

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

6:00 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 the members of Council were present, with Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Pepper arriving during the closed executive session.

2. Closed Meeting.

[18-7567](#)

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a closed Executive Session for consultation with legal counsel and staff regarding actual or probable litigation and to discuss the acquisition and/or disposition of publicly held real property.

City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:02 p.m., to discuss or consider the acquisition or disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the public body and to discuss with legal counsel and staff actual or probable litigation and specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice; specifically, the possible disposition of publicly held real property in support of an environmental infrastructure project and the possible settlement of probable litigation related to specific project involving publicly held real property and energy infrastructure improvements; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(3), (7) and (8) of the Code of Virginia.

City Council reconvened in open session at 7:15 p.m.

City Council adopted the resolution pertaining to the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. (RES. 2819)

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:

[18-7554](#)

Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2018;
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2018; and
Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2018.

City Council approved the minutes of following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of March 6, 2018, the public hearing meeting minutes of March 17, 2018, and the regular meeting minutes of March 20, 2018.

PROCLAMATIONS

5. [18-7545](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Alexandria Earth Day and Arbor Day.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6. [18-7546](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work

Day.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

7. [18-7547](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society's Springtime In Paris Ball.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.
8. [18-7548](#) Presentation of a Proclamation honoring John Porter upon his retirement from ACT for Alexandria.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.

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

***Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee (Councilwoman Pepper)**

***Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilman Smedberg)**

City Council gave the reports.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks reported that the Department of Emergency Communications has become the 7th department in the country to attain accreditation and he congratulated the department staff. City Manager Jinks also noted that Renee Gordon, Director, Emergency Communications, has been elected president of the mid-eastern chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials. City Manager Jinks announced that Kevin Greenlief, Assistant Director, Finance, received the 2018 Leadership Fairfax Katherine "Kate" Hanley Public Servant of the Year Award. City Manager Jinks reported that Smart Growth America selected the City's King Street Project (from King Street to Janney's Lane) as one of the best Complete Street projects in the nation.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (9-22)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

Resignations

9. [18-7555](#) Receipt of the Following Resignations for Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Commission for the Arts

Michael Detomo

Karen Thomas

(b) Commission for Women

Kiyah Tyler

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

10. [18-7556](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
1 Representative of Private Schools
 - (b) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
1 Citizen Member
 - (c) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
1 Representative of an Employer in the City who Employs at Least 100 Employees
 - (d) Archaeological Commission
1 Representative from the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology
 - (e) Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee
2 Professional Members Skilled in Architecture, Planning, Landscape Architecture, and/or Urban Design
 - (f) Commission on Employment
1 Business Representative from among Recognized Area Businesses, including Minority-Owned and Small Businesses
 - (g) Commission on Information Technology
1 Citizen Member

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

11. [18-7151](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending February 28, 2018.
12. [18-7426](#) Consideration of Grant Application to the Bloomberg Philanthropies for their Public Art Challenge Grant for the City of Alexandria Office of the Arts.
13. [18-7427](#) Consideration of Approval of the Alexandria Community Services Board's Revised

Housing Plan FY 2018 to FY 2025.

14. [18-7428](#) Consideration of the Submission of a Non-Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Litter Prevention and Recycling Program for Funding of the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program.
15. [18-7459](#) Introduction of the Draft City Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development and Request for Public Hearing
16. [18-7517](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Education for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program for Children.

(Ordinances for Introductions)

17. [18-7447](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2018.
18. [18-7453](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Bring the Sewer Line Maintenance Charge Set Forth Therein into Conformity with the Previously Adopted Resolution Setting the Fee at \$2.28 per 1,000 Gallons of Water Supplied.
19. [18-7454](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Increase the Hourly Wage Rate for Service Contracts (Living Wage) From \$14.13 Per Hour to \$15.00 Per Hour Beginning in FY 2019.
20. [18-7471](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-3-4 (VARIANCE OR WAIVER OF PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE) of Chapter 3 (UNDERGROUND UTILITIES) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
21. [18-7477](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an ordinance to amend and reordain Chapter 4 (HUMAN RIGHTS) and Chapter 11 (ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON DISABLED PERSONS) of Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
22. [18-7513](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 2-145 (FLOOR AREA) of Article II (DEFINITIONS) and Section 7-202 (PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS) of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) of the City of

Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2018-0003 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2018-0003 regarding small accessory buildings approved by City Council on March 17, 2018).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket items #19 and #21, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

9. *City Council received the following resignations from boards, commissions and committees with regret: (a) Michael Detomo and Karen Thomas, Commission for the Arts; and (b) Kiyah Tyler, Commission for Women.*

10. *City Council appointed the following persons to boards, commissions, and committees: (a) appointed Roxane Yakoub as the representative of private schools to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (b) appointed Alexandre Jevgrafov as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (c) reappointed Holly Hanisian as the representative of an employer in the City who employs at least 100 employees to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (d) appointed Richard Owens as the representative from the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology to the Archaeological Commission; (e) appointed Charles Carruthers and Susan Scalet-Macaw as the two professional members skilled in architecture, planning, landscape architecture, and/or urban design to the Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee; (f) appointed John Sommer as the business representative from among recognized area businesses, including minority-owned and small businesses to the Commission on Employment; and (g) appointed Ricardo Alfaro as the citizen member to the Commission on Information Technology.*

11. *City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.*

12. *City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application of up to \$500,000 to the Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge Grant; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.*

13. *City Council received and approved the proposed Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)/Community Services Board (CSB or Board) Housing Plan for FY 2018 to FY 2025.*

14. *City Council: (1) approved a non-competitive grant application, due June 30, 2018, to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Litter Prevention and Recycling Program, for funding in the approximate amount of \$26,400 for the Adopt-A-Park Litter Control Program (the exact amount to be determined by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality by September 30, 2018); (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required; and (3) thanked all the organizations participating in this program for their support and efforts to improve the appearance of the City parks and, thereby, experience of the citizens visiting these parks.*

15. *City Council: (1) received the Draft FY 2019 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development, containing the City's draft application for FY 2019 funding for an estimated \$809,792 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and*

\$397,627 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) monies; and (2) scheduled the Draft FY 2019 Action Plan for public hearing, and final Council action on May 12, 2018.

16. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of the grant application due June 2, 2018 to the Virginia Department of Education for United States Department of Agriculture for continued funding and an estimated reimbursement amount of \$100,000 for program expenses; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

17. City Council passed the proposed ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on April 14, 2018.

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CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

23. [18-7575](#) Building Code Board of Appeals
1 Citizen Member
City Council removed this appointment from consideration and requested the City Clerk to readvertise it.
24. [18-7562](#) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed David Bissette as the citizen member to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee.
25. [18-7563](#) Human Rights Commission
2 Citizen Members
City Council reappointed Susan Kellom and William Christopher Harris as the two citizen members to the Human Rights Commission.
26. [18-7564](#) Redevelopment and Housing Authority
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Merrick Malone as the citizen member to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

27. [18-7565](#) Traffic and Parking Board
3 Citizen Members

City Council reappointed Kevin Beekman, Randy Cole and William Schuyler as the three citizen members to the Traffic and Parking Board.

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

28. [18-7461](#) Consideration of the Combined Sewer System Long Term Control Plan Update.

City Council took the following actions related to the Long Term Control Plan Update (LTCPU) for the Combined Sewer System:

- 1. Receive the draft Long Term Control Plan Update for the Combined Sewer System;*
- 2. Docket the draft LTCPU for public hearing on April 14, 2018;*
- 3. Approve the LTCPU with the Unified Tunnel Option (also referred to as Option B+) at the April 24, 2018 Legislative Meeting following the 30-day public comment period which ends on April 23, 2018;*
- 4. Recognize the Ad Hoc Combined Sewer System Plan Stakeholder Group and thank them for their efforts in providing valuable input during the development of the plan update and their outreach to the civic groups they represented; and*
- 5. Authorize the City Manager to make any appropriate technical or non-substantive changes and submit the Final LTCPU document to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.*

29. [18-7451](#) Amending and Restating the Agreement between the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the City of Alexandria to Provide Increased Funding for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project, Consideration of the Repeal of the Tier II Special Tax District, and Revision of the Developer Contributions Agreement with the Owner of North Potomac Yard.

City Council: (1) adopted the revised project budget for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station of \$320 million; (2) authorized the City Manager to sign the Amended and Restated Agreement between the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the City for the funding of the Potomac Yard Station Project. (The funding agreement amount is \$290 million which represents the WMATA portion of the revised estimated project budget of \$320 million); (3) directed the City Manager to bring an ordinance forward in May, to be considered if the City Council endorses Dominion Energy's alignment of the 230kV line on the same docket, to add a provision to the Tier II Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District that would sunset the Special Tax District when the Potomac Avenue alignment of the 230kV line is approved; and (4) directed the City Manager to negotiate, consistent with the terms described herein, an amended Memorandum of Understanding related to the developer contributions with the owner of the North Potomac Yard property, subject to future City Council approval.

30. [18-7448](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Issuance of Short-Term General Obligation Notes.

City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled for public hearing, second reading and final passage of on April 14, 2018.

31. [18-7521](#)

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project to the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2018.

City Council passed the ordinance of first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on April 14, 2018.

32. [18-7460](#)

Consideration of a Grant Application to the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

City Council: (1) approved the submission of a grant application for \$1.5 million over a three-year period to partially fund the addition of nine additional firefighters over a three-year period; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

[18-7619](#)

1. Mayor Silberberg requested that a line be added to the Boards and Commissions applications stating that members of Council could not be used as a reference. City Council had a discussion on the need to change the form and the use of Council members as references. City Council passed a motion requesting the City Clerk to update the Personal Data Form for Boards and Commission to include a sentence under the reference section stating that applicants cannot list current members of Council or City staff as references.

2. Mayor Silberberg reported that she and other City staff members visited the archaeological excavation along the Waterfront. Mayor Silberberg stated that several ships had been found at the Robinson Terminal South site and the ships are from the mid-1700s. Mayor Silberberg noted there would be a chance for the public and media to visit the site. City Manager Jinks noted there are over 100,000 artifacts have been located and there will be a chance for the public to see the excavation soon.

3. Councilman Chapman recognized that April 10th was Equal Pay Day for working toward achieving pay equity. Councilman Chapman asked for information on asking questions regarding pay history as it relates to City employment and he requested a discussion be scheduled to address the issue.

4. Vice Mayor Wilson reported that he and Councilman Smedberg issued a memorandum about consolidation of the Boards of Architectural Review and he explained the reasoning for the memorandum, noting the use of administrative appeals in the Parker-Gray District, the length and number of meeting held by the Board of Architectural Review (BAR)- Parker-Gray, and the historical precedent of the Boards being one during its initial conception. Vice Mayor Wilson requested that the City Manager docket for the next meeting the potential initiation of a text amendment and give Council the chance to discuss the possible consolidation fully and if Council wants to initiate the process. Councilman Smedberg noted that the idea for the

consolidation had been vetted with the City Attorney's Office and with the Planning Staff to asked questions that would be of concern with the community. Council had a discussion about whether to have the discussion docketed for consideration and whether such an action was needed. City Council passed a motion to docket at the next legislative meeting a question of whether to have staff study the issue of BAR consolidation and bring back a recommendation to the Planning Commission and the City Council.

OTHER

33. [18-7522](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received the updated City Council schedule which includes: Volunteers in Public Service Appreciation Program which is scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and will be held on Market Square; a Joint Work Session with the City Council and Alexandria City School Board scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon, 2900 Business Center Drive; the Spring for Alexandria Event on Friday, May 11, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m (various locations throughout the City); a Joint Work Session with City Council and Alexandria City School Board scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon, 1340 Braddock Place, School Board Room; and the Business Philanthropy Summit is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m and will be held at the George Washington Masonic Temple, 101 Callahan Drive; and (2) approved the City Council schedule.

City Manager Jinks noted that there will possibly be a need to change the public hearing date in June to June 23, to allow Council members to attend graduation at T.C. Williams High School.

Closed Meeting. (if needed)

34. [18-7569](#) Consideration of a closed Executive Session for consultation with legal counsel and staff regarding actual or probable litigation and to discuss the acquisition and/or disposition of publicly held real property.

This meeting was not needed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 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.

