City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, May 28, 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.

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:
    13-1480 The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2013.
       City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of May 14, 2013.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

   City Council viewed the Mayors State of the City Address video.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (4-9)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

4   13-1486 Receipt of the Following Resignation from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
    (a) Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia
        Barbara D. Cohoon
    (b) Waterfront Commission
        Kathleen K. Seifert

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
5  13-1489  Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Archaeological Commission
   1 Planning District III Representative

(b) Citizen Corps Council
   1 Citizen Member

(c) Commission on Employment
   1 Citizen Member

(d) Commission on HIV/AIDS
   1 Citizen Member

(e) Community Criminal Justice Board
   1 Citizen Member

(f) Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors
   1 National or International Trade or Professional Association Executive

(g) Human Rights Commission
   1 Citizen Member

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

6  13-1411  Alexandria Fund for Human Services FY 2014 Grant Awards (REVISED)

7  13-1357  Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures.

8  13-1491  Consideration of Recommendation of the City Council Naming Committee to Name the Alexandria Fire Department Professional Development Center at the Lee Center in Honor of Paramedic Joshua A. Weissman

9  13-1510  City Council Consideration and Approval to Dock the Presidential Yacht Honey Fitz at the City Marina for Ten (10) Days and Waive the Associated Docking Fees.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of item #6, which was considered under separate vote, as follows:

4. City Council received the following resignations: (a) Barbara Cohoon, Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia; and (b) Kathleen Seifert, Waterfront Commission.

5. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and
committees: (a) reappointed Janice Magnuson as the one Planning District III representative to the Archaeological Commission; (b) reappointed John Aucott as the one citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (c) reappointed Kendra Gillespie as the one citizen member to the Commission on Employment; (d) appointed Kannessia Jordan as the one citizen member to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (e) appointed Michael Tilghman as the one citizen member to the Community Criminal Justice Board; (f) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Victor Parra as the one national or international trade or professional association executive to the Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors; and (g) reappointed Kristy Herrick as the one citizen member to the Human Rights Commission.

6. City Council: 1. received the report of the Alexandria Fund for Human Services FY 2014 grant awards, which includes the grant awards for Community Partnership, Children and Youth Priorities; and 2. thanked the members of the citizen review panels of the AFHS for their leadership in the allocation process. (separate motion)

7. City Council authorized $785,000 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) expenditure summary.

8. City Council: 1. received the recommendation of the City Council Naming Committee; and 2. set it for public hearing and consideration of Saturday, June 15, 2013.

9. City Council approved the request to dock the Presidential Yacht Honey Fitz at the City of Alexandria Marina for ten days and waive the associated docking fees.

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

10  13-1487  Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee  
1 Citizen Member  
City Council appointed Thomas Christianson as the one citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee.

11  13-1490  Alexandria Gang Task Force  
1 Member From and Representing T.C. Williams High School  
City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Michael Cohen as the one member from and representing T.C. Williams High School to the Alexandria Gang Task Force.

12  13-1488  Community Criminal Justice Board  
1 Representative of Local Education to be Nominated by the Superintendent of Schools  
City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Victor Martin as the one representative of local education to be nominated by the Superintendent of Schools to the Community Criminal Justice Board.

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

13  13-1298  Adoption of the Long Range Planning and Plan Implementation Work
Program for FY 2014 and Beyond

City Council gave staff direction to revise the workplan to reflect a completion of Eisenhower West first as expeditiously as possible, followed by Old Town North with the instruction that any proposed rezonings that come during the completion process for the Eisenhower West Plan and the Old Town North Plan be brought through the normal process for consideration.

14 13-1315

Consideration of Acceptance of a Funding Allocation from the 2012 National Capital Region (NCR), Urban Area Security Initiative Grant in the Amount of $145,200 for the Fire Department.

City Council: 1. authorized the City Manager to accept the funding from the NCR Urban Area Security Initiative grant program in the amount of $145,200; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Euille said the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority has announced the first year of transportation projects to be funded under the Commonwealth Landmark Transportation bill that is estimated to bring Northern Virginia $1.9 billion in new transportation funding over the next six years. The Authority is urging the public to get involved by learning about and commenting on the first fiscal year transportation project list during an open house and public hearing which will take place on Thursday, June 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Fairfax City Hall. He said the open house will be followed by the presentation and public hearing.

2. Councilmember Lovain said the COG Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee had an interesting session with the EPA Region 3 Administrator, the Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources, and the Maryland Secretary of the Environment about implementation of some of the EPA’s requirements on sewers and the Chesapeake Bay. He said there was talk of flexibility and partnerships.

3. Councilmember Lovain mentioned a study the Transportation Planning Board did on changes in regional commuter patterns from 2000-2011 based on census data and surveys. He said the transit mode share has gone up 30 percent in the last eleven years, 17.5 percent of Alexandrian’s use transit to commute, driving alone is slowly going down across the region, Alexandria is third in walking to work, third in biking to work, and second in the region on people who work at home.

4. Vice Mayor Silberberg said she attended an event at Inova Alexandria Hospital to thank the EMS personnel, the firefighters, paramedics and EMT’s. She said they have world class service in the City and she wanted to thank those who serve the City. She said the emergency management team is extraordinary and they are blessed. She spoke of the death of Paramedic Joshua Weissman, the tragedy in West Texas with a fertilizer fire where people ran in to help and so many perished trying to help, and the tornadoes in Oklahoma. Vice Mayor Silberberg said she was honored to be at the event.
5. Councilman Chapman said that on June 6, the Caen Sister City Committee will host its first D-Day Celebration on Market Square and he invited everyone to attend. He said the Sister Cities Committees will be having more public events to inform the public what they are doing.

6. Councilman Chapman said thank you to Brooke Curran, who is a citizen who runs marathons to help bring financial support to many of the non-profits in the City. He said her vision is to promote the economic engine that can coalesce around running and marathon events. Her larger vision is to incorporate a marathon or 5-K that the City hosts and brings thousands of people to the City.

7. Councilman Chapman said a special thank you and congratulations to his alma mater, the St. Stephens St. Agnes boys lacrosse team who won its first ever IAC conference championship. They are in a conference that has two or three nationally ranked lacrosse teams so winning the title is huge. He said they also won the state title and is hoping to catch up to the level that the girls lacrosse team is at, as the girls win everything every year.

8. Councilman Wilson said there were published reports about concerns relating to the carryover balances the City Schools have had in the last several budget years and he asked the Budget Director to give staff's perspective on the issue.

Ms. Smith, Director, Office of Management and Budget, gave a report on the information provided to the City by the schools. Mr. Young, City Manager, also spoke to the policy question.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

15 13-1134 Consideration of A Resolution to Proceed with the Eisenhower Avenue Widening and Roadway Improvements Project. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council approved the resolution approving the major design features for the first phase of the Eisenhower Avenue widening and roadway improvements project. (RES. NO. 2561)

16 13-1406 Consideration of Adoption of a Title VI Program by the City of Alexandria. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council approved the resolution which adopts the program implementing the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. (RES. NO. 2562)

17 13-1504 Final Passage of an Ordinance to Establish a Requirement that Taxicabs Accept Credit Card Payments. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance to establish a requirement that taxicabs accept credit card payments. (ORD. NO. 4810)

OTHER

18 13-0696 Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: 1. received the updated City Council schedule which includes: a ribbon
cutting ceremony is scheduled for 5325 Polk Avenue (newly acquired property) which will be used as open space on June 15 at 8:30 a.m.; the Charles Houston Mural and Hall of Fame Reception is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m.; National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6; and; 2. approved the Council Schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19  13-1521  Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding Actual or Probable Litigation and Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Specific Legal Matters.

At 10:42 p.m., City Council convened in executive session to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation; specifically, the settlement of a threatened legal matter related to infrastructure improvements, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

At 11:21 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting.

City Council adopted a resolution pertaining to the Executive Session. (RES. NO. 2563)

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The meeting adjourned at 11:22 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.