City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

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Tuesday, September 23, 2014
6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting
1 Calling the Roll.

Mayor Euille called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present. (Vice Mayor Silberberg and Councilmember Lovain joined Council in closed meeting.)

Closed Meeting.

2 14-3133 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - 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.

City Council convened in closed meeting to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation and to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters, specifically the litigation and/or settlement of certain land use matters, the litigation and/or settlement of certain alleged personal injury matters, and the litigation and settlement of certain public utility and transportation matters. (RES. NO. 2640)

3 Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

14-3162 The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2014; and
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2014.

City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of September 9, 2014 and the public hearing meeting minutes of September 13, 2014.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

* Council of Governments Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee (Councilman Chapman)

* Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (Councilman Chapman)

* VML Legislative Committee (Councilman Chapman)

* City Council/ARHA Task Force (Councilman Chapman)

* Library Board (Vice Mayor Silberberg)
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* Transportation Planning Board (Councilmember Lovain)

* Alexandria Transportation Commission (Councilmember Lovain)

* JobLink (Councilwoman Pepper)

* Council of Governments Capital Region Connections (Mayor Euille)

* Campaign to End Bullying Stakeholders Initiative (Mayor Euille)

* Virginia Railway Express (Councilman Smedberg)

* Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (Councilman Smedberg)

City Council gave their reports.

Mayor Euille noted that September 15-October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mayor Euille noted that October is also National Domestic Violence Prevention Month.

Mayor Euille noted that he recently participated in a Climate Energy Sustainability forum that was sponsored by the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects and Virginia Tech.

Mayor Euille spoke of the concern of the neighbors about the lack of safety at the ethanol facility in the West End near Cameron Station and noted that he wrote a letter to the Secretary of U.S. Department of Transportation requesting urgency and action be taken to curtail the transportation of hazardous materials.

Mayor Euille spoke of affordable health care and noted that there are over 400,000 Virginians who have no insurance, and he put together a special commission on health care needs of the uninsured in Alexandria to identify and assess the scope of the problem, how many, the demographics, the range of public/private partnership solutions to improve coverage and access with broadbased community input, with the hope that by December 31 a report can come back to the Council with recommendations on what it can do to address the issue. He said he will package it up formally and bring it back at the next legislative session for consideration and approval.

Mayor Euille noted the passing of Marge Beatley and of Vince Callahan.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-7)
(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

5  14-3106  Council Receipt of the Results of Fiscal Year 2014 Fair Housing Testing.

6  14-3159  Consideration of a Renewal Grant Application to the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth to Continue a Tobacco Use Prevention Program.

7  14-3065  Consideration of Acceptance of a Grant Award of EMS Patient Tracking Device Bundles Provided by the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System (NVERS).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, as follows:

5. City Council received the results of fair housing tests conducted in FY 2014 for discrimination in rental housing on the basis of sexual orientation.

6. City Council: 1. authorized the submission of a grant application to the Virginia foundation for Healthy Youth, in the amount of $60,000 each year for three years for a total of $180,000, due October 16, 2014; 2. approved a total of 0.5 FTE, Therapist fully supported by grant revenues. Grant funding is expected for three years. The individual who fills this grant-funded position will be notified that the position may terminate if grant funds become unavailable in the future. They will also be required to sign an agreement of understanding about this as a condition of employment at the time they are hired. If grant funding becomes unavailable in the future, outcome data will be analyzed to determine the project’s effectiveness, and may be used to search for alternative funding and/or to reprioritize current DCHS funding to support the program’s continuation. If, however, grant funding becomes unavailable and alternative ongoing funding cannot be secured, the position will be eliminated; and 3. authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

7. City Council: 1. authorized acceptance of the 48 EMS Patient Tracking Bundles valued at $177,000; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (8-9)

8  14-3096  Consideration of a Resolution to Establish a Subcommittee to Review and Evaluate the Budget Add/Delete Process. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

9  14-3105  Consideration of the Resolution from the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board Regarding the City’s Voluntary Rent Guidelines. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council removed both items 8 and 9 from the roll-call consent calendar, which were considered under separate vote, as follows:

8. City Council: 1. approved the resolution establishing a Budget Add/Delete Process
Review Committee; 2. deferred appointment of the two City Councilmembers to serve on the Review Committee; 3 requested that the chair of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee nominate a member from their committee to serve on the Review Committee; and 4. authorized the City Manager to appoint two members of staff to serve on the Review Committee. (separate motion) (RES. NO. 2641)

9. City Council approved the resolution establishing the City’s Voluntary Rent Guidelines at a percentage of not more than five percent where the tenant pays utilities and not more than seven percent where the owner pays utilities, as recommended by the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board. This would maintain the percentages recommended by the current guidelines. (separate motion) (RES. NO. 2642)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (20 min.)

10 14-3107

Consideration of Amendments to the Beauregard Tenant Assistance and Relocation Plan.

City Council: 1. approved levels A and B within priority I and priority II categories. Level A will be assigned to those households in each priority category who are in receipt of a 120-day notice to vacate. Level B will be assigned to the remaining households in each priority category; and 2. authorized administrative approval for amendments to the Tenant Assistance and Relocation Plan when necessary after consultation with participating developers, CAU applicants from the plan area, the Landlord Tenant Relations Board and the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, subject to notification to the City Council.

WORK SESSION

11 14-3164

Work Session: Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness.

City Council held the work session on Homelessness in the City of Alexandria: A Policy Discussion and received the report.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

12 14-3194


City Council received the report on the George Washington Parkway Memorial Circle Transportation Plan/Environmental Assessment Study and affirmed the letter endorsing the Transportation Commission’s comments and forwarded the letter from the Mayor to the National Park Service.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Caton, Legislative Director, made a presentation of the special session of the General Assembly action from last week, noting that it took up three issues: appointment of a number of Judges, debated Medicaid expansion, and further budget reductions.
OTHER

13  **14-3167**  Consideration of the City Council Schedule.

City Council: 1. received the revised Council calendar, which includes: the City Council Retreat, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 8. The location will be determined at a later date; and the NLC Conference, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18 through Saturday, November 22 in Austin, Texas; and 2. approved the calendar.

Closed Meeting Continued (If Needed)

14  **14-3185**  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.

City Council did not hold the closed meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

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.