City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, March 10, 2015
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 City Council were present. (Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilmember Lovain and Councilwoman Pepper arrived during the closed meeting.)

2 Closed Meeting.

14-3800 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice, to Discuss the Possible Acquisition of Real Property, to Discuss the Negotiation of a Contract, and to Discuss a Personnel Matter.

City Council convened in closed meeting to discuss the possible investment of public funds to certain economic development incentives and to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation, and to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters, specifically the investment of public funds, or the use of tax increment financing in support of economic development, and potential litigation and/or settlement of certain personnel matters involving a publicly funded entity, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(6) and (7) of the Code of Virginia. (RES. NO. 2664)

3 Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

14-3782 The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2015; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2015; and
The Special Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2015.

City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of February 21, 2015, the regular meeting minutes of February 24, 2015, and the special meeting minutes of March 3, 2015.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

5 14-3754 Presentation of a Proclamation to Address Childhood Hunger.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6 14-3788 Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing March as March for Meals Month.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES.

* Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (Councilmember Lovain)

* NRG Monitoring Group (Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg)

* Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (Councilwoman Pepper)

City Council gave their reports.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (7-14)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

7  14-3798

Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Board of Zoning Appeals
Jennifer Walker

(b) Commission for the Arts
Katherine Muzio Konefal

(c) Human Rights Commission
Jordan Costen

8  14-3790

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
1 Person who is Either a City Employee or a Teacher with the Alexandria City Public Schools

(b) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
1 Citizen Member

(c) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
1 Member Designed by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
(d) Commission for the Arts
1 Member who Shall be a Professional in the Field Related to the Visual Appearance of the Cityscape, Such as Architecture, Environmental Design, Landscape Architecture or Urban Design

(e) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
1 Citizen Member

(f) Emergency Medical Services Council
1 Citizen Member

(g) Environmental Policy Commission
1 Member with Experience in Federal or State Environmental Statutes, Regulations and Procedures
1 Citizen-at-Large Member

(h) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
1 Citizen Member

(i) Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia
1 Consumer Member

(j) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Alexandria Historical Society Representative

(k) Local Emergency Planning Committee
1 Representative of a Community Group

(l) Real Estate Assessments Review Board
1 Citizen Member

(m) Sister Cities Committee
1 Citizen Member

(n) Social Services Advisory Board
1 Citizen Member

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)


11  14-3720  Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Health for
the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program for Children.


(Ordinances for Introduction)

13 14-3738  Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Replace St. James Church with the Hermitage Polling Place and to Add the Charles Houston Center as a New Polling Place with Associated Changes in the Durant Center and Fire Department Headquarters Precinct Boundaries.

14 14-3744  Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend City Code Section 10-4-13 By Deleting Subsection (a), Which Prohibits the Display of Vehicles For Sale Within the Public Right of Way in the City of Alexandria.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

7. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Board of Zoning Appeals, Jennifer Walker; (b) Commission for the Arts, Katherine Muzio Konefal; and (c) Jordan Costen, Human Rights Commission.

8. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed Brandi Collins as the one person who is either a City employee or a teacher with the Alexandria City Public Schools to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; (b) reappointed Kerem Bilge as the one citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (c) reappointed David Baker as the one member designated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (d) appointed Allison Heck as the one member who shall be a professional in the field related to the visual appearance of the cityscape, such as architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture or urban design to the Commission for the Arts; (e) reappointed Donna Browning as the one citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (f) reappointed Steven Schindel as the one citizen member to the Emergency Medical Services Council; (g) appointed Jed Bullock as the one member with experience in federal or state environmental statutes, regulations and procedures and reappointed Patrick Holman as the one citizen-at-large member to the Environmental Policy Commission; (h) appointed Jennifer Giglio as the one citizen member to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (i) appointed Canek Aguirre as the one consumer member to the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia; (j) appointed Dennis Hensley as the one Alexandria Historical Society representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (k) reappointed Carl Adcock as the one representative of a community group to the Local Emergency Planning Committee; (l) reappointed Robert Calhoun as the one citizen member to the Real Estate Assessments Review Board; (m) appointed Adrien Lopez as the one citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee; and (n) appointed Julie Missimore as the one citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board.
9. City Council received the viewers report for vacation of public right-of-way at 5000 and 5001 Echols Avenue.

10. City Council received the viewers report for vacation of public right-of-way at 2500 Sanford Street.

11. City Council authorized City staff to: 1. submit the grant application (due April 24, 2015) to the Virginia Department of Health for United States Department of Agriculture for continued funding and an estimated reimbursement amount of $112,000 for program expenses; 2. affirmed that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and 3. executed all necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council received the monthly financial report.

13. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 14, 2015. (separate motion)

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ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (15)

15 14-3769

Consideration of a Resolution for a Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Primary Extension Improvement Program Funding. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the following roll-call consent item:

15. City Council: 1. adopted the resolution to apply for a FY 2016 primary extension improvement program funding allocation for $940,000 from VDOT for the resurfacing of City-maintained primary route extensions; and 2. authorized the City Manager to submit this resolution and enter into any agreements with the State that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved. (RES. NO. 2665)

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

16 14-3791

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
1 Real Estate Professional with Knowledge and Experience in Residential Real Estate

City Council appointed Janelle Beverly as the one real estate professional with knowledge and experience in residential real estate to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

17 14-3792

Board of Zoning Appeals
2 Citizen Members

City Council appointed Sean Kumar and Lee Perna as the two citizen members to the Board of Zoning Appeals and directed that the remaining applicant's names be
carried over for the next ballot for appointment next month for the additional opening on the Board.

18  14-3793  Commission for the Arts
2 Members who have Expertise in the Arts, Including, But Not Limited To, Arts Educators, Professional Practitioners of Various Art Disciplines and Professional Administrators Working the Arts (Visual Arts)
2 Members Who Shall Represent the Public At Large, as Arts Consumers or Participants

City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Susan Cohen and reappointed Katherine Elkins as the two members who have expertise in the arts, including, but not limited to, arts educators, professional practitioners of various art disciplines and professional administrators working the arts, and appointed Gayle Converse and Elizabeth "Betsy" Hennigan as the two members who shall represent the public at large, as arts consumers or participants, to the Commission for the Arts.

19  14-3794  Human Rights Commission
1 Citizen Member

City Council appointed McKenya Dilworth as the one citizen member to the Human Rights Commission.

20  14-3795  Public Health Advisory Commission
1 Representative from the Neighborhood Health Inc. Board of Directors, Nominated by the Board

City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Keith Hearle as the one representative from the Neighborhood Health Inc. Board of Directors, nominated by the Board, to the Public Health Advisory Commission.

21  14-3796  Traffic and Parking Board
1 Citizen Member

City Council reappointed James Lewis as the one citizen member to the Traffic and Parking Board.

22  14-3797  Waterfront Commission
1 Citizen Member Who Does Not Reside on Any of These Streets: East of Washington Street and South of King Street; East of Washington Street and North of King Street; and East of Washington Street and North of Pendleton Street

City Council reappointed John Bordner as the one citizen member who does not reside on any of these streets: east of Washington Street and south of King Street; east of Washington Street and north of King Street; or east of Washington Street and north of Pendleton Street to the Waterfront Commission.

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

23  14-3531  Consideration of the Final Update on the 2015 General Assembly Session.

City Council received the report.
ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Euille spoke of his not getting back in time for the budget presentation last Monday evening, but congratulated the Acting City Manager and staff for a job well done. He said the budget was prepared to be inspiring, sustainable and innovative.

2. Mayor Euille requested staff to give an update on the snow and pothole repair. Mr. Duvall, Transportation and Environmental Services, updated City Council on the recent snows, pothole repairs, street repaving and the budget for snow removal.

3. Vice Mayor Silberberg spoke of the St. Patrick's Day parade this past Saturday, noting that it was one of the best and was very well attended.

4. Mayor Euille said that last Thursday he had the opportunity to participate in a panel forum as a speaker, along with the Mayor from the City's Sister City in Caen, France. He said there were over 150 participants who participated in the discussion on sustainability and resiliency. Mayor Euille noted that the Mayor from Caen had arranged for the City's participation.

5. Mayor Euille said that today, staff was hosting three representatives from the Philippines, who were in a program through the U.S. State Department on sustainability and urban development, and they met and spoke with City staff.

6. Mayor Euille said Alexandria has, in the past, been chosen as one of the top art places, best romantic city, top foodie city, best communities for young people, greenest city and more recently was awarded a livability award from livability.com for having one of the best downtown districts in the nation.

7. Mayor Euille said he has signed an agreement, along with mayors from 25 other cities, to celebrate April 2 as Everyone Matters Day, to affirm and celebrate every citizen's uniqueness and contributions to the vitality of the City. He said there will be outreach throughout the City.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

24  14-3766


City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on March 14, 2015.

25  14-3764

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the resolution, which: 1. authorizes the issuance and sale of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds; 2. approves the form and other details of such bonds; 3. authorizes the City Manager and the Director of Finance to take all actions as shall be required in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of such bonds.
and 4. provides details with respect to the issuance of such bonds. (RES. NO. 2666)

26  14-3676  Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Alexandria for the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

   City Council adopted the resolution as recommended by the AIDA. (RES. NO. 2667)

OTHER

27  14-3778  Consideration of the City Council Schedule.

   City Council: 1. received the revised Council Calendar, which includes: a meeting with the Alexandria Transit Company Stakeholders Group for Tuesday, March 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.; and a City Council and ACPS joint work session is tentatively scheduled for June 18, 2015, the location and time will be determined at a later date; and 2. approved the calendar.

Closed Meeting Continued (If Needed)

28  14-3801  Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice, to Discuss the Possible Acquisition of Real Property, to Discuss the Negotiation of a Contract, and to Discuss a Personnel Matter.

   City Council did not continue the closed meeting.

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   The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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.