City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket

Tuesday, November 12, 2013
7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Work Session With the State Legislative Delegation

City Council held a work session with the State Legislative Delegation at 5:30 p.m. in the Council work room.

1 Calling the Roll.

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

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:


City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of October 19, 2013 and the regular meeting minutes of October 22, 2013.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

4 Recognition of Youth Who Participated in Project Sticker Shock.

City Council recognized the youth who participated in Project Sticker Shock.

PROCLAMATIONS

5 Recognition of the Graduates of the City of Alexandria Citizen’s Academy.

City Council recognized the Graduates of the City of Alexandria’s Citizens Academy.

6 Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring 2014 as Alexandria’s Year of the Veteran.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (7-20)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards,
Commissions and Committees:

(a) Beauregard Design Advisory Committee
Robert DiBernardo Emard

(b) Building Code Board of Appeals
Robert DiBernardo Emard

(c) Commission for the Arts
Donna Fowler
Kelly Devaries

(d) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
Victoria Cattaneo

(e) Human Rights Commission
Catie Fulton

(f) Sister Cities Committee
Monica Johnson

(g) Torpedo Factory Art Center Board
Donna Fowler

(h) Waterfront Commission
Allison Nance
Ann Horowitz

8 14-2097 Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board
1 Representative of the Alexandria Police Department

(b) Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee
1 At-Large Member

(c) Beautification Commission
2 Citizen Members

(d) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
1 School Board Liaison Member

(e) Citizen Corps Council
1 Citizen Member

(f) Commission on Information Technology
1 Member Representing the Alexandria City School Board

(g) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
1 Member Nominated by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association

(h) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Lee-Fendall House Representative

(i) Sister Cities Committee
2 Citizen Members

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

9 13-1673 Consideration of Authorization to Advertise Delinquent Tax Listings Greater Than $1,000, Write Off Balances Less Than Twenty Dollars, and Destroy Records as Required By State Law


11 14-1923 Consideration of the Appointment of the Chief Animal Control Officer.

12 14-2001 Consideration and Approval of the Request to Release Urban Forestry Contingent Reserve Funding.

13 14-2078 Appointment of Participant and Alternate Representative and Management Representative to Certain City of Alexandria’s Retirement and Investment Boards.

14 14-2082 Consideration of a Supplemental Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services For the Department of Community and Human Services Sexual Assault Center.

15 14-2008 Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Stormwater Local Assistance Fund for Up to $1,200,000.

(Ordinances for Introduction)

16 14-2024 Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, By Adopting and Incorporating Therein the Amendment Heretofore Approved by City Council to the Old Town North Chapter of Such Master Plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0004 and No Other Amendments, and to Repeal All Provisions of the Said Master Plan as May Be Inconsistent With Such Amendment. (Implementation Ordinance for the Master Plan Amendment for the 700 North Washington Street Project Approved by the
17 14-2027

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on first reading of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Sheet No. 054.04 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," Adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and District Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, By Rezoning the Property at 700 and 710 North Washington Street From CD-X/Commercial Downtown (Old Town North) Zone to CRMU-X/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Old Town North) Zone in Accordance With the said Zoning Map Amendment Heretofore Approved by City Council as Rezoning No. 2013-0003. (Implementation Ordinance for the Map Amendment for the 700 North Washington Street Project Approved by City Council on October 19, 2013)

18 14-2060

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 4-802 (Permitted Uses) of Section 4-800 (OC/Office Commercial Zone), Section 4-902 (Permitted Uses) of Section 4-900 (OCM(50)/Office Commercial Medium (50) Zone), Section 4-1002 (Permitted Uses) of Section 4-1000 (OCM(100)/Office Commercial Medium (100) Zone) and Section 4-1102 (Permitted Uses) of Section 4-1100 (OCH/Office Commercial High) All of Article IV (Commercial, Office, and Industrial Zones) and Sections 5-102 (Permitted Uses) and 5-103 (Special Uses) of Section 5-100 (CRMU-L/Commercial residential Mixed Use (low)), Sections 5-202 (Permitted Uses) and 5-203 (Special Uses) of Section 5-200 (CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (medium)), Sections 5-302 (Permitted Uses) and 5-303 (Special Uses) of Section 5-300 (CRMU-H/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (High)), and Section 5-402 (Permitted Uses) of Section 5-400 (CRMU-X/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Old Town North) Zone) all of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) all of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance With the Text Amendment Heretofore Approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0010 (Implementing Ordinance for the Text Amendment to Add Public School and Social Service Uses to the Commercial and Mixed Use Zones Approved By the City Council on October 19, 2013)

19 14-2062

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 11-500 (Special Use Permits) of Division B (Development Approvals) of Article IX (Development Approvals and Procedures) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance With the Text Amendment Heretofore Approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0008 (Implementing Ordinance for the Text Amendment to Address Visitor and Guest Permits in the Residential Parking Permit Program Approved by the City Council on October 19, 2013)

20 14-2084

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Charter of the Alexandria Commission on Information Technology to Revise the Composition and Organization of the
Commission; to Alter the Functions of Commission; and to Provide for Administrative and Logistical Support.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket item # 11, which was considered under a separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

7. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Robert DiBernardo Emard, Beauregard Design Advisory Committee; (b) Robert DiBernardo Emard, Building Code Board of Appeals; (c) Donna Fowler and Kelly Devaries, Commission for the Arts; (d) Victoria Cattaneo, Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (e) Catie Fulton, Human Rights Commission; (f) Monica Johnson, Sister Cities Committee; (g) Donna Fowler, Torpedo Factory Art Center Board; and (h) Allison Nance and Ann Horowitz, Waterfront Commission.

8. City Council appointed the following persons to boards and commissions: (a) David Huchler as the representative of the Alexandria Police Department to the Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board; (b) Carolyn Griglione as the at-large member to the Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee; (c) reappointed Audrey Monish and appointed Lynn Wilson as the two citizen members to the Beautification Commission; (d) appointed William Campbell as the School Board liaison member to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (e) appointed Kara Noto as the citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (f) appointed Christopher Lewis as the member representing the Alexandria City School Board to the Commission on Information Technology; (g) reappointed Joseph Shumard as the member nominated by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (h) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Kara Newbury as the Lee-Fendall House representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; and (i) reappointed Renee Branch and John Scales as the two citizen members to the Sister Cities Committee.

9. City Council: (1) received the listings of delinquent local property taxes; (2) authorized that those parts of the delinquent real estate and personal property tax listings deemed advisable by the Director of Finance be published in the newspaper and on the City of Alexandria website; (3) authorized the Director of Finance to write-off uncollected tax balances less than twenty dollars each, totaling $20,002 as of June 30, 2013, for which the Director of Finance has determined that the cost of collecting such balances would exceed the recoverable amount, provided that the Director of Finance will not include any balance for which she has reason to believe the taxpayer has intentionally paid less than the amount due and owed; and (4) authorized the Director of Finance to destroy records associated with real estate taxes paid in calendar year 2007 and prior years in accordance with Code of Virginia §58.1-3129(A).

10. City Council received the monthly financial report for the period ending September 30, 2013.

11. City Council approved the appointment of Mr. Joseph Seskey as Chief Animal Control Officer pursuant to City Code Section 5-7-44, which includes the requirement that Council appoint the City's Chief Animal Control Officer. (separate motion)

12. City Council approved of release of $80,000 from Contingent Reserve for a pro-active tree maintenance program. This allocation request will fund a pro-active
tree pruning and maintenance effort along several major roadways and in Parks throughout the City.

13. City Council: (1) replaced the following representative from the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board: Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager, as City Management Representative with Nelsie Smith, Director of OMB, to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board. Ms. Smith will remain on the board until removed by City Council or ending her employment; (2) replaced the following representative from the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Plan Board: Jarod Overstreet, Deputy Sheriff-Sergeant, as Deputy Sheriff Participant Representative with Robert Gilmore, Deputy Sheriff III. Mr. Gilmore’s term will begin November 13, 2013 and expire December 31, 2014; and (3) appointed the following individual to the newly vacant position to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Plan Board: Valarie Wright-Perry, Deputy Sheriff IV, as Deputy Sheriff Participant Alternate. Ms. Wright-Perry’s term will being November 13, 2013 and expire December 31, 2014.

14. City Council: (1) approved the submission of the grant application to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for funding in the amount of $9,317, by the November 15, 2013 grant application due date; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all documents that may be required.

15. City Council: (1) approved the submission of the $1.2 million grant application, due November 15, for the proposed retrofitting of Lake Cooke; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

16. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on November 16, 2013.

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CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

21  14-2096  Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
     1 Citizen Member
     City Council appointed Lindsey Blythe as the one citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee.

22  14-2095  Board of Zoning Appeals
     1 Citizen Member
     City Council appointed Mark Yoo as the one citizen member to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (60 min.)


City Council authorized the City Manager to exercise the "Extension Option" under Section 2.3(c) of the Waste Disposal and Service Agreement among the City of Alexandria and Arlington County and Covanta Arlington/Alexandria, Inc. dated January 24, 2012.


City Council received a report on proposed new sidewalk materials and construction standards.

25 14-1784 Consideration of Capital Bikeshare Update.

City Council received the report on the first year of Bikeshare operations in Alexandria, and plans for future Bikeshare expansion.

26 14-2036 Consideration and Acceptance of the Recommendations of the Taxicab Taskforce.

City Council received the Taxicab Taskforce’s recommendations and directed staff to draft the necessary changes to the City Code of Ordinances to implement the recommendations related to (1) grandfathered certificate holder requirements, and (2) maintain a dispatch requirement but not allow driver transfers.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Mayor Euille reported that he would be traveling to Europe (Normandy and Caen, France), to visit the Sister Cities with youth representatives from T.C. Williams. Mayor Euille noted that he would be absent from the Saturday public hearing meeting.

(b) Mayor Euille stated that people could look to the internet to find ways to assist those who have been affected by the typhoon in the Phillipines.

(c) Mayor Euille reported that during a recent visit to Turkey with other Virginia representatives, they visited a Syrian refugee site and learned ways that the Alexandria community can help those in Syria. Mayor Euille stated that the organization Hizmetrelief.org was accepting monetary donations and new/clean, folded blankets.

(d) Councilmember Lovain reported that the Children and Youth Master Plan is available for review and comments and he noted that there would be a public hearing
on Thursday at Charles Houston from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

(e) Councilmember Lovain noted that the Alexandria City Public Schools will begin its search for a new superintendent and encouraged the community to offer comments when the opportunity is available.

(f) Councilmember Lovain expressed his condolences on the passing of Ron Kirby and recalled the great experience he has had serving with him on the Transportation and Planning Board and he noted that his expertise and knowledge will be missed.

(g) Councilman Wilson reported that the Long-Range Educational Facilities Group has been working to refine the student enrollment data for the City and he noted that the enrollment projections were close to the target set by the group. Councilman Wilson stated the numbers show a decrease in the enrollment at the kindergarten level and an increase in enrollment at the high school/ninth grade level.

(h) Councilman Wilson stated that the soft launch of the food waste recovery stations was held at farmers markets around the City as part of the City’s initiative to increase recycling efforts. Councilman Wilson stated that 46 residents participated in the food waste recycling efforts and there will be a bigger launch in the near future to promote this program.

(i) Councilman Wilson reported that the School Board would be voting on a revised schedule for their budgeting process.

(j) Councilman Wilson thanked veterans for their service to our country and noted that Alexandria is the only jurisdiction in Northern Virginia that does not observe the holiday for their employees. Councilman Wilson requested that staff examine the possibility of including Veterans Day as a holiday for employees next year.

(k) Councilwoman Pepper reminded everyone to get their flu shots this year.

(l) Councilwoman Pepper expressed her condolences on the passing of Ron Kirby and recalled his kindness, expertise and the respect he commanded in the community.

(m) Councilwoman Pepper expressed her condolences on the passing on former Vice Mayor Marlee Inman and offered memories of working with her when she served on Council. Councilwoman Pepper noted that there is a street named in her honor near Bradlee Shopping Center.

(n) Councilman Chapman reported that he will be attending the National League of Cities Congress of Cities in Seattle and will not be attending Saturday’s public hearing. Councilman Chapman noted that he will be accepting an award on behalf of the City for achievement as a Digital City.

(o) Councilman Chapman stated that on Monday, November 18, he will host a community chat at La Madeleine on King Street at 6:30 p.m.

(p) Councilman Chapman reported that the Eisenhower Partnership will hold its annual meeting tomorrow from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at SRM offices at 1800 Duke Street. Councilman Chapman noted that they will be electing officers and there will be a presentation from Faroll Hamer, Planning and Zoning Director, on the beginnings of the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan.

(q) Councilman Chapman noted that November is No-Shave November, highlighting
need for awareness for prostate cancer, and several members are participating in the campaign to increase awareness.

(r) Vice Mayor Silberberg stated that she used to work for an organization that promoted prostate cancer awareness and the need for men to get screened. Vice Mayor Silberberg applauded her colleagues for participating in the awareness effort.

(s) Vice Mayor Silberberg offered condolences for Ron Kirby and noted that one person can make a difference in the community and the region. Vice Mayor Silberberg also expressed her sympathies for the family of former Vice Mayor Marlee Inman.

(t) Vice Mayor Silberberg thanked the Veterans for the service to our country, noting the ceremony held at the Rocky Versace Memorial on Monday. Vice Mayor Silberberg stated that she also supports Councilman Wilson’s suggestion for finding a way for the City to observe Veterans Day.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

27 14-2083 TPB-VRE Regional Transportation Update

City Council received the update.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

28 14-1993 Consideration of Resolution from the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board Regarding the Voluntary Rent Guidelines. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the resolution from the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board regarding the Voluntary Rent Guidelines. (RES. NO. 2583)

29 14-2093 Consideration of a Resolution Giving Guidance in Regard to Replacing Foregone Voluntary Affordable Housing Contributions Deriving from the Development of the National Science Foundation Headquarters Building. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted a resolution providing guidance to the City Manager to consider, as a priority for funding in future proposed operating budgets, a cumulative increase in the General Fund contribution to the City’s Housing Trust Fund of no less than $500,000 by FY 2017. (RES. NO. 2584)

30 14-2042 Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt Supplement Number 107 of the Alexandria City Code. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council passed an ordinance to adopt Supplement Number 107 of the Alexandria City Code. (ORD. NO. 4838)

31 14-1969 Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt Supplement 60 of the Zoning Ordinance. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council passed an ordinance to adopt Supplement 60 of the Zoning Ordinance.
32  **14-2065** Consideration of City Council Schedule.  

City Council: (1) received the revised Council Calendar which includes: a joint budget work session with the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS), which is scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., at George Washington Middle School (ALL Conference Room); a budget work session with City staff on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sister Cities Conference Room; a budget work session with City staff on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Work Room; and (2) approved the calendar.  

33  **14-2108** Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for the Purpose of Consulting with Legal Counsel Regarding a Pending Legal Matter.  

At 10:22 p.m., City Council convened in closed executive session to consult with legal counsel regarding a pending legal matter pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia.  

At 11:12 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting.  

City Council adopted a resolution pertaining the Executive Session (RES. NO. 2585)  

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 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.