City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, April 22, 2014
7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting
14-2689  5:30 P.M. - Work Session on the Discussion and Feasibility of Food Trucks.

City Council held the work session.

1  Calling the Roll.

Mayor Euille called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present.

2  Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council participated in a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3  Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

14-2692  The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2014; and
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2014.

City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of April 8, 2014 and the public hearing meeting minutes of April 12, 2014.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

4  14-2670  Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

5  14-2686  Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Judy Guse-Noritake For Her Service to the Park and Recreation Commission.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6  14-2691  Presentation of the 2013 Annual Report from First Night Alexandria.

City Council received the 2014 Annual Report from First Night Alexandria.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)
CONSENT CALENDAR (7-20)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

7  14-2697  Receipt of the Following Resignation From Boards, Commissions and Committees:

   (a) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
       Demeka McCleave

8  14-2693  Uncontested Appointments to Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

   (a) Citizen Corps Council
       1 Citizen Member

   (b) Commission for the Arts
       1 Member Who Represents the Public-at-Large, as an Arts Consumer and Participant
       1 Member who Represents Arts Education or Business Expertise Relative to Arts and Cultural Development, Including Such Perspectives as Marketing, Finance/Funding, Tourism Promotion and Organizational Development

   (c) Park and Recreation Commission
       1 Planning District I Representative

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)


10 14-2663  Consideration of a Request to Vacate a Position on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

11 14-2653  Consideration of Acceptance of a Funding Allocation From the National Capital Region (NCR), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) in the Amount of $500,000 for City of Alexandria Police Department in Support of the NCR Law Enforcement Agencies.

12 14-2623  Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for Funding of Homeless Services.

13 14-2674  Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to Enhance Jail Diversion Services.
City Council adopted the consent calendar, as follows:

7. City Council received the following resignation with regret: (a) Demeka McCleave, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

8. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed Jerry McAndrews as the one citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (b) appointed Katherine Konefal as the one member who represents the public-at-large, as an arts consumer and participant, and appointed Beth Coast as the one member who represents arts education or business expertise relative to arts and cultural development, including such perspectives as marketing, finance/funding, tourism promotion and organizational development to the Commission for the Arts; and (c) reappointed Gina Baum as the one Planning District I representative to the Park and Recreation Commission.

9. City Council: 1. authorized the submission of the grant application (due May 23, 2014) in the amount of $242,500; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

10. City Council declared as vacant the position for a representative of a civic association in the City on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and authorized the City Clerk to advertise the vacancy.

11. City Council: 1. authorized the City Manager to accept the funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative grant program in the amount of $500,000; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: 1. Authorized the submission of the two-year collaborative Virginia Homeless Solutions Program grant application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for funding in the amount of $749,094 in year one and $703,094 in year two; 2. approved an increase of three positions (3.0 FTE’s) fully supported by grant revenues, to include: a family services specialist (1.0 FTE) to assess homeless children and provide referrals to services as part of the centralized intake process; and two family service specialists (2.0 FTE’s) to screen individuals and families seeking shelter services. Services will include diverting the households from shelter when possible or referring to shelter services as appropriate. These grant-funded positions will terminate upon the expiration of the grant, if no alternative funding is identified. The individuals who fill these positions will be notified of this condition of employment at the time they are hired and will be required to sign an agreement of understanding with regard to this condition. There are currently no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds expire; and 3. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

13. City Council: 1. authorized the submission of an application to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for one-time funding in the amount of $89,221 to be used to assist persons with mental illness and substance use disorders in the Alexandria Detention Center; 2. approved one senior therapist (1.0 FTE) fully supported by grant revenues. This grant-funded position will terminate upon the expiration of the grant, if no alternative funds are identified. The individual who fills this position will be notified of this condition of employment at the time they are hired and will be required to sign an agreement of understanding with regard to this condition; and 3. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.
CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

14 14-2694 Board of Zoning Appeals
    1 Citizen Member
    City Council reappointed Mark Yoo as the one citizen member to the Board of Zoning
    Appeals.

15 14-2695 Commission on Persons With Disabilities
    1 Citizen Member Who Shall Have a Physical, Visual or Hearing Disability
    City Council appointed Patricia Collins as the one citizen member who shall have a
    physical, visual or hearing disability to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

16 14-2696 Traffic and Parking Board
    3 Citizen Members
    City Council appointed Kevin Beekman and reappointed Gregory Cota and William
    Schuyler as the three citizen members to the Traffic and Parking Board.

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

17 14-2527 Consideration of Receipt of the Progress Report on Eco-City and the
    Environmental Action Plan 2030.
    City Council: 1. received the progress report and recognized the Environmental
    Policy Commission, community members and City staff that have participated in the
    implementation of the Environmental Action Plan 2030 aimed at leading Alexandria
    further toward sustainability; and 2. received the staff report entitled "2013 Eco-City
    Progress Report and Key Environmental Indicators" intended for informing the public
    at the 2014 Alexandria Earth Day on April 26.

18 14-2638 Consideration of Receipt of Quarterly Capital Projects Status Report Related
    to City Council Approved Capital Projects.
    City Council received as information the quarterly capital projects status report.

19 14-2622 Consideration of the Receipt of the Alexandria Children and Youth Master
    Plan and Setting it for Public Hearing for June 14, 2014.
    City Council: 1. received the Children and Youth Master Plan; 2. thanked the
    members of the Commission, the design team and staff for their work; and 3.
    scheduled the master plan for public hearing and final passage on Saturday, May 17,
    2014.

20 14-2624 Consideration of the Release of Contingent Reserve Funds and the Transfer of
    Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to Provide a
    Predevelopment Loan to AHC For a Proposed Affordable Housing
    Development Near Beauregard.
    City Council: 1. approved a $460,000 predevelopment loan to AHC, Inc., for its
proposed development of a 92-unit affordable housing property on Echols Avenue currently in the development review process; 2. approved the release of $174,235 in FY2014 contingent reserves as one part of the source of these loan funds; and 3. approved the transfer of $285,765 in CDBG monies from the Home Rehabilitation Loan Program as the second part of these loan funds.

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 that last week, the Alexandria BAR Association had its 2014 Beat the Odds Awards Program, and he and Councilman Wilson were present for it. There were 12 recipients, all T.C. Williams High School Seniors who received more than $22,000 in scholarships. He said these students had to overcome the odds, adversities in life but yet believed that the pathway forward was getting their education and going on to colleges and universities. He thanked the BAR Association for their continued support for the students.

2. Mayor Euille spoke of the successful fundraising by Spring to Action 2014 that raised $1,031,282 in less than 24 hours for 121 non-profits in the City. More than 7,500 individuals joined forces with restaurants and boutiques to participate.

3. Mayor Euille noted the retirement of Deputy Police Chief Cleveland Spruill, who is retiring after 26 years of service and has been appointed the Chief of Police of Huntersville, North Carolina.

4. Councilwoman Pepper said Saturday is the day the City celebrates Earth Day at Ben Brenman Park from 10:00 to 2:00.

5. Councilwoman Pepper said there will be a memorial service for Beverly Beidler, who was a former member of City Council, on Saturday, April 26 at 3:00.

6. Councilwoman Pepper said she and Councilman Smedberg co-chair the monitoring group that is keeping tabs on the NRG site and they will have a meeting tomorrow from 7:00 to 9:00 at City Hall, room 1101. It will discuss a report the committee has received and will be talking about groundwater.

7. Councilman Chapman recognized and congratulated Officer Cynthia Hurley and Firefighter Patrick Evans, who will be recognized Saturday by the Northern Virginia Urban League Young Professionals Network, who is honoring local heroes for their achievements in public service.

8. Councilmember Lovain said the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria is having its annual gala on Saturday night and it is the premiere social event of the year.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER


City Council received the report.
OTHER

22 14-2707 Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: 1. received the revised Council Calendar which includes the State of the City Address, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 from 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; and 2. approved the calendar.

23 14-2708 Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for the Purpose of Consulting with Legal Counsel Regarding a Pending Legal Matter.

City Council did not hold the closed meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 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.