

# City of Alexandria

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



## **Action Docket - Final**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2013**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council Legislative Meeting**

[13-0926](#)

5:30 p.m. - Work Session on the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership Strategic Plan.

*City Council held the work session with the AEDP.*

**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.*

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**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:**

[13-1155](#)

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2013  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2013

*City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of February 23, 2013, and the regular meeting minutes of February 26, 2013.*

**RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**None.**

*City Council endorsed a proclamation to Mr. Rick Taube, outgoing Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.*

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*City Council recognized boy scouts in the audience from West Potomac High School, from troop #1509 and troop #888.*

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

**4** [13-1162](#)

Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Derek Hyra

- (b) Board of Zoning Appeals  
Geoffrey M. Goodale
- (c) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission  
Timothy Kennedy
- (d) Waterfront Commission  
Nathan Macek
- (e) Torpedo Factory Art Center Board  
Jeremy McPike

**5**      [13-1163](#)

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee  
1 Member Designated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
- (b) Citizen Corps Council  
1 Citizen Designated by the Alexandria School Board
- (c) Commission for the Arts  
1 Member Who Has Expertise in the Arts, Either as Practitioners of Various Art Disciplines or as Professional Administrators Working in the Field
- (d) Commission on Employment  
1 Citizen Member
- (e) Commission on HIV/AIDS  
1 Citizen-at-Large
- (f) Community Services Board  
1 Licensed Physician
- (g) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
1 Planning District III Representative

**(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

**6**      [13-0942](#)

Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2013.

**7**      [13-1081](#)

Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Health for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service

Program for Children.

- 8      [13-1082](#)      Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for a Local Government Challenge Grant for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.
- 9      [13-1091](#)      Consideration of Authorization To Apply For A Renewal Five-Year Grant Application For Substance Abuse Prevention Funding For The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Of Alexandria.

## END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

*City Council adopted the consent calendar, as follows:*

4. *City Council received the following resignations to boards, commissions and committees: (a) Derek Hyra, Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority; (b) Geoffrey M. Goodale, Board of Zoning Appeals; (c) Timothy Kennedy, Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (d) Nathan Macek, Waterfront Commission; and (e) Jeremy McPike, Torpedo Factory Art Center Board.*

5. *City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed David Baker as the one member designated by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (b) appointed William Purdy as the one citizen designated by the Alexandria School Board to the Citizen Corps Council; (c) appointed Kathryn Dureska as the one member who has expertise in the arts, either as practitioners of various art disciplines or as professional administrators working in the field to the Commission for the Arts; (d) appointed Geoffrey Dureska as the one citizen member to the Commission on Employment; (e) reappointed Gayle Terry as the one citizen-at-large to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (f) appointed David Giammittorio as the one licensed physician to the Community Services Board; and (g) appointed Carolyn Meza as the one Planning District III representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission.*

6. *City Council received the monthly financial report for the period ending January 31, 2013.*

7. *City Council authorized staff to: 1. submit the grant application (due April 26, 2013) to the Virginia Department of Health for United States Department of Agriculture for continued funding and an estimated reimbursement amount of \$112,000 for program expenses; 2. affirmed that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and 3. execute all necessary documents that may be required.*

8. *City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. submit a grant application, in the amount of \$5,000, to the Virginia Commission for the Arts' Local Government Challenge Grant Program; and 2. execute all necessary documents that may be required.*

9. *City Council: 1. authorized the submission of the five-year grant application to SAMHSA for funding in the amount of \$125,000 per year; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.*

**CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**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 noted that this is National Women's Month, which started in 1982 as Women's History Week. He said they thank all the women for what they have done and what they continue to do. The City will be celebrating Women's Month with an annual event that will take place on Monday, March 18 with the Commission for Women's annual award's banquet at the Westin Hotel.

2. Mayor Euille said that last week, the City was at a program hosted by the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association, where Alexandria was awarded an arts place award by Arts Place America, with downtown Alexandria being one of America's top art places in 2013.

3. Mayor Euille thanked the community for its support and prayers for Officer Peter Laboy. Last Sunday the Alexandria Police Association hosted a fundraising event at Virtue Feed and Grain.

Councilwoman Pepper noted that there was an earlier fundraiser for Office Laboy on Saturday in the afternoon, at the Police Union Hall.

4. Councilman Smedberg noted that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission has selected a new executive director, Kelley Coyner.

5. Councilman Wilson said another event for Officer Laboy is a blood drive at the Police Headquarters on March 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. He noted that Vice President Biden stopped by the Police Station to show his support for Officer Laboy.

6. Councilman Wilson said he, along with Mayor Euille and School Board chair Karen Graf and vice chair Justin Keating serve on the City Schools Subcommittee as well as the long-range committee, and they have a desire to get into the community to talk about some of the school capacity challenges they have over the next few years. He said they sent out a letter to the civic associations and PTA's, trying to invite themselves onto the agenda at these meetings to try to talk about the challenges they have going forward.

7. Councilman Chapman thanked everyone who spoke at the public hearings on the budget. It was eye opening to see and hear the stories from the folks that will be directly affected by the cuts or changes made to the budget.

8. Councilman Chapman said one of the most enjoyable things to most school children is a snow day, coupled with that the second best is a snow day when there is no snow, which is what they witnessed last week. He said to those in the news and media working on the weather looking for reliable sources to feed the public, to please not jump to every news and weather issue. One of the things he's seen happen is that they get blown up, they are prepared and then nothing happens and they have spent funds that in tough budget times are not there.

Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, gave a report on the cost for this past week's non-school event, which was about \$22,000 and the preparation for the event.

9. Councilman Chapman said he will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the park across the street from his home. He said he wished to highlight the use of pocket parks in the City and for any citizen to open it up and host something for their neighborhood or their friends.

10. Vice Mayor Silberberg said on the snow day, for a lot of kids it means they won't receive their free or reduced lunch or breakfast program through the schools and many will not have food at home. She said they need to remember that when it is a day out of school, many will not have regular nutritious meals, and perhaps the churches and non-profits in the community can band together to think about that when the next snow event happens it might help those children.

11. Councilman Smedberg asked about the City Council picture that is in the lobby of the Chambers.

Mr. Fletcher, Special Assistant to the City Manager, said the photo is being worked on and will be up soon but he would follow up.

## ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 10     [13-1137](#)     Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Establish the Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2013 (Fiscal Year 2014).
- City Council: 1. passed the proposed ordinance on first reading after establishing the tax rates to be advertised for residential and commercial real property and personal property as \$.04; and 2. set the ordinance for public hearing on Saturday, April 13, and second reading and final passage on Monday, May 6.*
- 11     [13-0516](#)     Consideration of A Resolution Creating an Audit Subcommittee of City Council.
- City Council introduced the resolution for discussion and scheduled the resolution for adoption on March 27, 2013.*
- 12     [13-0989](#)     Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt Supplement 104 of the City Code.  
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]

*City Council adopted the ordinance to adopt Supplement #104 to the City Code. (ORD. NO. 4794)*

- 13     [13-0999](#)     Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt Supplement Number 57 of the Zoning Ordinance. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]  
  
*City Council adopted the ordinance to adopt Supplement #57 of the Zoning Ordinance. (ORD. NO.4795)*

**OTHER**

- 14     [13-0691](#)     Consideration of City Council Schedule.  
  
*City Council: 1. received the updated City Council schedule which includes topics for the budget work sessions; and 2. approved the Council schedule.*

- 15     [13-1136](#)     Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Specific Matters Regarding Legal Advice, and for Discussion of the Negotiation or Award of a Contract Involving the Expenditure of Public Funds, When Public Discussion Would Jeopardize the Public Body’s Bargaining Position.  
  
*At 8:38 p.m., City Council convened in executive session to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation, for legal advice regarding specific legal matters, and discussion of the negotiation of a contract involving public funds, specifically, a pending legal matter and the threat of a new similar legal matter and the possible sale of City owned real property, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) and (7) of the Code of Virginia.*  
  
*At 9:09 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting.*  
  
*City Council adopted a resolution pertaining to the Executive Session. (RES. NO. 2545)*

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*The meeting adjourned at 9:10 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.*

