City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket

Thursday, September 27, 2012
7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting
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5:30 P.M. - Work Session With the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

City Council held a work session with the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority at 5:30 p.m., in the Council workroom.

1 Calling the Roll.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, and the Deputy City Clerk called the roll. All members were present, except Councilman Smedberg, who arrived later at the meeting.

2 Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

All participated in the moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business Item No. 1:

Mayor Euille welcomed Councilman David Speck, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Rob Krupicka, and gave Councilman Speck the opportunity to introduce himself to the Alexandria community.

New Business Item No. 2:

Mayor Euille announced this month was National Hispanic Heritage Month and acknowledged the contributions of the Hispanic members of our community.

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


City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings: the regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2012 and the public hearing meeting minutes of September 15, 2012.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)
CONSENT CALENDAR

(4-9)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

4 13-0677 Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
   (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
       Jennifer O’Keefe
   (b) Commission on HIV/AIDS
       Marcos Castillo

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

5 13-0658 Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
   (a) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
       1 City Employee Representative
   (b) Park and Recreation Commission
       1 Member From Among the High School Youth of the City
   (c) Real Estate Assessment Review Board
       1 Citizen Member

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

6 13-0570 Ratification of Submission of an Application to the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) for a Set-Aside Allocation of Funding Through the Community Homeownership Revitalization Program.

7 13-0578 Receipt of Grant From The Virginia Early Childhood Foundation To Implement The Pilot Virginia Star Quality Initiative Rating System

8 13-0586 Consideration of Acceptance of the Donation of a “Bait Motorcycle” to the Police Department.

9 13-0558 Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of docket item #9, which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager’s recommendations were as follows:
4. City Council received the following recommendations with regret: (a) Jennifer O'Keefe, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; and (b) Marcos Castillo, Commission on HIV/AIDS.

5. City Council made the following appointments to boards and commissions: (a) appointed Michael Mackey as the City employee representative to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (b) appointed Emma Schutzius as the member from among the high school youth of the City to the Park and Recreation Commission; and (c) appointed Richard Novak as the citizen member to the Real Estate Assessment Review Board.

6. City Council ratified the submission of an application to Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) for a total of $750,000 in Community Homeownership Revitalization Program (CHRPR program funding to provide first-trust, low-interest, mortgage financing for eligible participants in the City Homeownership Assistance and Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

7. City Council: (1) authorized the receipt of $10,750 in grant funds for the management of the Family Child Care Virginia Star Quality Initiative (VSQI); and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

8. City Council accepted the donation of a "bait motorcycle" from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) and thanked the NICB and State Farm Insurance Company for their donation.

9. City Council authorized $12,012,635 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Expenditure Summary. (separate motion)

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

10  13-0659  Ad Hoc Towing Services Advisory Board
1 representative of a local towing industry

City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed David Butcher as the representative of a local towing industry to the Ad Hoc Towing Services Advisory Board.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (60 min.)

11  13-0531  Preliminary Recommendations for FY 2014-FY 2019 Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program Project Funding Requests

City Council: (1) approved the transportation projects listed on page 3 of the memorandum as those projects for which the City of Alexandria will request Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) grant funding from FY 2014-FY2019; and (2) authorized the City Manager to apply for these grants, and enter into necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia to accept any of these grants.

12  13-0555  Consideration of a Request from AHC, Inc., for a Predevelopment Loan to
facilitate a Proposed Affordable Housing Development on East Reed Avenue.

City Council authorized a $250,000 loan to AHC, Inc., from the City’s Housing Trust Fund for predevelopment costs for the proposed East Reed affordable housing development, with these funds to be repaid if the project receives future City land use approvals and is successful in its application for 2013 low income housing tax credits (LIHTC) from the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) and requested that staff study the right turn option at Reed Avenue and Route 1 and report its findings to Council within six months.

Issuance of a Request for Proposals for the Renovation and Lease of the Beachcombers Building

City Council authorized the the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the renovation and land lease of the Beachcombers building, with the goal of securing a lease of the building as a restaurant.

Authorization to Execute Project Agreements between the City of Alexandria and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute project agreements with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT).

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Vice Mayor Donley reported that the BRAC-TMP Monitoring Group met last week and they received an update from the Police Department on the recently suspended GRIP Program and the police noted that the traffic in the area surrounding BRAC will still be monitored and funds are available to reactive the program if needed. Vice Mayor Donley noted that Deputy Police Chief Corle reported to the group that there are about 130 tickets per month being issued in the surrounding area and some blocks have requested to leave the daytime parking program. Vice Mayor Donley also reported that the group reviewed the six months report from Washington Headquarters Service (WHS) regarding the transportation management program, which noted that traffic is not as bad as was expected, even with the building fully occupied, primarily because of the utilization of telework and use of mass transit options. Vice Mayor Donley noted there are two things that may be of concern: the expiration of the parking cap in 2013 and the construction congestion caused by installation of road improvements.

(b) Mayor Euille recognized the ribbon cutting and reopening of Jones Point Park and invited the community to visit and use the newly renovated park.

(c) Mayor Euille reported that members of Council and City staff attended the Virginia Municipal League (VML) Annual Conference in Williamsburg at the beginning of the week and he thanked Mike Mackey, Gang Prevention Coordinator, for being a presenter at a forum and highlighting the success of the Gang Prevention Program in Alexandria.

(d) Councilman Fannon noted that the VML Conference was a great opportunity for
networking and he noted that the transportation issues in Virginia and the challenges of funding the much needed improvements throughout the Commonwealth is a topic all communities were focusing on.

(e) Councilwoman Hughes also noted that VML Conference was a great time to reflect and learn about the challenges and similar issues facing communities across the Commonwealth.

(f) Councilwoman Pepper inquired about the use of the parking spaces located at the newly renovated Jones Point Park and wanted to know if it would be possible for the employees to resume using the spaces. Vice Mayor Donley noted that restrictions on parking near bridges changed following 9/11 and may affect the usage of the parking spaces.

**ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

15 13-0679 Career Ladder and Public Safety Pay Compression Update

City Council received the report.

**OTHER**

16 13-0587 Consideration of City Council Schedule

City Council: (1) received the revised calendar which includes: the 19th Annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer on Saturday, October 20 at 8:00 a.m., and will be held at AMC Hoffman Theather, 206 Swamp Fox Road; the Employee Service Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, November 29 from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and will be held in the Kaufmann Auditorium of the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street; the Sexual Assault Center and Domestic Violence Program of the Department of Community and Human Services will host a reception in honor of the 5th anniversary of the Alexandria Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Task Force on Thursday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. in City hall, Sister Cities Conference Room 1101; and the Commission on Aging- Excellence in Aging Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 14 2013 at 5:30 p.m.. The ceremony will be held in the Vola Lawson Lobby.

Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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.