

City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314*



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, June 23, 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.

2 Closed Meeting.

[14-4238](#)

6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice Regarding the Investment of Public Funds Where Bargaining is Involved.

City Council went into closed meeting to discuss the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, specifically for the possible use of tax abatements and/or tax increment financing in support of a development project, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(6) of the Code of Virginia. (RES. NO. 2679)

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:

[14-4230](#)

The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2015; and
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2015.

City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of June 10, 2015 and the public hearing meeting minutes of June 13, 2015.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

*** Update on City Schools Subcommittee (Councilman Wilson)**

*** Update on Transportation Planning Board (Councilmember Lovain)**

*** Update on Transportation Commission (Councilmember Lovain)**

City Council gave their reports.

City Council presented Councilwoman Pepper with a proclamation for her 30 years of service as a member of City Council.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-11)**(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

- 5 [14-4083](#) Consideration of the Receipt of the Braddock Metro Neighborhood Plan Status of Implementation Report.

- 6 [14-4082](#) Consideration of the Receipt of the Arlandria Action Plan Status of Implementation Report.

- 7 [14-4091](#) Consideration of the Receipt of Results of Fiscal Year 2015 Fair Housing Testing.

- 8 [14-4108](#) Consideration of a Grant Renewal to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Food Program for At-Risk After School Snack Program for the FY 2016 School Year Snack Program Sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

- 9 [14-4198](#) Consideration of an Application for the Renewal of the Justice Assistance Grant for the Police Department's Part I Crimes Task Force.

- 10 [14-4223](#) Consideration of a Contract Between the Alexandria Office of Human Rights and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to Continue as a Fair Employment Practices Agency.

- 11 [14-4094](#) Consideration of the Long Range Educational Facilities Plan.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of items #5 and 7, which were considered under separate motions, as follows:

5. City Council received the FY2015 Status of Implementation Report. (separate motion)

6. City Council received the FY2015 Status of Implementation Report.

7. City Council received the results of fair housing tests conducted in Fiscal Year 2015 for discrimination in real estate sales on the basis of race. (separate motion)

8. City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. submit the at-risk after school grant renewal application to the United States Department of Agriculture for Fiscal Year 2016 (due date September 1, 2015); 2. affirmed that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and 3. execute all documents that may be required.

9. City Council: 1. approved the grant application (due June 26, 2015) to the Department of Justice in the amount of \$31,713; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

10. City Council authorized the City Manager to sign the contract with the EEOC for funding in the amount of \$34,500 for the Alexandria Office of Human Rights to continue as a Fair Employment Practices Agency.

11. City Council endorsed the Long Range Educational Facilities Plan (dated May 27, 2015) as amended by the Alexandria City School Board on June 11, 2015, to include: 1. additional language in the executive summary that addresses the need to look at high school capacity challenges. The additional language (#12) states: "Explore options to address high school capacity challenges and fiscal impact given projected student enrollment data that indicated the need for instructional spaces to accommodate 4,558 students by 2024. This number represents an increase of 1,035 students from 2014."; and 2. a new appendix that includes a neighborhood analysis of students who attend school outside of their neighborhood.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT (12-16)

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| 12 | <u>14-4090</u> | Consideration of Resolution From The Landlord-Tenant Relations Board Regarding The Voluntary Rent Guidelines. [ROLL-CALL VOTE] |
| 13 | <u>14-4109</u> | Consideration of a Resolution to Increase the Maximum Time Limit for Parking Meters in Zone 2. [ROLL-CALL VOTE] |
| 14 | <u>14-4119</u> | Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an Old Town North Small Area Plan Advisory Group. [ROLL-CALL VOTE] |
| 15 | <u>14-4123</u> | Consideration of a Resolution Establishing an Ad Hoc Combined Sewer System Plan Stakeholder Group. [ROLL-CALL VOTE] |
| 16 | <u>14-4128</u> | Consideration of a Resolution to Establish the 2015 Personal Property Tax Relief Rates. [ROLL-CALL VOTE] |

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT

City Council adopted the roll-call consent calendar, with the removal of item #14, which was considered under separate motion, as follows:

12. City Council approved the resolution establishing the City's 2015 Voluntary Rent Guidelines at a percentage of not more than 5 percent where the tenant pays utilities and not more than 7 percent where the owner pays utilities, as recommended by the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board. This would maintain the percentages recommended by the current guidelines. (RES. NO. 2680)

13. City Council approved the resolution which establishes the maximum time limit for parking meters in Zone 2 as three hours, effective as of July 1, 2015. (RES. NO. 2681)

14. City Council: 1. approved the resolution establishing a 16-member Old Town North Small Area Plan Advisory Group; 2. requested the chairs of the Planning Commission, Environmental Policy Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Board of Architectural Review for the Old & Historic District, and the Urban Design Advisory Committee to each nominate a member from their respective commissions

to serve on the Advisory Group; 3. requested the chair of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership to nominate a member of its board to serve on the Advisory Group; 4. requested the president of the North Old Town Independent Citizens Association to nominate a member to serve on the Advisory Group; 5. requested the Chief Executive Officer of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority to nominate an ARHA resident to serve on the Advisory Group; and 6. authorized the City Manager to (a) select the remaining two members in the category of residents who shall be members or representatives of homeowner associations, one full-time resident member, the three members in the category of owners of redevelopment sites, and the two business community representatives who shall have businesses in Old Town North and (b) designate the chair of the Advisory Group. (RES. NO. 2682) (separate motion)

15. City Council: 1. approved the resolution to establish the Ad Hoc Combined Sewer System Plan Stakeholder Group; and 2. requested the City Manager appoint members to the Stakeholder Group as detailed in the memorandum. (RES. NO. 2683)

16. City Council approved the resolution to establish the personal property tax relief rates for calendar year 2015. (RES. NO. 2684)

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

- 17 [14-4095](#) Consideration of Recommendation for Programming of the New Patrick Henry Recreation Center.
- City Council: 1. considered programming options for the redevelopment of Patrick Henry Recreation Center; 2. selected the Neighborhood Recreation Center Scenario "C" to inform the future design for the Patrick Henry Recreation Center as an initial design selection; and 3. directed staff to continue to work with Alexandria City Public Schools staff to jointly refine the design and site layout for the school and recreation center, mindful of the concerns heard about some of the access and quality of life impacts from the community, and bring Council in writing and deploy a community engagement process over the summer and early fall to begin to get feedback and input on those options, so that in the fall they will have another work session on where they are at and get continued direction.
- 18 [14-4127](#) Consideration of an Update on Hiring of Firefighters for Engine 210 and Request for Release of Contingent Reserve Funding for Overhires.
- City Council: 1. received a presentation from the Fire Department on the status of the hiring process; and 2. designated the \$1,295,000 in FY 2016 contingent reserves be released to the FY 2016 Fire Department Operating Budget for employing 20 overhires for the purpose of staffing Engine 210 as soon as feasible.
- 19 [14-4216](#) Consideration of Predevelopment Loans to AHDC and AHC to Facilitate Two Affordable Housing Developments.
- City Council: 1. approved a predevelopment loan to the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation of \$360,000 for a proposed 72 unit (approximate unit count) affordable building within the proposed mixed use Gateway at King-Beauregard (Gateway) development; 2. approved a predevelopment loan to reimburse AHC, Inc. for up to \$400,000 to be drawn as eligible costs are incurred, for a proposed 85-unit affordable development that is part of a mixed use redevelopment concept for the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection site; and 3. authorized the City

Manager to execute documents related to the predevelopment loans to AHDC and to AHC.

20 [14-3907](#)

Consideration of the FY 2016 Interdepartmental Long Range Planning Work Program.

City Council approved the proposed Interdepartmental Long Range Planning Work Program for FY 2016.

WORK SESSION

21 [14-4125](#)

Work Session: Receive an Update on the Land Use, Building Heights, Open Space, Transportation, and Planned Implementation for Oakville Triangle-Route 1.

City Council held the work session on the land use, building heights, open space, transportation and planned implementation for Oakville Triangle-Route 1.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilmember Lovain said he was approached by residents of Carlyle Towers about train horns. Metro has a procedure for getting an official quiet zone from the Federal Railroad Association and it is quite cumbersome. He said the focus and concern was on nighttime train horns, and train horns are primarily to be sounded at grade crossings and approaching stations, and in this situation there is a tunnel. The question is whether it needs to have the horns sounded repeatedly. Councilmember Lovain said he talked to staff and they have reached out to WMATA, and he spoke to VRE. Mr. Lambert, Director, T&ES, spoke of his conversation with VRE and WMATA.

2. Councilman Wilson thanked staff for the real estate tax receipt online, in which taxpayers can type in the value of their home and find out exactly how much their real estate goes to to each service, and it is a new level of transparency in the budget. He thanked City staff members Mr. Routt, Ms. Alexander, Mr. Watkins, Ms. Triggs and former City staff Ms. Birch who all worked on it.

3. Councilman Wilson asked that staff take a look at the 72-hour rule that is currently on the books for the amount of time a car can be parked on a City street without being moved. He asked that staff engage the Traffic and Parking Board, as well as the community, and roll it into the parking work plan that staff brought to Council in the Fall and whether they would recommend changes to the rule and what the changes would be.

4. Councilman Wilson asked staff to look into two of the original small area plans: the Mt. Vernon Business Area Plan and the Arlandria Plan, as those two plans are unique as they didn't have any value capture mechanism from new development that occurred in the plans to use to fund some of the infrastructure that was put in the plans. Councilman Wilson said having some form or way of trying to capture the value of the development that is occurring in the two areas might be a good revision to the plans. He asked for engagement with the Planning Commission and community groups in both plan areas and to come back with a recommendation at some point.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 22 [14-4152](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated Development Districts Created, Consistency With Master Plan, Required Approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance With the Text Amendment Heretofore Approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2015-0004 to Increase the Floor Area Allowed Without a Special Use Permit in CDD #19 North Potomac Yard. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance for text amendment 2015-004 to increase the floor area allowed without a special use permit in CDD #19 North Potomac Yard. (ORD. NO. 4962)

- 23 [14-4153](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated Development Districts Created, Consistency With Master Plan, Required approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance With the Text Amendment Heretofore Approved By City Council as Text Amendment No. 2015-0003 to Add a Use to CDD #17a Cameron Park. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance for the final adoption of text amendment 2015-003 to add home for the elderly to CDD17a, Cameron Park. (ORD. NO. 4963)

OTHER

- 24 [14-4179](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: 1. approved the FY 2015 Council schedule for June; and 2. adopted the proposed FY 2016 Council calendar with the following changes: the addition of the National League of Cities Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from November 4-7, 2015; and moving the Tuesday, March 22, 2016 second Legislative meeting to Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

Closed Meeting Continued (if needed)

- 25 [14-4239](#) Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice Regarding the Investment of Public Funds Where Bargaining is Involved.

City Council did not go into closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 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.