

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Saturday, April 22, 2017

9:30 AM

Council Chambers

City Council Public Hearing

OPENING

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, with the exception of Councilman Bailey, who was absent.

2. Public Discussion Period.

[This period is restricted to items not listed on the docket. The first 15 speakers will be heard under item #2 at the beginning of the meeting. Any remaining speakers will be heard at the conclusion of the docketed items.]

The following persons participated in the public discussion period:

- 1. James Durham, 622 Fort Williams Parkway, speaking on behalf of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, spoke of the need for promotion of biking and walking to school, a grant submitted to VDOT by ACPS, and walk audits submitted by T&ES and based on the input on the first two schools, \$148,000 is needed for those two schools. He asked that the money in the CIP be moved up to a two to three year timeline, which would take \$270,000 in each of the next three years in the CIP.*
- 2. Brian Buzzell, 650 South Columbus Street, congratulated Council on breaking ground of Windmill Hill Park. Mr. Buzzell spoke of the kayak launch site set at the end of Wilkes Street, and he spoke of the problems near the area, noting that it's not a safe place for water access and it is a flood issue, and he asked that they go back to the original design.*
- 3. Bonnie O'Day, 4005 Ellicott Street, said she is visually impaired and her husband is blind, and she spoke to the need for additional funding for the complete streets initiative, noting that she and her husband do their shopping and getting around on foot. She thanked Council for funding the DOT Para-transit service as well.*
- 4. Dan Sweeney, Jr., 22 E. Oak Street, representing the Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center, spoke of the need for funding for the Department of Community and Human Services and that it stay at the level that has been proposed by the City Manager and the priority be put on those with the most needs.*
- 5. Rosa Byrd, 203 Wesmond Drive, spoke in support of the senior participants in the Cora Kelly classes and of her opposition of the reduction of the hours at Cora Kelly and she noted the submission of a petition on this. Ms. Byrd suggested that they continue to work to obtain additional programs and improve the marketing of Cora Kelly Recreation Center.*

6. Charles Ziegler, 309 North Langley Street, vice president for Advocacy of the Friends of the Beatley Central Library, spoke in support of library funding in the budget and noted that Alexandria citizens avail themselves to the public libraries.

7. Gary Carr, 216 Aspen Street, asked if it was the best they could do on the restoration of the historic running track at George Washington High School. He spoke of the proposal to reconstruct the track at T.C. Williams, and if that happens, they will have a community where there is no running track in a City of 150,000 people. He asked if the running track feasibility study could be reintroduced and a small area plan for the George Washington site on what could be done.

8. Bert Ely, 200 South Pitt Street, spoke about the Business Improvement District (BID) and said the case for the Old Town BID has not been made, and he noted flaws in the BID and the process for developing the BID proposal.

9. Jake Jakubek, 5270 Duke Street, Apt. 415, spoke about the complete streets project in the budget and he asked Council to consider raising the allocation for the complete streets funding.

10. Dawn Lucas, 2857 Duke Street, president of the Education Association of Alexandria, spoke of the legislators enriching academics days event held and many Councilmembers participated in the event on December 8. Ms. Lucas presented certificates to the Council as a token of their appreciation.

11. Boyd Walker, 1307 King Street, spoke of the Old Town BID and his opposition to the BID. Mr. Walker spoke of the 10 cents proposed for the BID not being advertised, and there not being a significant buy-in.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR (3)

Planning Commission

3. [16-6416](#) Development Special Use Permit #2017-0003
1225 First Street - Braddock Gateway Phase I Amendment
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an amendment to a previously approved Development Special Use Permit #2014-0015 to update the residential parking requirements and increase the slope of the parking garage ramp; zoned: CDD#15/Coordinated Development District #15.
Applicant: Braddock Gateway, LLC, represented by Mary Catherine Gibbs, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

END OF ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council removed item #3, which was considered under separate motion, as follows:

3. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, with the following amendment: to add a new condition #23(d) to read: "All residential parking

shall be unbundled (i.e., the cost to purchase or lease a parking space is separate from the cost to purchase or lease the residential unit.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

4. [16-6411](#) Public Hearing on the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.
- City Council held the public hearing and noted that adoption is scheduled for May 9, 2017.*

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

Planning Commission (continued)

5. [16-6417](#) Development Special Use Permit #2016-0012
2360 Eisenhower Avenue & 2300 Dock Lane - Hoffman Blocks 11 & 12
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an extension of an existing Development Special Use Permit (#2013-0008) with updated standard conditions and revised conditions related to transportation improvements; zoned: CDD #2/Coordinated Development District #2. Applicants: Hoffman Towers Block 11, LLC & Hoffman Towers Block 12, LLC, represented by Ken Wire, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0
- City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, with an amendment to eliminate condition #62(d) and an amendment to condition #25 to read: "or other major retailer and limited amenity space by minor amendment" after the words "grocery store."*
6. [16-6418](#) Development Special Use Permit #2017-0001
Special Use Permit #2017-0018
1700 Duke Street - Whole Foods Market
Public Hearing and Consideration of requests for: (A) a Development Special Use Permit to remove conditions from a previously approved DSUP (#2002-0009) associated with restaurant use in the grocery store; and (B) for a Special Use Permit for the expansion of restaurant use associated with the grocery store; zoned: CDD #1/Coordinated Development District #1.
Applicant: Whole Foods Market, Inc., represented by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7. [16-6023](#) Public Hearing on an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2017

(Fiscal Year 2018). (Adoption is Scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017.)

City Council held the public hearing and scheduled second reading and final passage on May 4, 2017.

8. [16-6406](#)

Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Bring the Sewer Line Maintenance Charge Set Forth Therein into Conformity with the Previously Adopted Resolution Setting the Fee at \$1.82 per 1,000 Gallons of Water Supplied. (Adoption is Scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017.)

City Council held the public hearing and scheduled second reading and final passage on May 4, 2017.

9. [16-6407](#)

Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Implement the Stormwater Utility Fee as Included in the FY 2018 Proposed Budget. (Adoption is Scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017.)

City Council held the public hearing and scheduled second reading and final passage on May 4, 2017.

DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission (continued)

None.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 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.