is what is the ROI on this. She stated that she loves the golf course and that she utilizes it. She stated that her son and her daughter play there. She stated that it is an asset. She stated that right across the street is a struggle to find what is across the street. She stated that the golf course is running and her question is what the ROI from the golf course is. She stated that if it is running on a negative then the school system is running on a negative. She stated that she would like help to understand.

Jeff Fleming, 1819 Chuckatuck Avenue, stated that it was about eight or ten years ago that he was addressing City Council about the golf course. He stated that he has played there and patronized there plenty of times. He stated that he really wants to see what was promised there to the City in that time period in either the red or black. He stated that the golf course stays busy and it is a great asset for the City. He stated that he would like to know where they are on the path for what the City was promised.

Mr. Johnson stated that the golf course, when you look at the operation, actually breaks even. He stated that Jamie may make a little money on the operational side. He stated that 70% of the golfers that play at the golf course do not live in the City of Petersburg. He stated that it is an asset and it is bringing visitors to the City. He stated that he thinks that as they continue to move the entire City forward that the general fund for debt service will go down. He stated that as far as the Petersburg Generals he thinks that this is a great asset. He stated that he really thinks that as a City they need to get behind the team. He stated that last year they had four members from the team make the all-star game. He stated that it is a great facility and a great place to take the children. He stated that next Tuesday is opening night for the Petersburg Generals and that he encourages everyone to come out and support the team.

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

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Council Member Pritchett made a motion to approve the ordinance appropriation in the amount of \$1,169,485 on the proposed FY2013-2014 Dogwood Trace Golf Course and Petersburg Generals Budgets. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Webb. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Webb, Moore; Voting No: Wilson-Smith

13-ORD-43 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOGWOOD TRACE AND PETERSBURG GENERALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2013, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,169,485.

7. **PUBLIC INFORMATION PERIOD:** The Public Information Period is established by the Rules of Council to hear input from City residents or owners of businesses in the City. It will last for a maximum of 30 minutes. Speakers will be called in the order that they have signed up to speak. If there are ten or fewer speakers, each shall speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. If there are more than six (6) people desiring to speak, the time allotted to each person may be adjusted or the number of speakers limited to meet the time limitation. A speaker may speak on items **except those that are listed on tonight's Council agenda.** Any matter brought before the attention of the City Council during the public information period will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting.

Jewel Hill, 551 Lock Lane, stated that she is present to speak on the relation of the real estate taxes. She stated that she got a form in the mail that this was on the agenda tonight. She stated that she would like to say to City Council that she would like the agenda to be put out two days before hand. She stated that a lot of people did not know what was on the agenda. She stated that as citizens they need a chance to be able to look at it on the computer to see what is on the agenda. She stated that first she would like to thank another citizen for trying to reinstate the prayer in the meetings. She stated that she would like clarification from the City Attorney at a later date in writing as to what code or article or bylaw that makes an opening prayer unconstitutional. She stated that it must have been an old school statement of information. She stated that even if they have moment of silence. She stated that she would like to know what she is in as well. She stated that her information from the city assessor is different from what the ward map itself states.

Linwood Christian, 510 Mistletoe Street, stated that he comes to bring before City Council two issues. He stated that he has been communicating with his council person. He stated that he has to thank his council representative because he has gotten some responses back. He asked that with all of the monies that went into repaving Halifax Street is there going to be a line put on the street. He stated that people are driving the entire road. He stated that he is disturbed that the City is to be proud of the color of the trash cans of Petersburg High School. He stated that if the City is going to have pride and express pride into something then he does not think that putting the colors of the high school is highly accredited on a trash can.

Gloria Brown, 1557 South Sycamore Street, stated that she and her husband have been in Petersburg for nine years. She stated that they have grown to love the City and have been involved and that they have really put their money where their mouth is. She stated that for the City to move forward they have to work together. She stated that she asks everyone in the big picture to support each other. She stated that she can come before City Council and bash them but that this is unfair because she is not in their shoes. She stated that she does not do what City Council does. She stated that until she does what they do then she can say what she needs to say. She stated that her husband always tell her to stick to the facts. She stated that these facts are public records. She stated to City Council to check the Richmond Times-Dispatch or the TV station archives of how much money is collected from the treasure office. She stated that the hotel that sat for years did not pay the City their money. She stated that if the City concentrated on what they were supposed to do as citizens and business owners and keep personal agendas out of the skim of things then the City would actually get somewhere.

Vernel Gannaway, 652 Old Wagner Road, stated that he is present tonight to thank City Council for a City that he has been in all his life. He stated that Petersburg is a City that has shown him different areas and seen things progress as well. He stated that of all the fellowship and worship areas to be able to have prayer in the meeting. He stated that the people cannot come to a place where decisions are being made regarding money to have prayer. He stated that the City will be sustained and it will not be on City Council alone.

8. BUSINESS OR REPORTS FOR/FROM THE MAYOR OR OTHER MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

- a. Consideration of a proposed Ordinance amending Sections 94-35(a) and 94-36 and adding Section 94-38 of Article II, of Chapter 94, of the Code of the City of Petersburg, as amended, such amendments establishing time, placement, and removal of refuse and recycling receptacles and establishing penalties for violations.

BACKGROUND: The need to amend the Code of the City of Petersburg pertaining to Sections 94-35(a) and 94-36 is the result of many trash receptacles not being removed from the edge of the street or alley and returned by the occupant to a location not visible from the street or public right-of-way. The current Code does not have the ability for the Director of Public Works to enforce any code violation or impose civil penalties. The proposed Ordinance will amend Sections 94-35(a) and 94-36 of Article II of Chapter 94 and establish Section 94-38 for civil penalties in the amount of \$50.00.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached Ordinance.

Brian Telfair, City Attorney, gave a brief overview of the proposed ordinance establishing time, placement, and removal of refuse and recycling receptacles and establishing penalties for violations.

There was discussion among City Council Members

Council Member Myers made a motion to adopt the proposed uses of Community Development Block Grant funds for the 2013-2014 Program Year. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pritchett. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Webb, Moore; Voting No: Wilson-Smith

13-ORD-44 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 94-35(A) AND 94-36 OF ARTICLE II, OF CHAPTER 94, ESTABLISHING TIME, PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF REFUSE AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES, AND TO ADD SECTION 94-38 OF ARTICLE II, OF CHAPTER 94, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 94-36 OF ARTICLE II, OF CHAPTER 94 OF THE 2000 CODE OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, AS AMENDED.

- b. Consideration of appointing Steven Hicks as the Alternate Member of the Appomattox River Water Authority Board to complete the term of Michael Briddell.

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 member jurisdictions, traditionally appointed the locality's chief administrative officer as its representative on the Board and the Director of Public Works as the alternate.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council appoint Steven Hicks, Director of Public Works, as Alternate Member on the Appomattox River Water Authority Board to complete the remainder of Michael Briddell's term, which expires on December 31, 2014.

Council Member Coleman made a motion to appoint Steven Hicks, Director of Public Works, as Alternate Member on the Appomattox River Water Authority Board to complete the remainder of Michael Briddell's term, which expires on December 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers.

The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

13-R-26 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEVEN HICKS AS THE CITY'S ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE APPOMATTOX RIVER WATER AUTHORITY BOARD TO REPLACE AND COMPLETE THE TERM OF MICHAEL D. BRIDDELL.

- c. Consideration of appointing Steven Hicks as the Alternate Member of the South Central Waste Water Authority Board to complete the term of Michael Briddell.

BACKGROUND: The South Central Wastewater Authority provides waste water treatment services for the Cities of Colonial Heights and Petersburg and 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 subdivision. City Council has, as have other member jurisdictions, traditionally appointed the locality's chief administrative officers as its representative on the Board and the Director of Public Works as the alternate.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council appoint Steven Hicks, Director of Public Works, as Alternate Member on the South Central Waste Water Authority Board to complete the remainder of Michael Briddell's term, which expires on December 31, 2014.

Council Member Myers made a motion to appoint Steven Hicks, Director of Public Works, as Alternate Member on the South Central Waste Water Authority Board to complete the remainder of Michael Briddell's term, which expires on December 31, 2014. If authorized, the applicable City Code sections will be amended to comply with Council's authorization. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pritchett. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

13-R-27 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEVEN HICKS AS THE CITY'S ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SOUTH CENTRAL WASTE WATER AUTHORITY TO REPLACE AND COMPLETE THE TERM OF MICHAEL D. BRIDDELL.

- d. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the declaration of property addressed as 535 Taylor Street as a public nuisance.

BACKGROUND: For at least the last eight years, the City of Petersburg has received numerous complaints from the public regarding the subject property. The Petersburg Fire Department – Inspections Division believes that very little to no maintenance has been performed on the structure during this time. Over the past two years, the property has become increasingly dilapidated resulting in conditions that endanger the public's health, safety, and/or welfare. The Petersburg Fire Department – Inspection's Division and the City Attorney's Office have attempted to remediate this property. The owner of 535 Taylor Street has failed or refused to repair said property. The estimated cost of abatement to raze the property, so that it is no longer a nuisance, are approximately \$25,000.00 and the Code of Virginia sec. 36-49.1:1 (G) allows for the recovery of such costs from the property owner.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council schedule a public hearing on the proposed ordinance pertaining to 535 Taylor Street for June 4, 2013.

Council Member Myers made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the proposed ordinance pertaining to property addressed as 535 Taylor Street as a public nuisance for June 4, 2013. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

- e. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing to receive public comment the declaration of property addressed as 501 East Washington Street as a public nuisance.

BACKGROUND: For at least the last three (3) years, the City of Petersburg has received numerous complaints from the public regarding the subject property. The subject property has sat vacant and unused for over a decade. The City of Petersburg through the Petersburg Fire Department – Inspection Division sent the present owner of the subject property a Repair or Demolition Notice on or about July 26, 2011, requesting that he repair or demolish 501 East Washington Street on or before August 26, 2011. As of present time, the owner has done neither; the property has become increasingly dilapidated resulting in conditions that endanger the public's health, safety, and/or welfare. The Petersburg Fire Department – Inspection's Division and the City Attorney's Office have attempted to remediate this property. The owner of 501 East Washington Street has failed or refused to repair said property. The estimated cost off abatement to demolish/raze the property, so that it is no longer a nuisance, is approximately \$400,000.00 and the Code of Virginia sec. 36-49.1:1 (G) allows for the recovery of such costs from the property owner.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council schedule a public hearing on the proposed

ordinance pertaining to 501 East Washington Street for June 4, 2013.

Council Member Myers made a motion to scheduling a public hearing on a proposed ordinance for property addressed as 501 East Washington Street as a public nuisance for June 4, 2013. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pritchett. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

Mayor Moore stated that from the previous City Council meeting he was asked to provide information on the meeting with Mayor Jones. He stated that he and the City Manager met with Mayor Jones and his staff to discuss the poverty problem. He stated that it was a great discussion. He stated that he provided a copy to City Council Members of the report for staff. She stated that Mayor Jones was supportive in doing the same in Petersburg. He stated that Mayor Jones offered assistance if the City actually developed a program. He stated that Mayor Jones authorized one of his senior representatives to come down and give a presentation at one of the City Council meetings. He stated that if it is a consensus from City Council then Mr. Johnson can set up the meeting and presentation.

9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

- a. Report from City Manager – Answer and Questions from May 7, 2012 Meeting
 1. Who is responsible for repairing potholes in the City? Is it the City or the State?
Answer: The City is responsible for repairing potholes of any boundary. The state repairs potholes on the interstate.
 2. What is the status on paving the roads near the new construction on Old Wagner Road?
Answer: This section of Old Wagner Road does not belong to the City of Petersburg. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) owns from Normandy Drive to Rives Road. The City will be in contact of VDOT on repairing the road.
- b. Consideration of the appropriation of \$17,100 of Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Obesity Grant award funds.

BACKGROUND: The health and wellness instructor will work with the Quality Circle for a Healthy Community Committee to implement programming efforts to address healthy eating, active living, and obesity prevention.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$17,100.

Vice Mayor Webb made a motion to adopt the ordinance in the amount of \$17,100 for the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Obesity Grant award funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pritchett. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Wilson-Smith, Webb, and Moore; Absent during roll call: Ross

13-ORD-45 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING #12-ORD-44, IN THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET, SAID ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, IN THE GENERAL FUND, THIS AMENDMENT APPROPRIATES \$17,100 FOR THE WELLNESS GRANT.**

- c. Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment (Amendment #2) to the agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for engineering services for the Rives Road Widening Project, specifically for additional improvements along the I-95 northbound ramp, and the adoption of a supplement appropriation in the amount of \$11,044.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg entered into a contract with Kimley-Horn Associates on March 31, 2011, to provide design services for the proposed widening of Rives Road from its intersection with South Crater Road in the west and its intersection with Interstate 95 in the east. At this time, Kimley-Horn has provided the City with sixty-percent (60%) roadway design plans as well as coordination efforts with FHWA and VDOT. Environmental documents have also been completed.

This project is a federal, state and local joint venture with eighty-percent (80%) federal funding, eighteen percent (18%) state funding and two-percent (2%) local funding. The local share of the \$11,044 supplemental appropriation will be \$221.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment (Amendment #2) to the agreement for design services for the Rives Road Widening Project and adopt the attached appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$11,044.

Council Member Myers made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment

(Amendment #2) to the agreement for design services for the Rives Road Widening Project and adopt the attached appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$11,044. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Webb. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

13-ORD-46 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT #2) TO THE AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RIVES ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

13-ORD-47 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET, SAID ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013. THIS AMENDMENT APPROPRIATES \$11,044 FOR AMENDMENT #2 RIVES ROAD WIDENING.

- d. Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment (Amendment #3) to the agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for additional engineering services for the construction of the Rives Road Widening Project, specifically for the preparation of plats for right-of-way and easements, and the adoption of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$28,216.

BACKGROUND: The City of Petersburg entered into a contract with Kimley-Horn Associates on March 31, 2011, to provide design services for the proposed widening of Rives Road. As part of the widening of Rives Road, the City will to acquire right-of-way and easements. This amendment is to obtain platting services for the right-of-way and easements.

This project is a federal, state and local joint venture with eighty-percent (80%) federal funding, eighteen percent (18%) state funding, and two-percent (2%) local funding. The local share of the \$28,216 supplemental appropriation will be \$564.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment (Amendment #3) to the agreement for design services for the Rives Road Widening Project and adopt the attached appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$28,216.

Council Member Myers made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment (Amendment #3) to the agreement for design services for the Rives Road Widening Project and adopt the attached appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$28,216. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

13-ORD-48 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT #3) TO THE AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RIVES ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

13-ORD-49 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET, SAID ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013. THIS AMENDMENT APPROPRIATES \$28,216 FOR AMENDMENT #3 RIVES ROAD WIDENING.

Mr. Johnson stated that when they addressed the Healed Obesity Grant he failed to mention that Tami Yerby has been very instrumental in working with the health department to get this done. He stated that he would like to wish City Council Members a happy holiday and a safe Memorial Day weekend and as well as all employees and citizens.

10. CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL'S AGENDA:

No items for Clerk of Council Agenda.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA:

No items for City Attorney Agenda.

12. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY):

No items for closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Webb moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. There was no discussion. The motion was approved on roll call vote
City Council adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor