

**JOINT CITY-ARHA WORK PLAN FOR RAMSEY HOMES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2713**

**WHEREAS**, due to sharply increasing real estate costs and regional development pressures over the past decade, the City of Alexandria faces a severe shortage of affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria adopted a Housing Master Plan by Ordinance #4125 on January 25, 2013 establishing a 10-year goal of developing or preserving 2,000 affordable housing units through 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) is a public agency established under the Housing Authority Law, Chapter 1, Title 36 of the Code of Virginia of 1938 to provide sanitary and safe dwelling accommodations to persons of low income at rents they can afford; and

**WHEREAS**, ARHA seeks to redevelop it's 15-unit Ramsey Homes project for the purposes of increasing the number of affordable housing units in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable to identify the optimal concept and design for the proposed Ramsey redevelopment that best balances multiple objectives including maximizing the project's success in competing for tax credits, the project's ongoing sustainability, the compatibility of the proposed design with the neighborhood character, historic preservation, and other important issues raised by stakeholders over the past year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council – ARHA Redevelopment Work Group reviewed and amended a proposed Joint City ARHA Work Plan for Ramsey Homes (“Ramsey Homes Work Plan”) on March 2, 2016 to complete the analysis necessary to identify the optimal design and concept; and

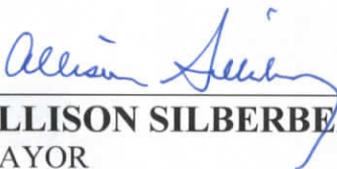
**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the ARHA Board of Commissioners reviewed the amended Ramsey Homes Work Plan at a joint worksession on March 8, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the ARHA Board of Commissioners approved a resolution affirming the principles of the Ramsey Homes Work Plan on March 8, 2016 and authorized the ARHA Chief Executive Officer to execute a memorandum of understanding with the City Manager pursuant to those principles;

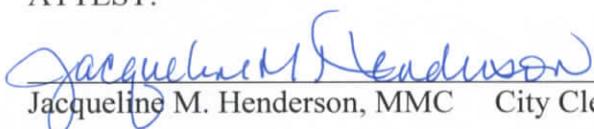
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Alexandria:

1. That the City Council affirms the principles of the Ramsey Homes Work Plan; and
2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with the ARHA Chief Executive Officer pursuant to those principles.

Adopted: March 12, 2016

  
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**ALLISON SILBERBERG**  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk