

The regular meeting of the Petersburg City Council was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at Union Train Station. Mayor Moore called the regular meeting to order at 6:30p.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
Acting City Attorney William Hefty
Clerk of Council Nykesha D. Jackson

2. **CLOSED SESSION(a):**

Acting City Attorney William Hefty, stated that it was City Council's desire to enter into a closed session under Section 2.2-3711.A (3) of the Code of Virginia, and specifically under Subsection 3 for the discussion or consideration of the disposition of public property, 1 item; and Section 2.2-3711.A (3) under Subsection 3 for the discussion or consideration of the acquisition of public property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, 1 item; under Subsection 5 for the discussion concerning perspective business where no previous announcement has been made in the business interest of location in Petersburg, 1 item.

Vice Mayor Webb moved that the City Council go into closed session for the purposes noted by the Clerk of Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

City Council entered closed session at 6:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Council Member Myers made a motion to return City Council into open session and certify the purposes of the closed session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ross. There was no discussion on the motion, which was approved on roll call vote.

On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

12-R-41 **A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING, AS REQUIRED BY THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, SECTION 2.2-3712, THAT TO THE BEST OF EACH MEMBER'S KNOWLEDGE, ONLY PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS LAWFULLY EXEMPTED FROM OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF VIRGINIA LAW WERE DISCUSSED IN THE CLOSED SESSION, AND ONLY SUCH PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS AS WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE MOTION CONVENING THE CLOSED SESSION WERE HEARD, DISCUSSED, OR CONSIDERED.**

3. **PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

a. Mayor Moore led council and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

4. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:**

a. Resolution honoring Russell L. Bland for his service to the City of Petersburg.

Mayor Moore read the resolution honoring Mr. Russell L. Bland.

Mr. Bland stated that he is truly honored on this momentous occasion. He thanked the City and stated that he appreciates it very much.

Council Member Pritchett made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Russell L. Bland for his service to the City. 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

12-R-42 A RESOLUTION HONORING RUSSELL L. BLAND FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF PETERSBURG.

- b. Certificate of Recognition to the Petersburg High School Basketball Team

Mayor Moore and Council Member Coleman presented the Petersburg High School Basketball with certificates.

Rick Hite, Coach for Petersburg Basketball Team, stated that he has to thank his coach Paris Bowles, James Dugger, Brian Massenburg, Rob Hill, Maurice Bowles, and Jason Lewis who is not present. He stated that some of the team players are not present as well. He stated that they are not the biggest bunch but that if you were to take off the fancy jackets and measure their hearts that they probably would be as big as the room. He stated that he is very appreciative and that he wants to thank the mayor and city council members. He stated that they have had a lot of awards and recognition over this past year but that this ranks right up at the top. He stated that they are humbled and that they will continue to push forward for the City and for the school. He stated that he has not had the chance to say thank you to the teachers. He stated that the teachers work hard for the players and that they will continue to work hard.

- c. Proclamation designating May 20-26, 2012, as " National Public Works Week"

BACKGROUND: Public Works Professionals provide essential infrastructure services to the citizens of Petersburg to protect the general health, safety, and welfare of the community.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached proclamation.

Mayor Moore read the proclamation out loud to council and the citizens. He presented the proclamation to Steven Hicks, Director of Public Works.

Steven Hicks, Director of Public Works, stated that he just wanted to thank the council members for allowing the public works department to get recognized. He stated that he thinks that everyone realizes that when you turn on the water, or go around a curve, or when there is an emergency, it's the hard working people in the public works department that do their jobs.

- d. Presentation of City-wide Clean-up Project

BACKGROUND: Citizens have expressed an interest in the City to providing a City Wide Clean-up. The proposed City wide clean-up will take place in each Council Ward on June 2nd, 9th, and 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. Additionally, as a component of the project, educational/outreach information regarding the Allied Waste Services and City's Stormwater Management Program (MS-4 permit) will be disseminated. Staff hopes this initiative will reduce isolated debris/bulk pick-up and promote a clean city.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council to support a City Wide Clean-up.

Steven Hicks, Director of Public Works, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the city-wide clean-up. He stated that everyone that would like to participate in this event are more than welcome to participate. He stated that he did change one of the dates from June 16 to June 23rd due to the Father's Day weekend. He stated that they will be doing Wards 1 through 3 on June 2, Wards 4 and 5 on June 9, and Wards 6 and 7 on June 23. He stated that his office can be reached at 733-2353 for those who would like to participate in the clean-up.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

No items.

6. OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

William Hefty, Acting City Attorney, stated that one of the budget items, 9E-The Utility Fund Budget, includes the rate increase. He stated that he would suggest having the public hearing and then if City Council adopts the rate increase then they would have the utility budget right after this.

Vice Mayor Webb made a motion to move item "9E" to right have the water and sewer commodity and capacity charges public hearing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ross. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

- a. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing on a proposed increase in the Public Utility rates for water and sewer commodity and capacity charges.

BACKGROUND: The cost to operate the water and sewer systems is continuing to increase . The customer base is stable and revenue from water and sewer billings is not increasing. The FY13 budget

includes two "new" line-items: a payment of lieu of taxes (also referred to as PILOT) of \$250,000 and a contribution to the water and sewer reserve fund of \$160,000. The proposed increases to water and sewer rates represent a combined increase of 14.3%.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the attached ordinance increasing existing Public Utility rates for water and sewer commodity and capacity charges.

Steven Hicks, Director of Public Works, gave a brief overview of the water and sewer commodity and capacity charges.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Moore closed the public hearing.

Council Member Pritchett made a motion to adopt the ordinance increasing existing Public Utility rates for water and sewer commodity and capacity charges. 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

12-ORD-41 AN ORDINANCE 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.

b. Appropriation: FY13 Utility Fund Budget - \$9,418,081

BACKGROUND: City Manager has recommended a budget for Utilities that totals the amount of \$9,418,081 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013. The attached appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution of the Utility fund that supports this request.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council enact the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$9,418,081.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Moore closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Webb made a motion approve the appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$9,418,081 for the FY13 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, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

12-ORD-42 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UTILITY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2012, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013 IN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,418,081.

c. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, as amended, a public hearing on a request from the Petersburg Public School System for supplemental appropriations and adjustments in the amount of \$9,588,163 to the FY12 Petersburg Public School Operating Fund due mostly to the receipt of new and carried forward Federal grants, the carry forward of unencumbered purchase orders at year end, bond proceeds used for construction, and adjustments to federal grant awards.

BACKGROUND: Funds totaling \$9,588,163 have been recognized by the Petersburg Public School System but not appropriated during FY12 for expenditure. This request is for Council to authorize the appropriation of these funds for expenditure. This appropriation shall be done by category as defined by Council.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council enact the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$9,588,163.

Sheila Minor, Interim Finance Director, gave a brief overview of the request from the Petersburg Public School System for supplemental appropriations and adjustments in the amount of \$9,588,163.

Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, stated that he went back to thinking a couple of questions. He stated he has questions with regard to the information that Council Member Wilson-Smith brought up with as far as with the school system going back where there was another need. He stated that for some reason after reports came back about the state not doing what they were supposed to do with regards to the budget. He stated that it is good to see that Petersburg is not the only school system going through this. He stated that when they saw the basketball team they saw that monies was good for something. He stated that he would

hope that City Council grant the school board what they are requesting but they would like City Council to keep an eye on what they are doing. He stated that his child is in the school system. He stated that like domino's that if you kick over one then they process starts all over again. He stated that this comes back to the effectiveness and the quality of the children's education. He stated that as he made statements yesterday there are so many people complaining about the City. He stated that people say that they are not coming to Petersburg until they get a better school system. He stated that the school system is reflective of the community. He stated that as a community we should show a reflection on the school system and likewise they should do the same.

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

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Vice Mayor Webb made a motion to accept the ordinance in the amount of \$9,588,163 for the Petersburg Public School System for supplemental appropriations and adjustments to the FY12 Petersburg Public School Operating Fund. 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

12-ORD-43 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2011, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012, IN THE SCHOOL OPERATING & FOOD SERVICE FUNDS.

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.

Shahid Shabazz, 33 West Washington Street, stated that he spoke with the children at Blandford School last week and that a lot of the children in the City are in bad shape. He stated that when he was 15 years old he was doing a lot of things that he should not have been doing. He stated that the children now are much more out of hand. He stated that when he was 15 years old they had old heads that guided them to do the right things and even doing the wrong things the right way. He stated that most of the generation that came up in the late 80s and 90s is where he thinks a lot of things fell off. He stated that a lot of people got locked up and got on drugs and things of that nature. He stated that a lot of young people in the City look at City Council as an "us" against "them" type of thing. He stated that there has to be some bridge to gap this uncomfortness. He stated that he has a lot of people that would like to help with this. He stated that there are people that want to do basketball leagues, football leagues, music, dance classes and things of this nature. He stated that they do not have the resources that the City has. He stated that he knows that there are old building and things of that nature that are sitting around that should be able to be used to help the youth. He stated that programs in the schools are not working. He stated that it is going in one ear and out the other. He stated that they are going to have to do things outside the schools to help the children. He stated that there are a lot of people in the City that would like to help. He stated that they do not know the first step to come and help. He stated that they are not going to come down to the council meetings and speak. He stated that this is one of the reason that he is present to be a voice to the people that are not going to be heard. He stated that people that have little children are affected. He stated that he wanted to do a birthday party in Petersburg he would not be able to spend his money here. He stated that he would have to go to Richmond or Chesterfield or areas around the City. He stated that he knows that the City can use the money and that he is a business owner and that he can use it himself.

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, stated that he would like to give kudos to his fellow citizen Mr. Shabazz. He stated that it seems that there is somebody else saying something other than him. He stated that this did bring them to a point. He stated that he would like to thank Council Member Wilson-Smith and Council Member Myers. He stated that when issues are brought before City Council do not say that you are going to get back with them to brush them off. He stated that they would like to hear something. He stated that before many of them came on City Council the very thing you heard Mr. Shabazz talk about is that they have been dumping for a long time. He stated that about a year or two ago his son came before council and expressed concerns that there was nothing for young people to do. He stated that his son is 16 now and that he wants young people to know that there is something out there then being scared straight. He stated that there is a skating rink that is sitting there that is nothing but an empty shell. He stated that they cannot expect Mrs. Yerby and the Department of Recreation to continue to be the babysitters for the City. He stated that his hat goes off to his son's principal Dr. Ronnie Watson.

Rasheedah Farid, 18 Jarratt Court, stated Petersburg Department of Social Services respectively requests the review amendment, restoration, and approval of the City of Petersburg FY13 Budget in the amount of \$11,270,241 minus the childcare portion equaling to \$10,145,241. She stated that the reason for

this request is for salary adjustments to maintain their current professional trained and skilled staff to consistently and compassionately assist their growing population and meet City and state federal mandates. She stated that they will continue to knock, email, write letters, call and do whatever they have to do until their plea is heard.

Beverly Moore, 1549 North Valor Drive, stated that the ration that they have been given pertaining to why the new upper level positions should be filled within the City is because the City must offer competitive salaries. She stated that she has worked with the Department of Social Services for 14 years. She stated that their salaries have been at the lowest level for that timeframe. She stated that they have never been competitive. She stated that the Department of Social Services has put more money in the City than any other department. She stated that they put in over \$16 million each month. She stated that their salaries unlike other departments that are totally funded by the City. She stated that 80% of their salaries come from the state. She stated that the City is telling them that they can take the money bring it in and spend but that they cannot match the 20% necessary to give them a salary adjustment. She stated that the City's logic does not seem logical to her. She stated that the City of Petersburg is home to 32,420 citizens. She stated that of these citizens the Department of Social Services maintain case loads of 14,705 for SNAP, 11,830 for Medicaid and 3,158 for TANF. She stated that the recipients bring in \$48,321,109 for Medicaid and FAMIS, \$16,974,997 for SNAP, \$1,222,936 for TANF. She stated that insight of these figures they work long hours. She stated that it appears that they cannot receive equity in the City.

Jackie Zemmitt, 1018 West High Street, stated that she is continuing to beat the drum as well. She stated that at the Department of Social Services they are going to beat the drum because they deserve salary adjustments. She stated that they provide services that are essential to this City. She stated that they have touched over half of the community. She stated that they provide services to the schools, community services board, to DSS and they are asked to be on committee after committee. She stated that it is time that City Council figure out how they are going to maintain this very professional staff in the City. She stated that they are citizens and that they live in the City and that they do a great job and they need to be compensated for it.

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

- a. Consideration of budget amendment.

BACKGROUND: Sycamore Rouge is required to provide the City with documentation of its receipt of grant funds in the amount of \$12,000 prior to the appropriation of \$12,000 in City funds. If the funds are appropriated, Sycamore Rouge will utilize the funds for programmatic support.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommendation Council appropriate \$12,000 in the FY13 General Fund to Sycamore Rouge at such time as documentation is provided that Sycamore Rouge has been awarded \$12,000 in grant funds.

KB Saine, representative from Sycamore Rouge, gave a brief overlay of the FY13 General Fund to Sycamore Rouge.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion to approve the appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$12,000 in the FY13 General Fund to Sycamore Rouge at such time as documentation is provided that Sycamore Rouge has been awarded \$12,000 in grant funds. 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

- b. Consideration of making an appointment to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND: The Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Board consists of eight (8) members who are appointed by City Council; one member from each of the seven wards and one at-large member. The Board serves in an advisory capacity and makes recommendations for Council action regarding requests for projects to be funded from the City's annual CDBG entitlement. The City Council makes the final approval of project allocations.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council appoint Joseph Arrington to represent Ward 7 on the CDBG Citizen Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Webb made a motion appointing Joseph Arrington to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2016. 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

12-R-43 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH ARRINGTON TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

- c. Report on Legislative visit to Washington, DC on May 8, 2012.

BACKGROUND: A delegation from Petersburg visited legislators in Washington, DC on May 8, 2012. A report will be presented on the visit.

RECOMMENDATION: No action recommended. For information only.

Mayor Moore stated that the meetings were very informative. He stated that they were able to meet with representatives of Senators Webb and Warner. He stated that they also met with Congressman Scott. He stated that they also met with representatives from the Northern District in reference to the dredging project. He stated that they also met with Congressman Forbes. He stated that they stated that they would help as much as possible. He stated that it was a great visit. He stated that the Ferguson Group did an excellent job.

- d. Report on City Attorney Search

Mayor Moore stated that about a week or ten days ago City Council received an email from Mr. Anzivino regarding drafted documents. He stated that they have to approve the engagements of Mr. Anzivino to move forward with the task of selecting a new city attorney. He stated that if there are no questions then they need a motion to move forward with the search.

Council Member Pritchett made a motion to move forward with the search firm for the new city attorney position. 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. Report on Military Affairs Committee

BACKGROUND: An update on the Military Affairs Committee will be provided.

RECOMMENDATION: No action is recommended. For information only.

Mayor Moore stated that they are going to contact the Chief Warrant Officer at the Transportation School. He stated that June 6, 2012, is the commemoration date for D-Day Invasion. He stated that there is a gentleman in Petersburg that was in the D-Day Invasion. He stated that he will see if the City can arrange a ceremony to get this started and make sure that they are not conflicting with the military schedule.

Council Member Myers stated that on May 26, 2012, the mayor and himself will have a restoration of rights and voter registration forum. He stated that there will be a fish fry and hotdogs with the 12th Masonic District supporting the City. He stated that it will be from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

Council Member Ross stated that he would like to thank individuals especially Fort Lee for their support in the Berkeley Manor Playground Installation as well as Berkeley Manor Personnel and the Recreation Department. He stated that he would also like to thank the City's business partner B. I. Chemicals for their support as well. He stated that it is very beneficial that they work together to try to make improvements in the quality of life in the Berkeley Manor area.

Council Member Pritchett stated that there will be a Ward 3 meeting on May 21, 2012, at Vernon Johns Junior High School at 6:30pm. He stated that Chief of Police John Dixon will be the chief speaker.

Council Member Wilson-Smith stated that she would like to make a motion that City Council set aside a date for the City to collectively look at the Comprehensive Plan in the near future no later than next month.

The motion dies due to lack of second.

Mr. Johnson stated that presently the comprehensive plan is in the final stages of review by the Planning Commission. He stated that the Planning Commission will hold this hearing hopefully sometime in June. He stated that the Planning Commission will hold the vote to approve the Comprehensive Plan update. He stated that once the Planning Commission has done this then this item will come before Mayor and City Council for final approval.

Vice Mayor Webb asked Mr. Johnson that before this is approved or even brought to City Council will City Council get to look at this. He stated that it may be something in the plan that they would like to change or looked at differently. Vice Mayor Webb asked Mr. Johnson will they be given that opportunity.

Mr. Johnson stated yes. He stated to City Council that with all the projects that come before the Planning Commission they have the right to make changes to that document based on what they see is in the best interest of the City. He stated that if he is not mistaken that there may be one final public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Wilson-Smith asked City Council if they can authorize the City Manager to look at the

budget for what the Department of Social Services has eloquently and continuously asked them to look at.

The motion dies due to lack of second.

Mr. Johnson stated that he clearly understands the Department of Social Services. He stated that this is a concern that they have city-wide in terms of equal compensation for equal days' work. He stated that they had a meeting with the Department of Social Services explaining the process and the plan. He stated that one of the final items that was cut out of the recommended budget to the mayor and city council was pay raises across the board for all city employees. He stated that Claristine Moore, Human Resource Director, ran probably between seven to ten options to fund raises for the city employees. He stated that when you look at what the City is covering the 8% increase in healthcare cost and not passing this on to the city employees when the City is covering the 5% increase in the VRS cost. He stated that also given the fact that the general assembly has now adopted a resolution that requires that the employees pay 5% contribution towards VRS. He stated that they are in the process of finalizing this to not only cover that 5% cost but to add enough funding in this process to where the city employees do not take home less pay. He stated that if they change the budget all city employees will go home with less monies. He stated that they clearly understand that the City of Petersburg is behind in compensation and that he understands this concern. He stated that at the end of this year in December, hopefully when the City has their final audit numbers that if the funding is available to do bonuses then they will make this recommendation to the mayor and city council members. He stated that he will also say that when the City starts the budget for the next fiscal year they will begin the same way they started this budget. He stated that he clearly understands the pain. He stated that he is trying to make sure the City puts the funding in the right place.

Vice Mayor Webb asked Mr. Johnson if he had met with the Department of Social Services to address some of the issues that they have stated.

Mr. Johnson stated that he had a meeting with the Department of Social Services right after the public hearing explaining the process to them to make sure they understood the recommendation. He stated that he believes that they understood but as they stated that they are on a mission.

Council Member Coleman stated that he wanted to thank Chief Dixon and the police department for their presentation last Tuesday at A.P. Hill Community Center. He stated that they presented a very extensive presentation to the citizens.

Vice Mayor Webb stated that he would like to commend Steven Hicks for his hard service and redoing the streets. He stated that he has had a lot of good comments on this work. He stated that he would like to give kudos to Mr. Hicks.

Council Member Myers made a motion to reappoint Mitchell Pradia to the Architectural Review Board for a term expiring September 30, 2015. 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

12-R-44 A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MITCHELL PRADIA TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

Council Member Wilson-Smith asked whether there were other applicants prior to receiving this.

Nykesha Jackson, Clerk of Council, stated that the present people on the list have already been interviewed and that there are no previous new applicants for that board.

Mayor Moore stated that they received a report from Mr. Hicks regarding the conversion of Bank Street, Sycamore Street, and Market Street to two-way.

Mr. Hicks stated that in the past they have been studying one way streets to conversion of two-way streets. He stated that Bank Street is an area that they have been studying and reviewing. He stated that the location of Bank Street that they are considering is Bank Street at Sycamore and Market Street. He stated that it is critical that they considering doing this at this point for many reasons. He stated that there will be a few parking spaces that will be lost but that of the parking spaces there will be over 15 spaces that will be available. He stated that the reason why it is critical for them to move forward today is that currently in the budget they are paving Bank Street. He stated that this requires them to build it out and repave it and put new paving markings. He stated that the gas company is also contributing to this cost as part of some of the work that they had before for some utility lines. He stated that it is his understanding that there is a trend to converting one-ways to two-ways. He stated that it is the City of Petersburg's hope that this helps with better access for the merchants and visitors in the area.

Mr. Johnson stated that it is the recommendation that City Council authorize the conversion of the remaining one-way section of Bank Street to two-way traffic with the work to commence on July 16, 2012.

Council Member Myers made a motion to authorize the conversion of the remaining one-way section of

Bank Street to two-way traffic with the work to commence on July 16, 2012. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Webb. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore; Voting No: Pritchett

Linwood Christian, 410 Mistletoe Street, stated that he is hoping that this information will get out in time. He stated that the traffic jams on Crater Road were unbelievable with the paving. He stated that he hopes that some information will go out to the public on what is happening and when it is going to happen.

Mr. Hicks stated that they have message boards that bring the attention to the travelers on what actions will be taken place. He stated that they will use the public relations director, JoAnne Williams, to get information out on facebook. He stated that they will also make available the plans on the internet. He stated that it will be clear information and schedules brought to all the citizens attention the best way they can.

Ozie Bradford, 1 Kennedy Court, stated that it says that the funds were previously budgeted in FY12 as part of the routine street maintenance. He asked are the funds budgeted per street or is this blended in the overall budget for street repair. He stated that his concern is on whether this was part of the plan. He stated that they have been asking for streets like Van Buren Community to be paved. He stated that they were looking for a list of priorities. He asked whether this is happening as a sacrifice specifically in the community of Ward 5.

Mr. Hicks stated that when he started on the job Mr. Johnson expressed the desire to get a pavement contract out quickly. He stated that prior to his arrival there was already a contract out with VDOT with working on the roads. He stated that in this particular case this is part of a repair that was set aside as a result of utility work that has been set across the street. He stated that if council decides not to vote on this then the street will still be repaved and it still will be marked. He stated that it is part of the pavement contract that is going on now.

9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

- a. Appropriation: FY13 General Fund Budget - \$79,428,220

BACKGROUND: City Manager has recommended a General Fund Budget in the amount of \$79,428,220 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013. The attached appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution of the general government that supports this request.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council enact the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$79,428,220.

Council Member Coleman made a motion enact the appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$79,428,220 for the FY13 General Fund Budget. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Webb. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore; Absent: Pritchett

12-ORD-44 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2012, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013 IN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,428,220.

- b. Appropriation: FY13 Community Development Block Grant budget - \$597,858

BACKGROUND: City Manager has recommended a CDBG Budget in the amount of \$597,858 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013. The attached appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution that supports this request.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council enact the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$597,858.

Vice Mayor Webb made a motion to enact the appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$597,858 for the FY13 Community Development Block Grant Budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wilson-Smith. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore; Absent: Pritchett

12-ORD-45 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2012, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013 IN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$597,858.

- c. Appropriation: FY13 Dogwood Trace Golf Course and Petersburg Generals budget - \$1,179,876

BACKGROUND: City Manager has recommended a budget for Dogwood Trace & Petersburg

Generals that totals the amount of \$1,179,876 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013. The attached appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution of Dogwood Trace and Petersburg Generals that supports this request.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council adopt the FY13 Dogwood Trace Golf Course and Petersburg Generals budget and enact the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$1,179,876.

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Vice Mayor Webb made a motion to adopt the FY13 Dogwood Trace Golf Course and Petersburg Generals budget and enact the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$1,179,876. 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

12-ORD-46 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOGWOOD TRACE AND PETERSBURG GENERALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2012, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013 IN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,179,876.

d. Appropriation: FY13 Petersburg Public Schools Budget - \$48,597,661

BACKGROUND: The Petersburg Public Schools Budget is recommended at \$48,597,661 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013. The attached appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution that supports this request by category.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council enact the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$48,597,661.

Vice Mayor Webb made a motion to enact the appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$48,597,661 for the FY13 Petersburg Public Schools Budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wilson-Smith. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

12-ORD-47 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2012, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, IN THE SCHOOL OPERATING & FOOD SERVICE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,597,661.

e. Appropriation: FY13 Special Funds budget - \$1,720,720

BACKGROUND: The Special Fund Budget is recommended at \$1,720,720 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. The attached appropriation ordinance breaks down the expenditure and revenue distribution that supports this request by category.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council enact the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$1,720,720.

Council Member Wilson-Smith made a motion to enact the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$1,720,720 for the FY13 Special Funds budget. 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

12-ORD-48 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2012, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, IN THE AMOUNT \$1,720,720.

f. Appropriation: Traffic signal improvements at intersection of Sycamore Street, Walnut Boulevard, and South Crater Road.

BACKGROUND: This intersection has been the center of commercial activity in Petersburg for many years. It is a complex intersection with five approaches. The poles and span wires are very old and the five approaches with multiple turning movements require numerous signal heads. The multiple signal heads on the span wires can cause problems for drivers especially on windy days. Commercial activity is increasing in the corridor and this project will provide the proper signal equipment to make this intersection safe and efficient as traffic volumes continue to increase.

The scope of work is to provide engineering, right of way, utility relocation and construction required to upgrade all traffic signal equipment at the intersection. Improvements will include data collection and traffic analysis for signal timing and design, new signal poles and mast arms, new signal equipment, medians, pavement stripping, and pedestrian crosswalks.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council enact the attached appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$385,350.

Council Member Coleman made a motion to enact the appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$385,350 for Traffic signal improvements at intersection of Sycamore Street, Walnut Boulevard, and South Crater Road. 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

12-ORD-49 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET, SAID ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2011, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012, IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$385,350.

g. Appropriation: Authorizing the use of Red Light Photo-Monitoring Systems.

BACKGROUND: According to Redflex, the vendor for the subject system, the agency has been partnering with cities for more than 20 years to help save lives and reduce injuries on America’s roadways through innovative technologies and strategic service partnerships. This turn-key technology is headquartered in Arizona and provides a data processing center for the violation, court evidence, and violation notice processing.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Council amend the City’s Traffic Code by adopting the attached Ordinance to authorize the use of Red Light Photo-Monitoring Systems.

Chief of Police, John Dixon, gave a brief report of the Red Light Photo-Monitoring Systems.

There was discussion among City Council Members.

Council Member Pritchett made a motion to approve the amendment to the City’s Traffic Code by adopting an ordinance to authorize the use of Red Light Photo-Monitoring Systems. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wilson-Smith. The motion was approved on roll call. On roll call vote, voting yes: Coleman, Myers, Pritchett, Ross, Wilson-Smith, Webb, Moore

12-ORD-50 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY TRAFFIC CODE BY ADDING SECTION 110-38 TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF RED LIGHT PHOTO-MONITORING SYSTEMS SECTION ADDED: §110-38 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA.

10. CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL’S AGENDA:

No items.

11. CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA:

a. William Hefty, Acting City Attorney, stated that the administration and the city attorney’s office would like to request a public hearing on the first meeting of June on an ordinance that would change the way evaporation credits for water use are calculated. He stated that currently the ordinance says that if presumed there is a 25% evaporation and that businesses can use this. He stated that the City is the only locality using this and that they would like to change a meter in and a meter out. He stated that the wastewater is based on the sewer system. He stated that this would accurately measure evaporation in the process. He stated that they would like to present this at first meeting in Jun on the 5th to do a public hearing on this.

Vice Mayor Webb made a motion to schedule a public hearing on June 5, 2012 for an ordinance that would change the way evaporation credits for water use are calculated. 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

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Ross moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myers. There was no discussion. The motion was approved on roll call vote City Council recessed at 9:48 p.m.

Clerk of City Council

APPROVED:

Mayor