City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, January 22, 2013
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.

13-1021  Roll-Call Card

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:

13-0998  The Special Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2013.
The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2013.

City Council approved the special meeting minutes of January 2, 2013, and the regular meeting minutes of January 8, 2013.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

(4-7)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

4  13-1007  Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Environmental Policy Commission
Scott Barstow

(b) Human Rights Commission
Pat Spurlock
Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
1 Member Designated by the Alexandria School Board

(b) Commission on Employment
1 Representative from Such Organizations as Educational Agencies, Organized Labor, Rehabilitation Agencies, Community-based Organizations, Economic Development Agencies and the Public Employment Service

(c) Commission on HIV/AIDS
1 Sheriff or Sheriff’s Designee

(d) Environmental Policy Commission
1 Member from the Field of Environmental Sciences (e.g., Environmental/Sanitary Engineering, Ecology, Geology, Botany, Hydrology, Chemistry) or Who Have Alexandria Waterfront Expertise

(e) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Old Presbyterian Meeting Housing Representative
1 Alexandria Association Representative

(f) Public Health Advisory Commission
1 Dentist Practicing in the City, Nominated by the Northern Virginia Dental Society

(g) USS Alexandria Liaison Committee
1 Citizen Member

(h) Waterfront Commission
1 Alexandria Seaport Foundation Representative
1 Archaeological Commission Representative

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures.

Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS).
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END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, as follows:

4. City Council accepted the following resignations: (a) Scott Barstow, Environmental Policy Commission; (b) Pat Spurlock, Human Rights Commission; (c) Clarence Tong, Social Services Advisory Board; and (d) Susan Corrigan, Torpedo Factory Art Center Board.

5. City Council made the following appointments to boards and commissions: (a) appointed Patrice Linehan as the member designated by the Alexandria School Board to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (b) appointed Lindsay Fenlon as the one representative from such organizations as educational agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies, community-based organizations, economic development agencies and the public employment service to the Commission on Employment; (c) reappointed Shelbert Williams as the one sheriff or sheriff’s designee to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (d) appointed Stephen Walz as the one member from the field of environmental sciences (e.g., environmental/sanitary engineering, ecology, geology, botany, hydrology, chemistry) or who have Alexandria waterfront expertise to the Environmental Policy Commission; (e) reappointed Junius McElveen as the one Old Presbyterian Meeting House representative and appointed Nancy Tingen as the one Alexandria Association representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (f) reappointed Jessica Hill as the one dentist practicing in the City, nominated by the Northern Virginia Dental Society to the Public Health Advisory Commission; (g) appointed Patricia Figliola as the one citizen member to the USS Alexandria Liaison Committee; and (h) appointed Kathleen Seifert as the one Alexandria Seaport Foundation representative and Jacob Hoogland as the one Archaeological Commission representative to the Waterfront Commission.

6. City Council authorized $7,359,553 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Program expenditure summary.

7. City Council authorized $43,578,038 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for Alexandria City Public Schools as detailed in the ACPS January 2013 allocation request.

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

8 13-1006 Commission on Aging
1 Citizen Member

City Council appointed Virginia Fernbach as the one citizen member to the Commission on Aging.

9 13-1005 Environmental Policy Commission
1 Member with Experience in Federal or State Environmental Statutes, Regulations and Procedures (Preferably an Attorney)
1 Citizen Member

City Council appointed Samuel Gaugush as the one member with experience in
federal or state environmental statutes, regulations and procedures (preferable an attorney) and appointed James Kapsis as the one citizen member to the Environmental Policy Commission.

10  13-1004  Torpedo Factory Art Center Board
1 Representative of the Community-at-Large

City Council appointed Lois Walker as the one representative of the community-at-large to the Torpedo Factory Art Center Board.

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


City Council asked the City Attorney to advise Council at a future date of how it might be supportive of the potential litigation of the Senate on the redistricting plans, whether it is an Amicus brief or something else; approved the legislative positions included in attachment 1 (recommended positions on Bills of Importance to the City) as recommended by City Council's Legislative Subcommittee (Mayor Euille and Councilman Smedberg); and approved a resolution, as amended, in support of measures to address gun violence included as attachment 2 (resolution supporting further restrictions on firearms and other related issues.) (RES. NO. 2539)

12  13-0970  Consideration of a Contingent Contract to Sell City Property at 200 North Royal Street.

City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with TTR Sotheby's International Realty to sell 200 N. Royal Street for $1,350,000. The contract will be contingent upon approval of the sale per Section 9.06 of the City Charter, which includes approval by the Planning Commission and City Council.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilman Wilson said the second meeting of the Long-Range Educational Facilities Planning Work Group was last week, and the group is made up of representatives from the City, Planning, Schools and their capital planning office, as well as School Board members and staff, and the stated rationale for the group is try to bring groups together to build consensus on the long-term estimates per school population growth and then figure out what to do about it. He said that in FY 2007, it had 10,332 students in the Alexandria schools, and on October 1, it had 13,114. He said they are looking at a mathematical equation to build the estimates that looks at the kindergarten capture rate, as well as cohort survival, which is how many go from grade to grade. The slow growth trend has the City hitting 15,000 by FY 2018, the mid-growth is 16,270, and the high-growth is 17,500. Councilman Wilson said they have a big issue ahead of them, and they will have tough decisions over the next couple of years to get ahead of the issue.
2. Vice Mayor Silberberg said she and Councilman Chapman serve on the Gang Prevention Task Force, and something was mentioned about a program at TC Williams after school called Titans Lounge, but they had to stop the program. She said the Task Force will look into it to see if there is anything to do.

3. Councilman Chapman said he and Councilmember Lovain are on the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission and they are doing the youth master plan, which will encompass programs such as the Titans Lounge and will look at different spaces and opportunities within the community for children to get those services. He said they will have community forums on February 9, 11 and 23 and he encouraged the public to come out and find out how to keep connected.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilwoman Pepper noted that Bernard Fagelson, an Alexandria resident, will turn 100 years old on February 5. She noted that Mr. Fagelson was one of the first Living Legends in the City.

2. Councilman Chapman said he was happy to see on the City’s Capital Allocations Report that Angel Park will be getting upgrades. For a long time, folks had to struggle down a steep hill to get to the park. He thanked Council and staff for putting in money to pave the walkway to allow ADA access to the park.

Mr. Spengler, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities, gave an update on the shelter and the park upgrades, and he updated Council on the new restroom at Simpson Stadium and replacing the lights on the field.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

13 13-1001 Passage on Second Reading of a Proposed Amendment to the Taxicab Code to Change Taxicab Fares. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance, as amended, on the taxicab fares. (ORD. NO. 4784) City Council asked the Traffic and Parking Board to come back with a recommendation on Section 9-12-32 to include the language for accepting credit cards for fares in excess of over $10.00 even when operating outside of the City of Alexandria.

14 13-1003 Consideration of a Citywide on-Street Carshare Policy and Adoption of a Resolution. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council approved a resolution to establish a Citywide On-Street Carshare Policy that would allow the leasing of on-street spaces to carshare vendors for an annual fee. (RES. NO. 2540)
OTHER

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: 1. received the updated City Council schedule, to include:
What’s Next Alexandria community dialogue on Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church; Alexandria Jaycees Community Appreciation Night on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Room 1101 (Sister Cities Conference Room); City Council Worksession schedule (non-budget) to be held at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Workroom in City Hall: February 12, Beauregard Rezoning and Affordable Housing; February 26, ATC Annual Stockholder and DASH Efficiency Study; March 12, AEDP Strategic Plan; March 26th, ACVA Plans and Programs; April 9, Draft Housing Master Plan; and April 23, Potomac Yard Metrorail EIS Update; and Council Approved the Council Schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 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.