

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

1. Calling the Roll.

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

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

[16-6097](#)

The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017.

City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2017.

4. Introduction of New Alexandria Police Chief Michael L. Brown.

City Council introduced and welcomed incoming Police Chief Michael L. Brown.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

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

***City Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Silberberg and Vice Mayor Wilson)**

***Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority/City Redevelopment Committee (Councilman Chapman and Vice Mayor Wilson)**

City Council gave their reports.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)**CONSENT CALENDAR (5-6)****(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

5. [16-6033](#) Consideration of Designated General Services Administration (GSA) Central Business Areas.

6. [16-6074](#) Consideration of the Release of \$57,914 from Contingent Reserve for the Department of Community and Human Services to Support Oral Health Care for Indigent Residents.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council removed items 5 and 6 from the consent calendar and considered them under separate motions, as follows:

5. City Council adopted, for the purposes of Federal agency location decision making, the proposed boundaries for a Central Business Area in Alexandria, Virginia, as depicted in attachment 3 of the staff report. (separate motion)

6. City Council approved the release of \$57,914 from the FY 2017 Contingent Reserves to the Department of Community and Human Services for subsidized oral health care provided by the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic. (separate motion)

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

7. [16-5878](#) Consideration of an Update on the 2017 General Assembly Session.

City Council approved the legislative positions included in attachment 2 of the staff report (recommended positions on bills of importance to the City) as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee.
8. [16-5962](#) Update on the Proposed FY 2017 to FY 2022 City Strategic Plan Prior to the Public Hearing and Adoption.

City Council received the revised Final Draft FY 2022 City Strategic Plan and set it for public hearing and adoption on January 28, 2017.
9. [16-5964](#) Discussion of the Draft FY 2018 Interdepartmental Long Range Planning Work Program.

City Council provided preliminary feedback on the proposed planning priorities for FY 2018.
10. [16-5940](#) Consideration of a Resolution Endorsing the Vision Zero Concept and Instructing the City Manager to Develop an Action Plan for Future Consideration by Council. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the Vision Zero resolution. (RES. NO. 2757)
11. [16-6118](#) Oral Report on FY 2018 Major Budget Pressures: School Operating and School Capital Improvement Program.

City Council received the oral report.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilmember Lovain spoke of the articles he read this weekend about various ways cities, states and localities can help citizens combat possible deportation initiatives by the Federal government. He said that California and New York are subsidizing legal representation for their residents. Councilmember Lovain said an undocumented individual who has legal representation has a five time greater chance

of defeating deportation than someone who is representing themselves. Councilmember Lovain said the thought occurred to him that perhaps there are ways to facilitate, coordinate and match up residents who may be facing these kinds of troubles with attorneys who would be willing to help them.

Mr. Banks, City Attorney, said his office works with the Department of Community and Human Services and immigration lawyers, and he will work to further expand their resources and list of lawyers who are able to do this type of work. He said he would expand the referral list for those in the community who need it.

Mayor Silberberg said that last week she attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors and she gets best practices from across the country. She said she attended a meeting on immigration reform, and it considered a proposed emergency resolution of the U.S. Conference of Mayors regarding immigration reform. They are calling on Congress and the Administration to continue programs that protect the temporary status of Dreamers, the young people who came to the country as children, as well as continuation of programs that protect families, to fix the broken immigration program.

2. Mayor Silberberg said the conversations at the U.S. Conference of Mayors ranged from aging in America, water, transportation, drug and substance abuse and mental health issues. She said the Mayor of New York has been supportive of the First Lady of New York City who initiated a program called Cities Thrive Coalition, to advocate for mental health reform, which she signed onto on behalf of the City. The most recent initiative was a letter to Congress asking them not to destroy the Affordable Care Act. In addition, they advocated for mental health reform and urged Congress to pass the Cures Act, which Congress passed and President Obama signed.

3. Mayor Silberberg noted that the Taco Bell proposal on the Saturday, January 28 docket has been deferred to the February 25 public hearing meeting.

4. Vice Mayor Wilson said that in 2013, Governor McDonald convened a committee to look at the impacts of sequester and how the Commonwealth would react to the challenges of sequester. There has been a lot of talk about the transition of the new administration and the impacts. Vice Mayor Wilson said the sequester was \$1 trillion in cuts over a decade, and the budget blueprints that are being talked about right now are \$1 trillion per year. This is dramatic and is a threat to the entire region. In a region that has one of the highest percentages of Federal employees, it is one of the most significant threats they face as a region, for job growth, the residential market, and rating downgrades across the region. Vice Mayor Wilson said that as they go into a budget process, there needs to be a whole new emergency plan that the City has to look at. He said the threat to the economy of this region hasn't been talked about enough, and they are very much in the cross-hairs.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

OTHER

12. [16-6061](#)

Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council adopted the City Council schedule.

13. [16-6119](#)

Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding Pending or Potential Litigation.

City Council went into closed meeting to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding actual or pending litigation and the possible settlement thereof; specifically, the litigation and possible settlement of certain personnel matters; pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened the meeting and adopted the resolution pertaining to the closed executive session. (RES. NO. 2758)

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The meeting adjourned at 11:01 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.