

City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314*



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

[13-1420](#) 5:30 p.m. Work Session on the Housing Master Plan
City Council held the work session.

1 Calling the Roll.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Euille, and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present, with the exception of Vice Mayor Silberberg, who was absent.

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 Meetings of City Council:

[13-1384](#) The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2013;
The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2013; and
The Special Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2013
City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of April 13, 2013, the regular meeting minutes of April 23, 2013, and the special meeting minutes of May 6, 2013.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

4 [13-1446](#) Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Iesha Kenney.
City Council presented a proclamation to Miss Kenney.

PROCLAMATIONS

5 [13-1152](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as Safe Graduation Month.
City Council endorsed the proclamation.

6 [13-0997](#) Recognition of Citizen Academy Graduates.
City Council recognized the members of the Citizens Academy.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (7-18)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

- 7 [13-1372](#) Receipt of the Following Resignations from Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
James Lewis
 - (b) Alexandria Gang Task Force
Maria Muhtadi-Roach
 - (c) Community Criminal Justice Board
Raighne C. Delaney

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- 8 [13-1440](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Archaeological Commission
1 Member from the Alexandria Historical Society
 - (b) Citizen Corps Council
1 Citizen Member
 - (c) ~~Commission on HIV/AIDS
1 HIV/AIDS Service Organization Which Provides Services in the
City to the Minority Community~~
 - (d) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission
Representative
1 Planning District II Representative
 - (e) Sister Cities Committee
2 Citizen Members

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

- 9 [13-1329](#) Consideration of a Request to Vacate a Position on the Alexandria Waterfront Commission.
- 10 [13-1242](#) Consideration of the One-Year Action Plan for Housing and Community Development for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014.

- 11 [13-1328](#) Consideration of Submission of a Reimbursement Grant Application by the Alexandria Sheriff's Office Through the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program.
- 12 [13-1416](#) Consideration of the Annual Reports from Council-Appointed Boards and Commissions for FY 2012.
- 13 [13-0944](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2013.

(Ordinances for Introduction)

- 14 [13-1430](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Increase the City's Cigarette Tax.
- 15 [13-1275](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 2-2-11 (Establishment of Central Absentee Voter Election District and Voting Place) by Adding Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library as a Permanent Additional Absentee Voting Place for November Elections.
- 16 [13-1215](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Create a Towing Services Advisory Board.
- 17 [13-1311](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Sewer Connection Fee.
- 18 [13-1312](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Three-Year License Agreement to Authorize the Waterfront Market, LLC to Utilize a Portion of the City Marina Plaza Right-of-way and to Implement the Agreement.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of items 12, 17 and 18, which were considered under separate vote, as follows:

7. City Council received the following resignations: (a) James Lewis, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) Maria Muhtadi-Roach, Alexandria Gang Task Force; and (c) Raighne C. Delaney, Community Criminal Justice Board.

8. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) reappointed Georgia (Katy) Cannady as the one member from the Alexandria Historical Society to the Archaeological Commission; (b) reappointed Michelle McQueeney as the one citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (d) appointed Michael Commisso as the one Alexandria Historical Restoration & Preservation Commission representative and reappointed Susan Hellman as the one Planning District II representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; and (e) appointed Michael Hillburg and Monica Johnson as the two citizen members

to the Sister Cities Committee.

9. City Council declared as vacant the position for a citizen representative from Park Planning District I and authorized the City Clerk to advertise the vacancy.

10. City Council: 1. approved the one-year action plan for Housing and Community Development for FY 2014, which includes the City's application for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 funding for \$678,236 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$373,796 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), as summarized in attachments 1 and 2; 2. authorized the City Manager to make adjustments to the FY 2014 Action Plan and grant application based on the approved FY 2014 budget and final grant numbers when received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and 3. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

11. City Council: 1. authorized the City Manager to continue the City's participation as an applicant jurisdiction for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program to permit the City's law enforcement agencies to apply for reimbursement for bulletproof vests purchased from April 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Applications for the 2014 funding period are due by May 20, 2013; 2. authorized all City law enforcement agencies eligible under the requirements of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program to participate and apply for reimbursement under the City's comprehensive application in each year that federal funding is available for this program; and 3. authorized the City Manager to execute any necessary documents.

12. City Council received the reports and thanked the boards and commissions for their hard work over the past year. (separate motion)

13. City Council received the monthly financial report for the period ending March 31, 2013.

14. City Council introduced the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing on May 18, 2013.

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CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

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[13-1439](#)

Alexandria Marketing Committee

1 Member With Experience or Expertise in the Following Areas:
Marketing/Communications, Advertising Agency/Public Relations, Media Buyer, Graphic Design/Production and/or Media Relations/Media Outlet

City Council reappointed Patricia Gaston as the one member with experience or expertise in the following areas: marketing/communications, advertising

agency/public relations, media buyer, graphic design/production and/or media relations/media outlet to the Alexandria Marketing Committee.

- 20** [13-1390](#) Commission for Women
4 Citizen Members

City Council reappointed Brian Morreale and Susan Ross-O'Brien and appointed Erica Rossi and Maribel Ramos as the four citizen members to the Commission for Women.
- 21** [13-1438](#) Emergency Medical Services Council
1 Representative of the Alexandria Red Cross

City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Ethel Susan Roe as the one representative of the Alexandria Red Cross to the Emergency Medical Services Council.
- 22** [13-1437](#) Local Emergency Planning Committee
1 Owner and Operators of Facilities Subject to the Federal Emergency Planning Requirements of Super Fund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Kevin McGunnigle as the one owner and operators of facilities subject to the federal emergency planning requirements of Super Fund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- 22.1** [13-1453](#) Commission on HIV/AIDS
1 HIV/AIDS service organization which provides services in the City to the minority community

City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Viacheslav Lunkin as the one HIV/AIDS service organization which provides services in the City to the minority community to the Commission on HIV/AIDS.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Euille extended congratulations to Councilman Chapman on being recognized on May 7 by the Virginia Leadership Institute as one of its top 10 under 40 awardees to honor ten of the region's rising African-American leaders in the business community and politics.

2. Mayor Euille said his next TV show will center around the topic of the Boston bombings and he reminded citizens that if they see something, they should say something.

3. Mayor Euille noted the recognition of Iesha Kenney, an eighth grader, for her boxing prowess, and also two students who have been recognized as finalist for the National Merit Scholars Award - Charlotte Clinger and Alexandra Eichner, who were among 2,500 students chosen from 15,000 finalist to receive a \$2500 National Merit Scholarship.

4. Mayor Euille asked for an update on the HOTLanes issue. Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, updated Council on the proposed new ramp under construction and the environmental impacts it will cause.

5. Councilman Chapman spoke on the closing of the Giant Food on Beauregard and in Bradlee Shopping Center and the renovation of Safeway. He said he is working with staff on those timelines and to see in terms of gaps in service whether the City can work with outside vendors to provide farmers markets that aren't there so people can get fresh produce and meats. He said they are looking into seeing what they can do to provide those folks with necessary services.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Young called attention to the memo sent today regarding the Four Mile Run bridge and also the email received from Judy Noritake, the chair of the co-jurisdictional task force that looked at the issue. If Council has any feedback, he asked that they give that to him quickly, as he intended to move forward with the administrative approvals necessary to do the demolition of Bridge B.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 23 [13-1407](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Endorse WMATA's Strategic Plan, Momentum: The Next Generation of Metro. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council adopted the resolution endorsing WMATA's strategic plan, Momentum: The Next Generation of Metro. (RES. NO. 2557)*
- 24 [13-1410](#) Consideration of a Resolution to Establish a Taxicab Task Force. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council adopted the resolution establishing a nine member Taxicab Task Force, with the following amendments: the task force report is due by October 30, 2013, and the issue of the operation of cab companies which operate below the Code required thresholds, and authorized the Mayor to appoint the members of the Task Force and authorized the City Clerk to advertise the vacancies and request representatives from the following groups to participate in the work of the Task Force: Commission on Aging, 1 representative; Alexandria Police Department/Hack Office, 1 representative; Traffic and Parking Board, 1 representative; Taxicab Company Owner, 1 representative; Taxicab Driver, 1 representative; City Council, 1 representative; Community Services Board, 1 representative; Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities, 1 representative; and Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, 1 staff representative (RES. NO. 2558)*
- 25 [13-1428](#) Consideration of a Resolution Opposing the Issuance of a Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) Air Permit for the Norfolk

Southern Ethanol Transloading Facility. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council: 1. adopted the resolution strongly opposing the issuance of the proposed VDEQ Air Permit for the Norfolk Southern Ethanol Transloading Facility, with the following amendments: in the 'now therefore be it resolved' section to add the words "noise pollution and quality of life impacts" after "air emissions"; in the next to the last "be it further resolved" add "discuss and prevent" after "means to" and after the word "expansion" add "including arranging for a meeting with the Norfolk Southern President/or his designee as soon as possible."; 2. directed the City Manager to develop comments in opposition to the permit, submit those to VDEQ as part of the public comment period, and work with VDEQ staff to facilitate as much time as possible and increased opportunity for the public to comment; 3. direct the City Manager and the City Attorney to explore if there are any other means to prevent this facility expansion; and 4. transmit the resolution to the City's federal and state legislative delegations and request their assistance in this matter. (RES. NO. 2559)

- 26 [13-1350](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to adopt Supplement 105 of the City Code of the City of Alexandria. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council passed on first and second reading an ordinance to adopt supplement 105 to the City Code. (ORD. NO. 4803)

- 27 [13-1351](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to adopt Supplement 58 of the Zoning Ordinance. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council passed on first and second reading an ordinance to adopt supplement 58 of the Zoning Ordinance. (ORD. NO. 4804)

- 28 [13-1307](#) Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Establish a Requirement that Taxicabs Accept Credit Card Payments. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council deferred passage of the ordinance to establish that taxicabs accept credit card payments to the May 28 City Council meeting so that staff can put the suggested corrections noted in the staff memorandum into the ordinance for adoption.

OTHER

- 29 [13-0694](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: 1. received the updated City Council Schedule which includes: bike to work day 2013 on Friday, May 17 at 8:00 a.m. on Market Square, the Project Discovery Reception is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Vola Lawson Lobby; the annual Waterfront Walk with staff is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Oronoco Bay Park (Madison Street); the annual Alexandria/USA Birthday Celebration on Saturday, July 13 at Oronoco Bay Park (100 Madison Street) from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and 2. approved the Council Schedule.

- 30 [13-1425](#) Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for the Purpose of Consulting with Legal Counsel Regarding a Pending Legal Matter.

At 9:28 p.m., City Council convened in executive session to consult with staff and

legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation; specifically, the settlement of a pending legal matter and probable litigation related to environmental infrastructure improvements, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

At 10:02 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting.

City Council adopted a resolution pertaining to the Executive Session. (RES. NO. 2560)

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The meeting adjourned at 10:03 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.