

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 25, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg, Members of Council John Taylor Chapman, Timothy B. Lovain, Redella S. Pepper, Paul C. Smedberg and Justin M. Wilson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Young, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Mr. Fletcher, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Gates, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Police Captain Wemple; Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. Browand, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Bryan, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Jacqueline M. Henderson, City Clerk and Clerk of Council

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6:00 P.M. - Work Session with DASH and the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Transit Company.

City Council held the work session with DASH and had the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Transit Company.

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1. Calling the Roll.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Euille, and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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Mayor Euille announced that members of City Council are all wearing blue for Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) where they will be promoting Wear Blue For Kids Day.

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

The Special Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2014; and
The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2014.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, City Council approved the special public hearing meeting minutes of March 10, 2014 (noting the correction given to City Council earlier by the City Clerk) and the regular meeting minutes of March 11, 2014. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

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Mayor Euille noted that tomorrow is National Walk and Bike to School Day and he will be participating at several school sites earlier in the morning.

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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (4-7)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

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

(a) Citizen Corps Council
Tara Hicks

(b) Commission for the Arts
Cynthia Clauson

(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; 3/25/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

5. Uncontested Appointments to Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Alexandria Marketing Committee
2 Members 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

(b) Citizen Corps Council

1 Citizen Member Designated by the Alexandria School Board

(c) Community Criminal Justice Board

1 Representative of a Non-profit Organization Recommended by the Alexandria United Way

(d) Park and Recreation Commission

2 Members from Planning District III

1 Member from Among the High School Youth of the City

(A copy of the above uncontested appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 3/25/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

6. Consideration and Approval of the License Agreement Between the City of Alexandria and the Potomac Riverboat Company, LLC to Provide Water Taxi Service from the City Marina.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 19, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 3/25/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. 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.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 19, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 3/25/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of item #6, which was considered under separate motion, as follows:

4. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Tara Hicks, Citizen Corps Council; and (b) Cynthia Clauson, Commission for the Arts.

5. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed James Dillon and reappointed William Shaw as the two members 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; (b) appointed Anthony Barone as the one citizen member designated by the Alexandria School Board to the Citizen Corps Council; (c)

reappointed Alexis Stackhouse as the one representative of a non-profit organization recommended by the Alexandria United Way to the Community Criminal Justice Board; and (d) reappointed Judith Coleman and Richard Brune as the two members from Planning District III and appointed Alexis Browand as the one member from among the high school youth of the City to the Park and Recreation Commission.

7. City Council authorized staff to: 1. submit the grant application (due April 25, 2014) 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. executed all necessary documents that may be required.

The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

6. Consideration and Approval of the License Agreement Between the City of Alexandria and the Potomac Riverboat Company, LLC to Provide Water Taxi Service from the City Marina.

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Mr. Browand, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities, responded to questions of City Council concerning the agreement.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the three-year and nine month agreement (April 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017) with the Potomac Riverboat Company allowing them to continue to operate a water taxi service from the City Marina using the Commander Jacques, Lady Josephine and Miss Sophie. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

8. Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
1 Citizen Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Marie Muscella
Thomas Walczykowski

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 3/25/2014, and is incorporated as

part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with following results: City Council reappointed Thomas Walczykowski as the one citizen member to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Walczykowski
Silberberg	-	Walczykowski
Chapman	-	Walczykowski
Lovain	-	Walczykowski
Pepper	-	Walczykowski
Smedberg	-	Walczykowski
Wilson	-	Walczykowski

9. Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
1 Citizen Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Brent Simer
Robert Uyttebroek

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 3/25/2014, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with following results: City Council appointed Brent Simer as the one citizen member to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Simer
Silberberg	-	Simer
Chapman	-	Simer
Lovain	-	Uyttebroek
Pepper	-	Simer
Smedberg	-	Simer
Wilson	-	Simer

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

and

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Euille said the Old Dominion Boat Club (ODBC) concluded its voting by the membership on two options that were part of negotiations that concluded March 18 involving the ODBC and the City of Alexandria relative to the City's desire to open the foot of King Street for a public use and space. After 40 plus years of negotiations and discussions, that has now been put behind them. Mayor Euille said thanks and congratulations to both sides of the negotiating teams for the process. The members of the ODBC voted with a 68 percent majority to support one of the options, which was the relocation of the Boat Club and its parking lot off of the foot of King Street, to be relocated on the waterfront in Old Town where it would get a new building and facilities and \$5 million to assist with the redevelopment of the new facilities. He said the details will be completed in the next 30 days and will then come to Council for formal approval.

Mr. Banks, City Attorney, said the next step is to complete a formal settlement agreement. Once that is finished, it will most likely be executed by the City Manager.

2. Mayor Euille said he prepared a letter that was sent to the Governor relative to the on-going discussion in Richmond in the legislature on the budget adoption process and the expanded Medicare healthcare initiative. The letter expressed the City's support for the expansion of Medicare but additionally asking that both sides come together and ratify a process to include a budget adoption but to also include Medicaid expansion.

3. Councilman Chapman said he and Councilmember Lovain wish to report that the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission recently passed the youth master plan. There will be more discussion of the youth master plan within the community, but that plan is going to make its way to City Council.

Councilman Wilson said there will be a joint work session with the School Board and City Council on May 3, and the concept is that the members of the School Board and the City Council, in advance of the work session, circulate their input, ideas and concepts for modifications to the plan so that when it gets to the May 3 meeting, it is not just brain-storming but is looking at suggestions that individual members have made. The assumption is that it would come to Council for receipt in later May and Council would docket it for public hearing in June and passage before summer recess.

4. Councilman Wilson said there was a discussion at the recent City/Schools Subcommittee meeting about trying to get ahead of the FY2016 budget and the timing issues and the process questions. At the next meeting, the Schools will bring a draft they have been working on and they will discuss it at that time.

Mayor Euille said he will request of the City Manager to docket the report to Council at the next legislative meeting to be received and colleagues are asked to review and read it in advance of the joint work session.

5. Councilmember Lovain said he is a member of the board of directors of Stop Child Abuse Now in Northern Virginia, and he thanked Council for agreeing to the picture for SCAN, as they do wonderful work in prevention, the courts and parenting classes.

6. Councilmember Lovain said he will be at the Walk and Bike to Walk Day at George Washington Middle School, and he thanked his aide, Wendy Donahue, who was very

instrumental in putting it all together.

7. Councilmember Lovain said the chair of the board of WMATA wrote to the executive director of the Council of Governments urging a collaboration to try to increase accessibility of the transit systems in the region for people with disabilities. It would also reduce the budget pressures on the Metro Access program. Another critical problem is bus stop accessibility, where hundreds of bus stops are not accessible. Councilmember Lovain said he is the chair of the Human Services Transportation Committee, and they agree that they would take up the effort and would consider grants to help with the challenge but to also convene a regional forum for local jurisdictions, probably sometime in the summer, to talk about what each jurisdiction is doing and plans to do to help make the bus stops more accessible, as well as other initiatives to help increase accessibility for people with disabilities. He said he has talked with City staff about getting the City's bus stops more accessible as part of the capital program.

8. Vice Mayor Silberberg commended SCAN for doing Wear Blue day, and it is all across Virginia to raise awareness about child abuse and prevention. She said this is to reach out to kids who are having issues, and SCAN has been a part of that process for over 25 years.

9. Vice Mayor Silberberg said she, Mayor Euille and Councilman Chapman were at an event over the weekend to honor and pay tribute to the Shiloh Baptist Church's 150th anniversary. She said the church was founded by 50 former slaves and it was a very moving evening and was incredibly inspiring.

10. Vice Mayor Silberberg said the Northern Virginia Community Foundation issued a report on aging. She said it is worth reading about raising awareness about not just unmet social needs across Northern Virginia but the specific report was about aging in Northern Virginia. The population of seniors in Alexandria over the coming years will increase by 76 percent.

11. Councilman Smedberg said that at the VRE meeting this past Friday, final papers were put in and agreements were struck with AMTRAK for the King Street tunnel.

12. Mayor Euille said there are six days left to get covered for the National Affordable Care Act - March 31st is the deadline, and to date more than 5 million people have signed up nationally.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

OTHER

10. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 19, 2014, is on file in the

Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 3/25/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Smedberg said he will be out of town and will not be able to make the proposed May 3 City Council/School Board work session.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Silberberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the revised Council Calendar which includes: The Art in City Hall reception which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chet and Sabra Avery Conference Room; the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (ANHSI) reception for Mobile Health Van which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Elementary School, 4643 Taney Avenue; and the movement of the Tuesday, June 10 City Council meeting to Wednesday June 11 due to the Congressional elections for the democratic primary; and 2. approved the calendar. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

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

City Council did not go into closed meeting.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of March 25, 2014, at 7:45 p.m. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg, and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, None.

APPROVED BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council