

# City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314*



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Tuesday, October 23, 2012**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council Legislative Meeting**

**1 Calling the Roll**

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Euille, and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present.*

**13-0768**

**2 Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

*City Council observed a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3 Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:**

[13-0748](#) The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2012.

[13-0754](#) The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2012.

*City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of October 9, 2012 and the public hearing meeting minutes of October 13, 2012.*

**RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL****PROCLAMATIONS**

- 4** [13-0572](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the Winners of the 2012 Ben Brenman Awards: Lee-Fendall House Museum, William F. Smith and Michael Johnson.

*City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)****CONSENT CALENDAR****(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

- 5** [13-0749](#) Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Environmental Policy Commission  
Peter Pennington

(b) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
Dominick Muracco

**Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:**

- 6      [13-0750](#)      Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Beautification Commission  
1 Citizen Member
  - (b) Environmental Policy Commission  
1 Member from the Alexandria Business Community
  - (c) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
1 Member-at-Large

**(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

- 7      [13-0645](#)      Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures.
- 8      [13-0646](#)      Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS).

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

*City Council approved the consent calendar, with the removal of item #7, which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:*

*5. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Peter Pennington, Environmental Policy Commission; and (b) Dominick Muracco, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission.*

*6. City Council made the following appointments to boards and commissions: (a) appointed Audrey Monish as the one citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (b) appointed Ryan Wojtanowski as the one member from the Alexandria business community to the Environmental Policy Commission; and (c) reappointed Bernard Schulz as the one member at large to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission.*

*7. City Council authorized \$2,353,500 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Program Expenditure Summary (separate motion)*

*8. City Council authorized \$188,309 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for Alexandria City Public Schools as detailed in the ACPS October 2012 allocation request.*

**CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

- 9      [13-0751](#)      Park and Recreation Commission

1 Member From Among the High School Youth of the City

*City Council appointed Nick Wagner as the one member from among the high school youth of the City to the Park and Recreation Commission.*

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (45 min.)**

- 10      [13-0664](#)      Consideration of Proposed City Legislative Package For The 2013 General Assembly Session.
- City Council: 1. received the proposals for the City's 2013 Legislative Package, as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee, with the changes to item #3, the regional transportation funding; 2. scheduled the Legislative Package proposals for public hearing on Saturday, November 17, 2012; and 3. scheduled adoption of the Legislative Package for Tuesday, November 27, 2012.*
- 11      [13-0745](#)      Consideration of a Request to Adopt a Public Art Policy for the City of Alexandria.
- City Council: 1. received the revisions to the funding formula and Public Art Policy as requested by City Council; and 2. adopted the Public Art Policy and directed staff to implement strategies outlined in the policy, with the following amendment in Section B, Exemptions, to read: parking garages, whether above or below ground, which are associated with a DSUP.*

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

### **ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

*(a) Vice Mayor Donley said he is the Council representative on the Transportation Planning Board, and at the last meeting, they had an update on the capital bikeshare program. He reported on a couple of findings from the report, which are that since its inception, over 3 million trips have been made in the program, and over the past summer, it was averaging 2,000 trips per month. There are 18,000 active annual members, the 190 stations in D.C. are above break-even. The 41 stations in Arlington show a 64 percent cost recovery. It is estimated that of the annual members, 80 percent are riding bikes more often, 40 percent drive less, it is estimated that vehicles miles travelled have been reduced by 5 million miles over the last two years because people are on bikes, and the annual savings is estimated per member at over \$800. He said that in order for the program to be successful, it has to be convenient and it has to connect. He said he hoped that as the City continues its involvement that it expand the program.*

*(b) Vice Mayor Donley said the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria telethon is this Sunday, October 28, which will be televised by Comcast from 4:00 to 9:00. He said he and Councilman Speck will be co-hosts. He reminded his colleagues that there is an elected official challenge, and there will also be a City employee challenge this year.*

*(c) Mayor Euille said on Capital Bikeshare, Mr. Baier and Mr. Jinks participated in Agenda Alexandria last night, along with the former chair of the Planning Commission, Eric Wagner, on the transportation/transit challenges and opportunities in Alexandria. Mayor Euille said Mr. Baier made mention of the early success so far*

of the Capital Bike Share program in the City.

(d) Mayor Euille said on the CSX maintenance project for replacement cross ties and surface tracks between Alexandria and Woodbridge, they have heard from citizens about the duration of the long train horns pass that through in the wee hours of the morning. He said the work will be completed by the first of November. A letter went out to CSX Transportation to remind them that there is a process that should be utilized to give advanced notice in the future. He said it is a safety requirement when trains pass through a construction work area, and the work area is between Alexandria and Woodbridge.

(e) Councilwoman Hughes said at Saturday's public hearing meeting, a commentary was made about an MOU that was over 100 pages with the preferred alternative for Potomac Yard Metro. She asked for background history and context of the remarks and where the authorization for that MOU was derived.

Mr. Young, City Manager, said they have prepared a memorandum to go to Council that explains the details around the MOU and what it says and what it commits to and why and how it relates to the EIS process. He said the MOU has been around since 2010 and has been publicized on the City's website for two years and talked about in public meetings and hearings about the developers interest in that site. He said the process they are going through to evaluate alternatives is open and transparent and is a fairly rigorous process required by the Federal Government, so they are evaluating three sites according to that and have no pre-determined location as to where the Metro station may be sited.

(f) Councilwoman Hughes said the NAACP annual banquet is this Saturday night at the Holiday Inn.

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

## ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 12      [13-0529](#)      Consideration of a Resolution Supporting Real Time Bus Information for DASH Bus System. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: 1. approved the use of \$650,000 in State Urban Funds for the purchase of a real time information system for the DASH bus fleet; and 2. adopted the resolution which will allow the use of State Urban Funds for this purpose. (RES. NO. 2526)

## OTHER

- 13      [13-0683](#)      Consideration of City Council Schedule.
- City Council: 1. accepted the updated Council Schedule which includes: the 100 Best Communities reception, which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Vola Lawson Lobby; the National Adoption Day in Alexandria, which will be held on Saturday, November 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at 520 King Street, Fourth Floor; and the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities Annual Awards Ceremony and reception on Tuesday, June 25, 2013,

at 5:30 p.m. in the Vola Lawson Lobby; and 2. approved the City Council schedule.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 14      [13-0727](#)      Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting to Discuss the Acquisition of Open Space.

*City Council went into closed executive session at 8:54 p.m., pursuant to the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for the public purpose or the disposition of publicly held real property, specifically the possible acquisition of real property for use as City open space.*

*City Council reconvened in open session at 9:31 p.m.*

*City Council adopted the resolution pertaining to the Executive Session. (RES. NO. 2527)*

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.*

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*Note: The action docket is a summary of Council's meeting deliberations prepared largely for staff follow-up. Formal minutes of the meeting, when approved by Council, become the official record of the meeting and of Council decisions made at the meeting.*