City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, March 11, 2014
7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting
There will be a reception for the 30th anniversary of DASH at 5:30 p.m. in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall

1 Calling the Roll.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Euille, and the 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:

14-2512 The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2014; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2014

City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of February 22, 2014 and the regular meeting minutes of February 25, 2014.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

4 14-2478 Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the 30th Anniversary of DASH.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

5 14-2525 Presentation of a Proclamation for the Land Launch of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation’s Whaleboat.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (6-18)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

6 14-2517 Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
Tom Karol

(b) Commission for the Arts
Greg Johnson

(c) Park and Recreation Commission
Nick Wagner

(d) Social Services Advisory Board
Theron Fuller

(e) Torpedo Factory Art Center Board
Greg Johnson

7  14-2518 Uncontested Appointments to Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
1 Member From and Representing a Community Organization with Specific Outreach to the Latino Community

(b) Building Code Board of Appeals
1 Citizen Member

(c) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
1 City Staff Representative

(d) Commission on Aging
1 Citizen Member Who is 60 Years of Age or Older

(e) Community Criminal Justice Board
1 Administrator of the Community Services Board

(f) Sister Cities Committee
1 Citizen Member

(g) Social Services Advisory Board
1 Citizen Member

(h) Waterfront Commission
1 Representative from the Commission for the Arts

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

9  14-2368  Consideration of Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Docking Agreement with the Virginia Maritime Heritage Foundation to Dock the Schooner Virginia at the City Marina and Waive Associated Docking Fees.

10  14-2441  Appointment of Management Representative and Alternate the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Board and Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan.

11  14-2494  Consideration of the Annual Committee Attendance Report for Fiscal Year 2013.

12  14-2513  Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for a Local Government Challenge Grant for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

(Ordinances for Introduction)

13  14-2367  Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of a Proposed Amendment to Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation), Chapter 12 (Taxicabs and Other Vehicles For Hire), Division 2 (Certificates Of Public Convenience And Necessity) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as Amended.

14  14-2433  Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 064.02 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 509 North St. Asaph Street from, RM/Townhouse to CRMU/X Commercial, Residential, Mixed Use (Old Town North) with proffer in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2014-0001. (Implementing ordinance for the rezoning of the property for the Health Department project approved by City Council on February 22, 2014)

15  14-2434  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. 2014-0001 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 related to the Health Department Project approved by City Council on February 22, 2014)

16  14-2435  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 Eisenhower East Small Area Plan Chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0006 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 related to the Carlyle Plaza II project approved by City Council on February 22, 2014)

17  14-2436

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 11-700 (Transportation Management special use permits) 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. 2013-0009. (Implementing Ordinance for the text amendment related to new TMP regulations approved by City Council on February 22, 2014)

18  14-2437

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Article XIII (Environmental Management) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0014. (Implementing ordinance for the text amendment approved by City Council on February 22, 2014 regarding stormwater regulations)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of item #13, which was considered under separate motion, as follows:

6. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Tom Karol, Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (b) Greg Johnson, Commission for the Arts; (c) Nick Wagner, Park and Recreation Commission; (d) Theron Fuller, Social Services Advisory Board; and (e) Greg Johnson, Torpedo Factory Art Center Board.

7. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) reappointed James Williams as the one member from and representing a community organization with specific outreach to the Latino community to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (b) reappointed Magnus Monson as the one citizen member to the Building Code Board of Appeals; (c) appointed Kate Garvey as the one City staff representative to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (d) appointed Alan Dinsmore as the one citizen member who is 60 years of age or older to the Commission on Aging; (e) waived the residency requirement and appointed Suzanne Chis as the one administrator of the Community Services Board to the Community Criminal Justice Board; (f) appointed Stacie Andersen as the one citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee; (g) appointed Mary Taylor as the one citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board; and (h) appointed Shirley Downs as as the one representative from the Commission for the Arts to the Waterfront Commission.

8. City Council received the monthly financial report for the period ending January 31, 2014.

9. City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the docking agreement with
the Virginia Maritime Heritage Foundation to dock the Schooner Virginia at the City of Alexandria Marina from April 11, 2014 through April 14, 2014 and waive the associated docking fee.

10. City Council appointed Jean Kelleher, Director, Office of Human Rights, as the management representative from the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and the Supplemental Retirement Board; and appointed Elizabeth Davies, Performance Analyst, as the management alternative representative.

11. City Council: 1. received the report; 2. vacated the three positions listed on page one of the report; and 3. authorized the City Clerk and Clerk of Council to advertise the vacancies.

12. City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. submit a grant application, in the amount of $5,000, to the Virginia Commission for the Arts Local Government Challenge Grant Program; and 2. execute all necessary documents that may be required.

13. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, March 15, 2014. (separate motion)

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CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

19 14-2520 Commission for the Arts
1 Member Who Has Expertise in the Arts, Either as a Practitioner of Various Art Disciplines or as a Professional Administrator Working in the Field

City Council appointed Kate Elkins as the one member who has expertise in the arts, either as a practitioner or various art disciplines or as a professional administrator working in the field to the Commission for the Arts.

20 14-2521 Commission on Employment
1 Member From Such Organizations as Educational Agencies, Organized Labor, Rehabilitation Agencies, Community-based Organizations, Economic Development Agencies or the Public Employment Services

This item was deferred for additional advertising.
1. Councilwoman Pepper spoke of the ribbon cutting ceremony honoring the new bus Wellness on Wheels. Several schools will be on the bus route, and the bus allows the children to see a dentist or have a physical examination, and it gives children the concept that wellness is important.

Mayor Euille noted there was a grant for $380,000 from the Department of Health and Education for ACPS and the bus is programmed to service three schools.

2. Councilwoman Pepper said she recently viewed the Journey to be Free, Descendant Returning Home to Alexandria, a performance of singers and an historian lecturer who spoke of Alexandria’s history at the time the number of African-Americans were being buried at the site of the Freedman’s Cemetery Memorial, and she hoped it could be shown on the City’s cable tv channel. It honored the 150th anniversary of the site’s first burial.
3. Councilman Smedberg said that at the NVTC meeting last week, it had an update from the Virginia Department of Transportation and the DRPT. He said it is amazing what a difference an election can make on some key issues for Northern Virginia - VRE track access, the TSDAC numbers, Metro Momentum, and several other areas that are being moved on and being addressed.

4. Councilman Smedberg acknowledged the work of Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks, as he heard from several individuals the fine work Mr. Jinks did on the City's behalf and the region's behalf for the Metro Momentum agreement.

5. Mayor Euille thanked Virginia Governor McAuliffe, Maryland Governor O'Malley and D.C. Mayor Gray for signing the agreement for continued funding of the Capital Improvement Program at Metro - $25 million from each jurisdiction.

6. Councilman Chapman thanked staff who did a great panel presentation at the end of the descendent event, which showed their full knowledge of the issues and the care and concern they show for Alexandria’s history and the families that have lived here.


8. Councilman Chapman said with the last snowstorm, he had the opportunity to work with some of the T&ES folks and went on one of the snow plows as it cleaned the streets. He said it was a great experience to see the work the staff did in time of emergency and bad weather. One of the things that comes up during the winter is the cost for all that is done for snow removal and cleaning. He asked the City Manager where they were with that cost and how is it different from other years and how will it affect budgeting in the future.

Ms. Smith, Director, Office of Management and Budget, said the snow budget is put in the non-departmental fund, and there is $836,000 for snow emergencies, and at this point, they are estimating $1.4 million spent thus far. It does not incorporate any public safety costs related to personnel.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

26 14-2304 Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2014 (Fiscal Year 2015).

City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and established the tax rate to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property as $1.043 (a half a cent); and 2. set the ordinance for public hearing on Saturday, April 12, 2014 and second reading and final passage on Thursday, May 1, 2014.

27 14-2430 Consideration of a Resolution to Establish a Policy Advisory Group for the Van Dorn/Beauregard Transitway Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Assessment. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council: 1. approved the resolution establishing a Van Dorn/Beauregard Transitway Policy Advisory Group; 2. requested that the chairs of the Transportation Commission, Planning Commission, and the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee each nominate a member of their group to serve on the Advisory Group
and 3. authorized the City Manager to appoint the remaining members (with the addition of a professional in transportation or transit) and designate the Chair of the Advisory Committee. (RES. NO. 2605)

28  14-2485  Update On the Oakville Triangle and Route 1 Planning Process and Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an Oakville Triangle and Route 1 Corridor Advisory Group. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council: 1. received the update on the Oakville Triangle - Route 1 planning process; 2. approved the resolution establishing an Oakville Triangle and Route 1 Corridor Advisory Group; 3. requested that the chair of the Planning Commission nominate a member from the Planning Commission to serve on the Advisory Group; 4. requested that each of the three civic associations listed in the resolution nominate a member from their group to serve on the Advisory Group; and 5. authorized the City Manager to appoint the business and at-large representatives, as well as the Potomac Yard South representative, and to designate the Chair of the Advisory Group. (RES. NO. 2606)

OTHER

29  14-2495  Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: 1. received the revised Council Calendar which includes: the joint work session with ACPS is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. at George Washington Middle School - All Center Room 348; Spring for Alexandria Community Service Day is scheduled for Friday, May 16; and the June 10 City Council meeting be moved to Wednesday, June 11, 2014 due to Congressional elections for the democratic primary; and 2. approved the calendar.

30  14-2519  Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for the Purpose of Consulting with Legal Counsel Regarding a Pending Legal Matter.

At 10:10 p.m., City Council convened in closed executive session to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation, specifically the litigation and/or settlement of certain land use matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

At 10:55 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting.

City Council adopted a resolution pertaining the Executive Session (RES. NO. 2607)

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 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.