

City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
City Council Legislative Meeting

Thursday, September 27, 2012, 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Kerry J. Donley, Members of Council Frank H. Fannon, Alicia Hughes, Redella S. Pepper, Paul C. Smedberg and David Speck.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Young, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Mr. Fletcher, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Gates, Deputy City Manager, Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Mr. McPike, Director, General Services; Mr. Trobridge, Director, Information Technology Services (ITS); Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Davis, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. McIlvaine, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Fire Chief Thiel; Dr. Gilmore, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), Ms. Chis, Executive Deputy Department Director, DCHS; Ms. Marks, Acting Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Triggs, Chief Financial Officer/Director, Finance; Mr. Useem, Chief Performance and Accountability Officer; Ms. Deynes, Director, Human Resources (HR); Mr. Mitchell, Assistant Director, HR; Mr. Touhill, Compensation and Workforce Programs Manager, HR; Police Sergeant Milner; Mr. Evans, Fire; Mr. Phillips, Supervisor, Fire; Mr. Castrilli, Director, Office of Communications and Public Information; Mr. Chozick, Division Chief, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Ms. Hamer, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Ms. Wright, Division Chief, P&Z; Ms. Williams, Urban Planner, P&Z; Ms. Woodrow, Management Analyst, P&Z; Ms. Warren, Senior HR Analyst, HR; Mr. Skrabak, Deputy Director, T&ES; Mr. Baxter, Division Chief, T&ES; Mr. Imig, Civil Engineer, T&ES; Ms. Reinfeld, Division Chief, T&ES; Ms. Taylor, Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Arbour, Budget Analyst, OMB, Mr. Bever, Budget Analyst, OMB; Sheriff Lawhorne; Mr. Kaii-Zeigler, Division Chief, P&Z; Mr. Saenz, ITS; Police Captain Wemple and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

City Council held a work session with the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority at 5:30 p.m., in the Council workroom.

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, except Councilman Smedberg, who arrived later at the meeting.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

All participated in the moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business Item No. 1:

Mayor Euille welcomed Councilman David Speck, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Rob Krupicka, and gave Councilman Speck the opportunity to introduce himself to the Alexandria community.

New Business Item No. 2:

Mayor Euille announced this month was National Hispanic Heritage Month and he acknowledged the contributions of the Hispanic members of our community.

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

- (a) The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2012.
- (b) The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2012.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried 6-0, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings: the regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2012 and the public hearing meeting minutes of September 15, 2012. The vote was as follows: In favor - Mayor Euille; Vice Mayor Donley; Councilman Fannon; Councilwoman Hughes; Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Speck. Absent - Councilman Smedberg. Opposed – None.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR

(4-9)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

4. Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
Jennifer O'Keefe
- (b) Commission on HIV/AIDS
Marcos Castillo

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 4; 09/27/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

5. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
1 City Employee Representative
- (b) Park and Recreation Commission
1 Member From Among the High School Youth of the City
- (c) Real Estate Assessment Review Board
1 Citizen Member

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 09/27/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

6. Ratification of Submission of an Application to the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) for a Set-Aside Allocation of Funding Through the Community Homeownership Revitalization Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's report dated September 19, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 09/27/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Receipt of Grant From The Virginia Early Childhood Foundation To Implement The Pilot Virginia Star Quality Initiative Rating System.

(A copy of the City Manager's report dated September 19, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 09/27/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Consideration of Acceptance of the Donation of a "Bait Motorcycle" to the Police Department.

(A copy of the City Manager's report dated September 19, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 09/27/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried 6-0, City Council approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of docket item #9, which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

4. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Jennifer O'Keefe, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; and (b) Marcos Castillo, Commission on HIV/AIDS.

5. City Council made the following appointments to boards and commissions: (a) appointed Michael Mackey as the City employee representative to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (b) appointed Emma Schutzius as the member from among the high school youth of the City to the Park and Recreation Commission; and (c) appointed Richard Novak as the citizen member to the Real Estate Assessment Review Board.

6. City Council ratified the submission of an application to Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) for a total of \$750,000 in Community Homeownership Revitalization Program (CHRP) program funding to provide first-trust, low-interest, mortgage financing for eligible participants in the City Homeownership Assistance and Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

7. City Council: (1) authorized the receipt of \$10,750 in grant funds for the management of the Family Child Care Virginia Star Quality Initiative (VSQI); and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

tallied with the following results: City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed David Butcher as the representative of a local towing industry to the Ad Hoc Towing Services Advisory Board. The voting was as follows:

Euille - Butcher
Donley - Butcher
Fannon - Butcher
Hughes - George
Pepper - Butcher
Smedberg - absent
Speck - Butcher

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

11. Preliminary Recommendations for FY 2014-FY 2019 Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program Project Funding Requests.

(A copy of the City Manager's report is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 09/27/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Director of Transportation and Environmental Services Baier and Acting Deputy Director Marks made a presentation of the projects included in the proposed requests and responded to question from Council about bicycle planning and commuting.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 6-0, City Council: (1) approved the transportation projects listed on page 3 of the memorandum as those projects for which the City of Alexandria will request Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) grant funding from FY 2014-FY2019; and (2) authorized the City Manager to apply for these grants, and enter into necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia to accept any of these grants. The vote was as follows: In favor - Mayor Euille; Vice Mayor Donley; Councilman Fannon; Councilwoman Hughes; Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Speck. Absent - Councilman Smedberg. Opposed – None.

*****Please note: Item #12 was considered after Items #13 and #14.*****

*****Councilman Smedberg arrived at the meeting at 7:47 p.m.*****

12. Consideration of a Request from AHC, Inc., for a Predevelopment Loan to facilitate a Proposed Affordable Housing Development on East Reed Avenue.

(A copy of the City Manager's report dated September 19, 2012, is on file in the

Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No.1 of Item No. 13; 09/27/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Director of Office of Housing Davis and Deputy Director McIlvaine explained the loan terms and the process for the predevelopment if the loan is authorized and responded to questions from Council concerning funding for the study and affordable housing.

Councilman Smedberg requested a more comprehensive look at the proposed site and the possibility of a right turn lane being placed at Reed Avenue in the immediate future.

In response to Councilman Smedberg, Director Baier and City Manager Young explained the City's ability to proceed with the implementation of a right turn lane and recommended proceeding with the study of the need for such a lane in conjunction with the predevelopment process for the affordable housing project.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council authorized a \$250,000 loan to AHC, Inc., from the City's Housing Trust Fund for predevelopment costs for the proposed East Reed affordable housing development, with these funds to be repaid if the project receives future City land use approvals and is successful in its application for 2013 low income housing tax credits (LIHTC) from the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) and requested that staff study the right turn option at Reed Avenue and Route 1 and report its findings to Council within six months. The vote was as follows: In favor - Mayor Euille; Vice Mayor Donley; Councilman Fannon; Councilwoman Hughes; Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg, and Councilman Speck. Opposed – None.

13. Issuance of a Request for Proposals for the Renovation and Lease of the Beachcombers Building.

(A copy of the City Manager's reported dated September 19, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 09/27/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Director of General Services McPike explained the request for proposal and responded to questions from Council regarding waterfront access for the riverboat companies, the use of the property as a restaurant, and potential renovation and lease of the property.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried 6-0, City Council authorized the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the renovation and land lease of the Beachcombers building, with the goal of securing a lease of the building as a restaurant. The voting was as follows: In favor - Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, Councilman

Fannon, Councilwoman Hughes, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Speck. Absent – Councilman Smedberg.

14. Authorization to Execute Project Agreements between the City of Alexandria and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

(A copy of the City Manager's report dated September 19, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 09/27/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the City Manager to execute project agreements with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). The voting was as follows: In favor - Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, Councilman Fannon, Councilwoman Hughes, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Speck. Opposed - None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Vice Mayor Donley reported that the BRAC-TMP Monitoring Group met last week and they received an update from the Police Department on the recently suspended GRIP Program and the police noted that the traffic in the area surrounding BRAC will still be monitored and funds are available to reactive the program if needed. Vice Mayor Donley noted that Deputy Police Chief Corle reported to the group that there are about 130 tickets per month being issued in the surrounding area and some blocks have requested to leave the daytime parking program. Vice Mayor Donley also reported that the group reviewed the six months report from Washington Headquarters Service (WHS) regarding the transportation management program, which noted that traffic is not as bad as was expected, even with the building fully occupied, primarily because of the utilization of telework and use of mass transit options. Vice Mayor Donley noted there are two things that may be of concern: the expiration of the parking cap in 2013 and the construction congestion cause by installation of road improvements.

(b) Mayor Euille recognized the ribbon cutting and reopening of Jones Point Park and invited the community to visit and use the newly renovated park.

(c) Mayor Euille reported that members of Council and City staff attended the Virginia Municipal League (VML) Annual Conference in Williamsburg at the beginning of the week and he thanked Mike Mackey, Gang Prevention Coordinator, for being a presenter at a forum and highlighting the success of the Gang Prevention Program in

Alexandria.

(d) Councilman Fannon noted that the VML Conference was a great opportunity for networking and he noted that the transportation issues in Virginia and the challenges of funding the much needed improvements throughout the Commonwealth is a topic all communities were focusing on.

(e) Councilwoman Hughes also noted that VML Conference was a great time to reflect and learn about the challenges and similar issues facing communities across the Commonwealth.

(f) Councilwoman Pepper inquired about the use of the parking spaces located at the newly renovated Jones Point Park and wanted to know if it would be possible for the employees to resume using the spaces. Vice Mayor Donley noted that restrictions on parking near bridges changed following 9/11 and may affect the usage of the parking spaces.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

(a) City Manager Young introduced two new employees: Greg Useem, Chief Performance and Accountability Officer and Bettina Deynes, Human Resources Director.

15. Career Ladder and Public Safety Pay Compression Update.

(A copy of the City Manager's report dated September 19, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 09/27/12, and is incorporated as part of the record by reference.)

Deputy City Manager Gates gave a brief introduction of staff and a context for the discussion addressing career ladders and public safety pay compression issues in the City organization.

Mr. Touhill, Compensation and Workforce Programs Manager, gave a presentation of the findings of the career ladder and public safety pay compression issues and responded to questions from Council about the current compensation structure and current advancement for employees.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried unanimously, City Council received the report. The vote was as follows: In favor - Mayor Euille; Vice Mayor Donley; Councilman Fannon; Councilwoman Hughes; Councilwoman Pepper; Councilman Smedberg, and Councilman Speck. Opposed – None.

OTHER

16. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the revised calendar which includes: the 19th Annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer on Saturday, October 20 at 8:00 a.m., and will be held at AMC Hoffman Theater, 206 Swamp Fox Road; the Employee Service Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, November 29 from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and will be held in the Kaufmann Auditorium of the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street; the Sexual Assault Center and Domestic Violence Program of the Department of Community and Human Services will host a reception in honor of the 5th anniversary of the Alexandria Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Task Force on Thursday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, Sister Cities Conference Room 1101; and the Commission on Aging- Excellence in Aging Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 14 2013 at 5:30 p.m. The ceremony will be held in the Vola Lawson Lobby. The vote was as follows: In favor - Mayor Euille; Vice Mayor Donley; Councilman Fannon; Councilwoman Hughes; Councilwoman Pepper; Councilman Smedberg, and Councilman Speck. Opposed – None.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of September 27, 2012, at 9:30 p.m. The voting was as follows: In favor – Mayor Euille; Vice Mayor Donley; Councilman Fannon; Councilwoman Hughes; Councilwoman Pepper; Councilman Smedberg, and Councilman Speck. Opposed – None.

APPROVED BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, CMC Deputy City Clerk