City of Alexandria

301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314

Action Docket - Final

Saturday, December 17, 2016
9:30 AM

Council Chambers

City Council Public Hearing
OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

(Due to inclement weather, the meeting began at 1:30 p.m.)
Mayor Silberberg called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present.

16-5995 Calling the Roll


16-5996 Public Discussion Period

[No more than 30 minutes. This period is restricted to items not listed on the docket.]

The following persons participated in the public discussion:

1. Maralee Gutierrez, 9302 Kenerson Court, managing director, Casa Chirilagga, spoke of what Chirilagga does for its community and families, and the work they are doing in the City and community and the partnering with the City in revitalizing and repurposing their community.

2. Marian Van Landingham, 1100 Cameron Street, representing the Torpedo Factory Artists Association, spoke of the Torpedo Factory, noting that it's been an important part of Alexandria and noted the major purpose of the arts center, where artists work and talk with visitors, and she thanked Council for its support.

3. Rachel Kerwin, 105 N. Union Street, president elect, Torpedo Factory Artists Association, spoke about the Torpedo Factory and appreciate the Council’s decision to give the artists a lease and said the Torpedo Factory needs a plan to grow, noting that neither a non-profit model or City management will revitalize the arts center. Ms. Kerwin urged Council to support their plan and transition to an artists led art center.

4. Jack Sullivan, 4300 Ivanhoe Place, spoke of the School Board’s Capital budget for $611 million over the next ten years, which is a 123 percent increase over the amount budget by Council for schools last May. He suggested that the request be put to the voters next November in the form of an advisory referendum. Mr. Sullivan said Council will have no control over how the millions are spent in the Schools once Council authorizes.

5. Richard Greenway, 5127 Holmes Run Parkway, a member of the Torpedo Factory Artists, spoke in support of the artists plan for the Torpedo Factory in turning it back over to the artists.
6. Douglas Gurka, 207 Russell Road, commander, American Legion Post 24, spoke of the need for a Veterans Commission, noting that there are several reasons why it would be an important addition to the City, one of which is that the country has been in an endless war against the radical Islamic terrorists around the world.

7. Maribeth Sawchuk, 18 N. Early Street, on behalf of the Strawberry Hill residents, spoke of their opposition to the Taco Bell at N. Gordon and Duke Streets and the use of a drive-thru window, which would add traffic onto narrow N. Gordon. She asked Council to consider the implications of another fast food entity in the corridor and residential area.

8. Jerry King, 400 E. Howell Avenue, spoke as an advocate of people walking in the City, noting slow and steady progress, but said it is time to take their efforts to a new level. He invited residents to attend the Alexandria Transportation Commission on January 18 for a vision zero program, and he spoke of the bike lanes in the City. He said he looks forward to Council adopting a policy that says loss of life and serious injuries from traffic crashes are unacceptable and can be prevented.

9. Zack DesJardin, 1 West Maple Street, Apt. 102, member of the bicycle and pedestrian action committee, spoke about how other cities respond to serious bicycle and pedestrian crashes. He suggested that a crash response team may be an opportunity for Alexandria to take its efforts to a new level.

10. Katya Wanzer, 1202 S. Washington Street, chair, Public Health Advisory Commission, spoke about the encouragement for Council to use the data from the report from the Fire Department response to pedestrians struck and bicycle crashes, noting that the local data was added to the national data and said the City is 2.3 times over the goal it hopes to have nationally.

11. Ken Notis, 3001 Park Center Drive, Unit 1220, spoke of the City being walking and pedestrian friendly but noted that there is a long way to go. He said there are many places in the City where there is demand for walking, and if safety for walking is improved they can make the City a more livable City than it is now.

12. David Kaplan, 418 Queen Street, spoke about pedestrian safety and said there are problems with safety for pedestrians in the City and noted that they should back up the action with something that shows the words in the ordinance have meaning, such as lead pedestrian intervals, where pedestrian crossing and intersection is given several seconds of advance crossing time before the signal turns green for cars.

13. Casey Kane, 625 Prospect Place, a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, spoke of the need to work together to find solutions to make it safe for people to walk in the City, and one solution is to reduce the speed limits to 25 and 20 mph, and he spoke of the need to reduce all school speed limits to 15 mph as well.

14. Jim Durham, 622 Fort Williams Parkway, representing the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, spoke of the need to put people who walk as a top priority in the transportation system. He said they learned that 70 people a year are being injured by being hit by a car, and they put together an effort to reach out and talk to people who have pedestrian issues. Mr. Durham said achieving vision zero is a community-wide effort.

15. Bert Ely, 200 S. Pitt Street, representing the Old Town Civic Association,
expressed its concern about the likely negative neighborhood impact of Alfred Street Baptist Church expansion at Duke and Alfred Streets, noting that the church will be out of scale to the neighborhood, as well as parking concerns.

16. Carolyn Griglione, 1416 N. Ivanhoe Street, spoke of Council's support for the construction of the new 50 meter pool at Chinquipin and requested that the timeline remain as planned.

17. Janice Walk Grenadier, 15 W. Spring Street, spoke of her problems with the judicial system and being bullied for being Catholic.

18. Nancy Jennings, 2115 Marlboro Drive, spoke of the schools, noting that they need to meet the needs of the children and said that the ACPS game plan is disjointed and reactive and spent more than a year planning the new Patrick Henry School but it is not as good as it could be. She said they need better plans for their children and look to Council for better direction.

19. Charanita Witty, 6 Canterbury Square, #102, spoke of the problem she's had with her landlord and her need for safe and accessible housing.

20. Bill Goff, 1313 Bishop Lane, spoke about the Patrick Henry project, speaking to the bus traffic and emergency access. He asked Council to vote for deferral of the project.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR (3-4)

Planning Commission

3. **16-5967** Special Use Permit #2016-0081
5428 Eisenhower Avenue (parcel address: 5400 Eisenhower Avenue) - Team Red, White & Blue
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a fraternal or private club; zoned: OCH/Office Commercial-High. Applicant: Team Red, White & Blue, represented by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

4. **16-5968** Encroachment #2016-0008
310 South Saint Asaph Street
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an encroachment into the public right-of-way for a front stoop; zoned: RM/Residential Medium-Townhouse. Applicant: Cheryl Jaeger
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

END OF ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of item #3, which was considered under separate motion, as follows:
3. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, with the deletion of conditions #2 and 4. (separate motion)

4. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

5. **16-5961**

   Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption of the Arts and Culture Master Plan.

   *City Council held the public hearing and adopted the Arts and Culture Master Plan.*

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

Planning Commission (continued)

6. **16-5969**

   Special Use Permit #2016-0041
   1400 Duke Street - J & S Restaurant
   Public Hearing and Consideration of requests to operate a restaurant and for a parking reduction; zoned: OCM (50)/Office Commercial Medium. Applicant: J & S Restaurant, LLC
   Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0
   
   *City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, with the following amendments:*

   3. The hours of operation for indoor seating shall be 6:00 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Monday – Saturday and 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight. Meals ordered before 12:00 midnight may be served, but no new patrons may be admitted and all patrons must leave by 1:00 a.m., daily.

   7. Live entertainment shall be prohibited.

   10. Supply delivery vehicles shall deliver from the applicant’s parking lot. No loading or unloading of vehicles shall at any time block the drive aisles of parking lots on or adjacent to the subject property.

   12. All existing parking space signs and sign poles in the applicant’s parking lot shall be removed and shall be replaced with pavement markings identifying parking for current tenants only. All parking spaces available to restaurant patrons shall be clearly marked.

   26. The applicant shall inform customers of the location of its parking lot and prohibition on parking in spaces not labelled for restaurant parking through printed and electronic business promotional material, posting on the business website, and other similar methods.

   26a. If determined necessary by the Directors of P&Z and T&ES and permitted by the other property owners, the applicant shall install traffic calming features in shared drive aisles used by restaurant patrons for parking lot safety, due to impacts from the use.
Condition 19 is a duplicate of condition 18 and should be removed.

Add a new condition 31 to read: The Director of Planning and Zoning may grant an additional parking reduction of 23 spaces for the purpose of a cooperative parking arrangement within Roundhouse Square.

Change review of the DSUP to 6, 12 and 18 months.

7. **16-5971**

Development Special Use Permit #2016-0009
4643 Taney Avenue - Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for a Development Special Use Permit with site plan to construct a school and community center building, including Special Use Permit requests for additional height of a public school building; for an indoor and outdoor recreation facility and community center; for more than one mechanical penthouse; for a mechanical penthouse exceeding 15 feet in height; and to increase the number of parking spaces above those required by the Zoning Ordinance; zoned R-12/Residential. Applicant: Alexandria City Public Schools and City of Alexandria
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, with the changes to the following: condition 4q, to read: Provide a minimum four foot landscape buffer between the 12 foot sidewalk and curb on Latham Street, to the greatest extent possible; and condition (c) in the transportation demand model appendix to read: "at an annual rate of $80 per full time equivalent staff member" and further "with an annual increase consistent with the CPI of the United States for the previous year."

8. **16-5972**

Development Special Use Permit #2016-0008
Transportation Management Plan SUP #2016-0060
930 North Henry Street - Carpenter’s Shelter
Public Hearing and Consideration of requests for: (A) a Development Special Use Permit and site plan, with modifications, to construct a multi-family residential building and homeless shelter, including Special Use Permits for an increase in the number of allowable penthouses; for increased density for mixed use pursuant to Section 5-305(C); and for increased density for affordable housing pursuant to Section 7-700; and (B) a Special Use Permit for a Transportation Management Plan; zoned: CRMU-H/Commercial-Residential Mixed Use (High). Applicant: Carpenter’s Shelter, represented by Duncan Blair, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

9. **16-5885**

Consideration of Loan and Grant Requests from the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation for the Redevelopment of Carpenter’s Shelter and for Adoption of a Resolution Designating the Carpenter’s Shelter Site a Revitalization Area. (This Item Is Not a Public Hearing.) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council: 1. approved a permanent loan to AHDC of up to $7,100,000 (including $500,000 of previously approved predevelopment funds) for the development of 98
affordable apartments; 2. approved grant funds of AHDC of up to $250,000 for a pilot rental subsidy program to provide deep affordability in ten units for five years; 3. passed a resolution designating the Carpenter's Shelter site a Revitalization Area pursuant to Section 36-44.30:2A of the Virginia Code; and 4. authorized the City Manager to execute documents related to the loan as well as those evidencing City support for AHDC's March 2017 application for low income housing tax credits. (RES. NO. 2754)

10. **16-5970**
Location of Accessory Buildings and Free-standing Garages
Public Hearing and Consideration of a Text Amendment to Section 7-202 and Section 7-2505 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding proximity of accessory buildings and free-standing garages located on single-family and two-family dwelling lots to buildings on adjacent lots. Staff: City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning
Planning Commission Action: Initiate Text Amendment and Recommend Approval 7-0

*City Council adopted the Planning Commission recommendation.*

### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

11. **16-5918**
Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 10-3-924 (Failure to Yield Right-of-Way to Pedestrians in Specifically Marked Crosswalk) of Article B (Reckless Driving, Speeding, Etc.) of Chapter 3 (Operation of Vehicles) of Title 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as Amended. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

*City Council adopted the ordinance (ORD. NO. 5045)*

12. **16-5920**
Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Final Passage of an Ordinance Authorizing the Owners of the Property Located at 505 S. Lee Street to Construct and Maintain an Encroachment into the Public Sidewalk Right-of-Way at That Location For a Replacement Stoop Consisting of Stairs and a Landing. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

*City Council adopted the ordinance (ORD. NO. 5046)*

13. **16-5976**
Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance Amending Title 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 1 (General Provisions), Section 10-1-15.1 (Truck Traffic; Prohibited on Certain Streets; Penalty) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as Amended, by Adding Language to Prohibit Truck Traffic on West Linden Street Between Commonwealth Avenue and Russell Road. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

*City Council adopted the ordinance (ORD. NO. 5047)*
REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission (continued)

14. 16-5966 Special Use Permit #2016-0077
1508 Mount Vernon Avenue - Junction Bakery & Bistro
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an amendment to SUP
#2015-0102 to allow off-premises alcohol sales; zoned: CL/Commercial Low.
Applicant: Noe Landini
Planning Commission Action: Deferred 7-0

City Council noted the deferral.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:05 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.