

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

- [14-2612](#) 5:30 P.M. - Work Session to Discuss the Waterfront Landscape and Flood Mitigation Design Project.
- City Council held a work session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Waterfront Landscape and Flood Mitigation Design Project.*

1 Calling the Roll.

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

2 Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

- [14-2621](#) The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2014; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2014.
- City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of March 15, 2014 and the regular meeting minutes of March 25, 2014, subject to the revisions sent by the City Clerk.*

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

- 4** [14-2583](#) Recognition of the Winners of the George Washington Middle School Everyone Walks and Bikes to School Day Poster Contest.
- City Council recognized the winners of the George Washington Middle School Everyone Walks and Bikes to School Day Poster Contest. The winners were Madeline Kasoff (1st place), Ana Humphrey (2nd place) and Jackie Canning (3rd place).*

PROCLAMATIONS

- 5** [14-2477](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 26, 2014 as Alexandria Earth Day and Arbor Day in the City of Alexandria.
- City Council endorsed the proclamation.*

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (6-18)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

- 6** [14-2636](#) Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards,

Commissions and Committees:

(a) Emergency Medical Services Council
Anthony (Tony) Barone

(b) Environmental Policy Commission
Katie Mike

(c) Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission
Herbert Wayne Warner

7 [14-2637](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
1 Real Estate Professional with Knowledge and Experience in Residential Real Estate
1 Landlord of Residential Property in the City

(b) Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority
1 Citizen Member

(c) Citizen Corps Council
1 Citizen Member

(d) Commission on Aging
1 Citizen Member

(e) Commission on Employment
1 Business Representative from Among Recognized Area Businesses Including Minority-Owned and Small Businesses

(f) Emergency Medical Services Council
1 Citizen Member
1 Representative of Nursing Homes Located in the City

(g) Environmental Policy Commission
1 Member from the Alexandria Business Community

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

8 [14-2238](#) Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending February 28, 2014.

9 [14-2533](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) TIGER Discretionary Grants Program.

- 10 [14-2534](#) Consideration of a Partnership with Arlington County to Jointly Procure Fare Collection Equipment for the Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway.
- 11 [14-2537](#) Consideration of the Draft Fiscal Year 2015 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.

(Ordinances for Introduction)

- 12 [14-2605](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 11-416 (Modifications) of Section 11-400 (Site Plans) of Division B (Development Approvals) of Article XI (Development Approvals and Procedures) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 14-0001. (Implementation Ordinance for the Text Amendment to the modification section of the Zoning Ordinance approved by City Council on March 15, 2014.)
- 13 [14-2438](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for the Support of the City Government for FY 2014.
- 14 [14-2483](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing and Empowering the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of General Obligation Bonds to Finance Various Capital Projects.
- 15 [14-2554](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Sell City Property at 509 North Saint Asaph Street and 511, 513, and 515 Oronoco Street.
- 16 [14-2564](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Implement the Local Motor Vehicle License Plate Tax as Included in the FY 2015 Proposed Budget.
- 17 [14-2565](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading to Amend and Reordain Division 1 (Parking Meter Zones), Article G (Parking Meters), Chapter 8 (Parking and Traffic Regulations), Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as Amended, as Included in the FY 2015 Proposed Budget.
- 18 [14-2602](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Performance Standards of the Eisenhower Science Redevelopment District.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket items 8, 10, 11 and 17, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's

recommendations were as follows:

6. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Anthony Barone, Emergency Medical Services Council; (b) Katie Mika, Environmental Policy Commission; and (c) Herbert Wayne Warner, Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission.

7. City Council appointed the following persons to boards and commissions: (a) appointed Elizabeth Luccesi as the real estate professional with knowledge and experience in residential real estate and appointed Nathaniel Ouellettes the landlord of residential property in the City to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; (b) reappointed Merrick Malone as the citizen member to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority; (c) appointed Samuel Salinas as the citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (d) appointed Sean Dunbar as the citizen member to the Commission on Aging; (e) appointed Linda Klinger as the business representative from among recognized area businesses including minority-owned and small businesses to the Commission on Employment; (f) reappointed Scooter Slade as the citizen member and waived the residency requirement and reappointed Robert Callahan as the representative of nursing homes located in the City to the Emergency Medical Services Council; and (g) reappointed Ryan Wojtanowski as the member from the Alexandria business community to the Environmental Policy Commission.

8. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2014. (separate motion)

9. City Council authorized the City Manager to: (1) submit the grant application and the resolution to USDOT for funding in the amount of \$25 million for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station. Applications are due on April 28, 2014; and (2) execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program.

10. City Council authorized the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding substantially in the form attached with Arlington County to jointly procure off-board fare collection equipment. (separate motion)

11. City Council: (1) set for public hearing on April 12 for the Draft FY 2015 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development, which includes the City's application for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 funding of \$722,919 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and \$388,225 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) monies; (2) docketed the Draft FY 2015 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development for final Council approval on May 13, 2014; (3) authorized the City Manager to make adjustments as needed to the FY 2015 Action Plan and grant application based on the approved FY 2015 Budget after it is adopted by City Council and any changes in grant figures received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and (4) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. (separate motion)

12. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, April 12, 2014.

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CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (30 min)

- 19 [14-2644](#) Consideration of the Short and Long Term Decisions Regarding the Status of the Warwick Pool.
- City Council: (1) will locate \$75,000 during their add/delete deliberations as it relates to the Summer 2014 operating status of the Warwick Pool facility, currently proposed for closure in the FY2015 Budget; and (2) in the context of the Capital Improvement Project budget discussions, the future of the Warwick Pool will be decided. Council also requested more information on the possibility of nonprofit relationships to manage aquatic facilities.*

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Mayor Euille stated that Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) adopted its FY2015 operating budget, including fare proposed changes. Mayor Euille requested that staff clarify the City's funding contributions to WMATA and its impact on the City's budget.

(b) Councilman Smedberg stated that he and Councilman Wilson have been working with staff to discuss how Council meetings could be more efficient and transparent. Councilman Smedberg noted that a memorandum has been sent to members of Council detailing the changes that will be proposed, highlighting that executive sessions would start before the regular meetings at 6:00 p.m. and work sessions would be held during legislative meetings giving the community a chance to witness the discussion.

Councilman Wilson noted that the format of the meetings would formalize some of processes and he pointed out that the ordinances would be coming forth for

consideration next month.

(c) Councilman Wilson stated that Deputy City Manager Gates issued a memorandum regarding the Office of Internal Audit and their examination of City departments. Councilman Wilson noted that Mr. Gates will be presenting Council with ways to present the information to the public and provide the City with more transparency to the community.

(d) Vice Mayor Silberberg stated that former Councilwoman Beverly Beidler passed away recently and there will be a memorial service for her on April 26. Vice Mayor Silberberg offered her condolences to her family.

Councilwoman Pepper also noted the service of Councilwoman Beverly Beidler and she pointed out that she also served as the Registrar of Voters for the City.

(e) Councilman Chapman stated that today was Equal Pay Day, highlighting pay equity between men and women in the workplace. Councilman Chapman requested that staff provide Council with information on pay equity for City employees.

(f) Councilman Chapman stated that he would be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at Angel Park on April 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Councilman Chapman extended a special invitation to the foster families in the City to come out and join in the activities.

(g) Councilman Chapman stated that he would host a community chat on the budget next Wednesday at La Madeline's on King Street at 7:30 p.m.

(h) Mayor Euille stated that he would be presenting a resolution for Council consideration that would encourage Congress to pass and fund the Federal Highway Trust Fund that is set to expire in October of this year. Mayor Euille noted that if the fund is not approved, Virginia would lose \$1.2 billion in Federal funds in FY2015.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 20 [14-2194](#) Update on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan/Complete Streets Design Guidelines Manual, and Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an Advisory Committee. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council: (1) received the update; (2) approved the resolution establishing an Ad Hoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Advisory Committee (RES. NO. 2608); (3) Requested that the chairs of the Planning Commission, Transportation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission; Traffic and Parking Board; Commission on Aging, Commission on Persons with Disabilities, and the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee each nominate a member of their group to serve on the Advisory Committee; and (4) authorized the City Manager to appoint the remaining members and designate the Chair of the Advisory Committee.*

OTHER

- 21 [14-2597](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) received the revised Council Calendar which includes: The CIP Budget Work session scheduled for Thursday, April 10 has been moved to G.W. Middle School ALL Center Room 348, and deleted the City Council retreat tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 3 and requested that staff search for more dates. The location is to be determined; and (2) approved the calendar.

22 [14-2639](#)

Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for the Purpose of Consulting with Legal Counsel Regarding a Pending Legal Matter.

At 9:17 p.m., City Council convened in closed executive session to consult with legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation, specifically the litigation regarding land use and tax assessment matters, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

At 9:40 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting.

City Council adopted a resolution pertaining to the Executive Session (RES. NO. 2609)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 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.