City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket

Saturday, January 25, 2014
9:30 AM

Council Chambers

City Council Public Hearing
OPENING

1  Calling the Roll.

Mayor Euille called the meeting to order and the Deputy City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present except Vice Mayor Silberberg who had an excused absence.

2  Public Discussion Period.

The following persons participated in the public discussion period:

1. John Buscher, 1100 Russell Road, requested help from Council in improving the playground and schoolyard at Maury Elementary School.

2. Matthew Stensrud, 525 North West Street, representing the Commission for the Arts, reported on the activities of the Commission for the Arts and how the Commission is engaging with the community to increase the presence of arts and involvement in the arts in Alexandria.

3. Jerry King, 400 East Howell Avenue, spoke in support of the King Street bike lanes.

4. Elizabeth Wright, 113 South Englin Street, representing the Holmes Run Park Committee, spoke about the park planning and the improvements that will be coming to the Holmes Run area with the planning, including an extension of bike trail system.

5. Dave Levy, 309 East Nelson Avenue, thanked the Office of Management and Budget staff for helping him understand the budgeting process and how the City should consider getting the maximum amount for Transportation funding in the City, in order to eliminate bond issuance.

6. Andrea Hamre, 205 Wesmond Drive, spoke in support of the King Street bike lanes.

7. Dan McNulty, 205 Wesmond Drive, spoke in support of the King Street bike lanes.

8. Amy Slack, 2307 East Randolph Avenue, spoke about her participation on City boards and commissions and how many boards are not fully informed in order to make the best decisions for the community.

9. Tom Walczykowski, 405 Cloverway Drive, representing the Clover-College Park Civic Association, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes.

10. Lisa Beyer Scanlon, 515 Braxton Place, representing the Taylor Run Citizens’ Association, spoke on how the community input process for the bike lanes was not clearly articulated to the neighborhood and needs to be revisited before the installation of the lanes on King Street.

11. Sara Gillespie, 2516 King Street, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes.
12. Lisa Kaplowitz, 2228 King Street, spoke in support of the King Street bike lanes.

13. Jesi Carlson, representing Taylor Run Citizens’ Association, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes and stated that the bike lanes should be placed in another area of the neighborhood. Ms. Carlson stated that the process was not handled in a professional manner.

14. Darlene Johnson, 2210 King Street, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes.

15. R. Craig Hudson, 2602 King Street, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes.

16. Jeanne-Marie Murphy, 2404 King Street, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes.

17. Abbie Eastman, 2209 King Street, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes.

18. Rachel Malleck, 2509 King Street, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes.

19. Gary Carr, 216 Aspen Street, spoke about restoration of the running tracks at George Washington Middle school and increasing running opportunities throughout the City. Mr. Carr also spoke about the installation of lights at the tennis courts at T.C. Williams High School and he stated that this issue should be given further consideration in a public forum.

20. Louise Welch, 2207 King Street, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes.

21. Scott Barstow, 801 North Pitt Street, #1104, spoke on behalf of the Environmental Policy Commission (EPC) and noted their support of concept #1 and concept #2 for the King Street bike lanes and would continue to work with everyone to reach a workable solution. Mr. Barstow stated that the EPC hoped the Council would include in the budget support for capital improvement investments for the combined sewer system and municipal stormwater improvements, support of Eco-City transportation initiatives and expansion of the composting program.

22. Jason Bonin, 2511 King Street, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes.

23. Van Van Fleet, 26 Wolfe Street, spoke in opposition to the reconfiguration of the King Street metro parking lot and street parking spaces and requested that the parking remain to serve the businesses located in the area.

24. Jonathan Krall, 6A E. Mason Avenue, spoke in support of the King Street bike lanes.

25. Francis Buckley, 2419 King Street, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes and the process for determining the installation of the lanes.

26. Esther Goldberg, 2419 King Street, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes.

27. Edward F. Tweedy, P.O. Box 4173, Midlothian, VA, requested Council support
in naming a highway bridge or sign in Alexandria after Trooper Jacqueline Vernon who was killed in the line of duty on Glebe Road in 1988.

28. Shirley Downs, 1007 North Vail Street, spoke about activities of the advocacy committee of the Commission for the Arts and requested input from the community on the types of arts, particularly public art, they would like to see in the City.

29. Richard Seale, 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 300, spoke in opposition to reconfiguration of the King Street metro parking lot and street parking spaces. Mr. Seale requested that Council reconsider the plan and give consideration to the parking availability for patrons of the businesses on King Street.

30. Dino Drudi, 315 North West Street, requested that procedures be changed to require boards and commissions decisions be automatically docketed for Council consideration.

31. Randy Stephens, 5610 Bloomfield Drive, representing the NAACP, reported on their recent forum held on affordable housing. Mr. Stephens also stated that the concept of faith-based communities and entities working to address the issue of affordable housing in the City was discussed.

32. Vernon Grandgeorge, 401 Holland Lane, #911, spoke in opposition to the reconfiguration of the King Street metro parking lot and the removal of street parking along Diagonal Road and he requested that Council reconsider the allocation of parking spots in the area.

33. Thomas Dunn, 2181 Jamieson Avenue, #2010, spoke in opposition to the reconfiguration of the King Street metro parking lot and the removal of street parking along Diagonal Road.

34. Bert Ely, 200 South Pitt Street, reported that the company that supplies the bikeshare equipment has filed for bankruptcy recently and he expressed concern about the program in the City if the company is liquidated and the cost impact it will have on the bikeshare program.

35. Barbara Corcoran, 507 Braxton Place, spoke in opposition to the King Street bike lanes.

36. Poul Hertel, 1217 Michigan Court, encouraged the City to take some responsibility for the education offered at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School. Mr. Hertel reported on an incident with bicyclists in Old Town and with bicycle police and how there is no respect for others when sharing the roads.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR (3-4)

Planning Commission

3 SUP13-083 Special Use Permit #2013-0083
2002 Eisenhower Avenue (Parcel Address: 2000 Eisenhower Ave.) - 7-Eleven Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a convenience store; zoned CDD-11/Coordinated Development District. Applicant: 7-Eleven, Inc.
by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney
Planning Commission Action:  Recommend Approval 7-0

4    SUP13-082  Special Use Permit #2013-0082
3128 & 3235 Colvin Street - Alexandria Car Clinic
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to relocate a portion of an 
existing general automobile repair and automobile sales business; zoned 
I/Industrial. Applicant:  Ahmad Mirza
Planning Commission Action:  Recommend Approval 7-0

END OF ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar as follows:

3. City Council closed the public hearing and approved the Planning Commission 
recommendation.

4. City Council closed the public hearing and approved the Planning Commission 
recommendation.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

Planning Commission (continued)

5    DSUP12-019  Development Special Use Permit #2012-0019
Special Use Permit #2013-0080
Encroachment #2013-0004
Transportation Management Plan SUP #2013-0071
220 South Union Street - Cummings Hotel
Public Hearing and Consideration of requests for: A) a development special 
use permit and site plan, with modifications, to construct a hotel including 
special use permits for an increase in height, a reduction of the required 
number of loading spaces, a reduction of the required number of parking 
spaces, an increase in FAR, and valet parking; B) a special use permit for a 
restaurant, C) encroachments into the public right-of-way; D) approval of a 
transportation management plan; zoned W-1/Waterfront mixed use. Applicant:
Carr City Centers, LLC by Kenneth Wire, attorney
Planning Commission Action:  Recommend Approval 6-0-1

City Council closed the public hearing and approved the Planning Commission 
recommendation with the following amendments:

1. Change condition 100 to read, "Supply deliveries, loading and unloading activities 
shall not occur between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;"
2. Change condition 16 (p. 58) to read, "Supply deliveries, loading and unloading activities shall not occur between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;"

3. Amend condition 55 to require the coordination of the lighting plan for the project with the plan for the Strand Park;

4. Amend condition 1 (as referred to in the January 24 letter from McGuireWoods) to read, "The Final Site shall be in substantial conformance with the preliminary plan dated October 28, 2013, the architectural elevations shall be in substantial conformance with the elevations presented to City Council on January 25, 2014 and comply with the following conditions of approval;"

5. Amend condition 11 (as referred to in the January 24 letter from McGuireWoods to read, "The building design shall exhibit a high-quality architectural finish, based on the comments regarding the project's scale, mass and general architectural character received from the City Council on January 25, 2014. Final building design, including fenestration, materials and color selection, is subject to Board of Architectural Review approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness. (P&Z)(PC);"

6. Delete condition 105; and

7. Include condition 106, which provides a monetary or in kind contribution of $675,000 to be used for off-site improvements to the existing and planned public spaces, including Point Lumley Park, between Union Street and the Potomac River. These contributions shall be due prior to the issuance of the final certificate of occupancy for the building.

6 14-1857

Public Hearing and Adoption of a Resolution to Establish the Civic Engagement Principles and Handbook as City Policy. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council closed the public hearing and adopted the resolution to establish the Civic Engagement Principles and Handbook as City Policy. (RES. NO. 2597)

7 TA13-13A

Text Amendment #2013-0013A

Bonus Density

Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for amendments to Section 7-700 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding bonus density in exchange for affordable housing.

Staff: Office of Housing

Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

City Council closed the public hearing and approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

8 14-2253

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 11-808 (Protest of zoning map amendment by landowners) of Section 11-800 (Zoning amendment) of Article XI (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. 2013-0003. (Implementing Ordinance for Text Amendment to update Section 11-808 approved by City Council on
Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 044.02 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 800 and 820 Slaters Lane to amend the proffer in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2013-0004. (Implementing Ordinance for the rezoning to amend the proffer for the Slaters Lane project approved by the City Council on December 14, 2013) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council closed the public hearing and adopted 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 Northeast Small Area Plan 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. (Implementing Ordinance for the master plan amendment for the Slaters Lane project approved by the City Council on December 14, 2013) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
City Council closed the public hearing and adopted an ordinance to amend and reordain Subsection F (Prior Existing Buildings and Structures) of Section 8-200 (General Parking Regulations) of Article VIII (Off-Street Parking Regulations) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0013. (ORD. NO. 4852)

12 14-2257

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage 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 Eisenhower East Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0007 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (Implementing Ordinance for the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan amendment to incorporate the change to the sidewalk material approved by City Council on December 14, 2013) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council closed the public hearing and adopted 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 Eisenhower East Small Area Plan chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0007 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (ORD. NO. 4853)

13 14-2259

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage 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 such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0005 to incorporate the Housing Master Plan Chapter into the Master Plan and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (Implementing ordinance for the Housing Master Plan chapter of the master plan approved by the City Council on December 14, 2013) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council closed the public hearing and adopted 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 such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0005 to incorporate the Housing Master Plan Chapter into the Master Plan and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (ORD. NO. 4854)

14 14-2282

Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Authorize Participation in the Virginia Investment Pool. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council closed the public hearing and adopted an ordinance to authorize participation in the Virginia Investment Pool. (ORD. NO. 4855)

15 14-2336

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend
and reordain section 5-2-64 of Article C (Street Names) of Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) and Repeal Section 13-1-23 of Chapter 1 (General Offenses) of Title 13 (Miscellaneous Offenses) and repeal Section 5-2-25 of Article A (General Provisions) of Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) and Repeal Article B (Alexandria Transportation Safety Commission) of Chapter 8 (Parking and Traffic Regulations) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) and repeal Chapter 9 (Rebound Tumbling Centers) of Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation) of the Code of the City of Alexandria. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council closed the public hearing and adopted an ordinance to amend and reordain section 5-2-64 of Article C (Street Names) of Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) and Repeal Section 13-1-23 of Chapter 1 (General Offenses) of Title 13 (Miscellaneous Offenses) and repeal Section 5-2-25 of Article A (General Provisions) of Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) and Repeal Article B (Alexandria Transportation Safety Commission) of Chapter 8 (Parking and Traffic Regulations) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) and repeal Chapter 9 (Rebound Tumbling Centers) of Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation) of the Code of the City of Alexandria. (ORD. NO. 4856)

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR

16 14-2345 Special Use Permit #2013-0084
1318 King Street - Automobile Sales
Public hearing and consideration of a request for continued operation of a non-conforming automobile sales business; zoned KR/King Street Retail.
Applicant:  A & B Auto Finance Co. by Behrooz Raiszadeh
Planning Commission Action:  Deferred 7-0

17 14-2346 Special Use Permit #2013-0085
1310 King Street - Automobile Sales
Public hearing and consideration of a request for continued operation of a non-conforming automobile sales business; zoned KR/King Street Retail.
Applicant:  Vafa Zarineh by Reza Sasani, agent
Planning Commission Action:  Deferred 7-0

City Council noted the deferrals.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 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.