

City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
City Council Legislative Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 7:00 PM

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. Gates, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Davis, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. McIlvaine, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Triggs, Chief Financial Officer/ Finance Director; Ms. Smith, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Mr. Trobridge, Director, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Hamer, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Ms. Wright, Division Chief, P&Z; Ms. Anderson, Acting Deputy Director, P&Z; Ms. Boyd, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Castrilli, Director, Communications and Public Information; Mr. Penn, Emergency Management Coordinator, Fire; Fire Chief Thiel; Ms. Marks, Acting Deputy Director, T&ES; Mr. Routt, OMB; Ms. Zechman-Brown, Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Martinez, ITS; Police Captain Wemple; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

1. Calling the Roll.

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

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of December 11, 2012 and the public hearing meeting minutes of December 15, 2012. 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

PROCLAMATIONS

4. Presentation of Check From the United Way of the National Capital Area for the Community Impact Grants.

Kelly Brinkley from the United Way of the National Capital Area presented Council with a check for \$105,300 for Alexandria Community Impact Grants.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR

(5-12)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

5. Receipt of the Following Resignations From Boards, Commissions and Committees:
 - (a) Commission on HIV/AIDS
Rachael Chieza
 - (b) Economic Opportunities Commission
Laurie MacNamara
 - (c) Waterfront Commission
James McCall

(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; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
 - (a) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
1 Member Designated by Mayor Euille
1 Member Designated by Councilman Chapman
1 Member Designated by Councilman Lovain
1 Member Designated by Councilwoman Pepper

- 1 Member Designated by Vice Mayor Silberberg
- 1 Member Designated by Councilman Wilson
- (b) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
 - 2 Community Members with Experience as Parents, Guardians, Teachers and/or Expertise in Early Childhood, Youth or General Education Policy
 - 1 Alexandria City Public Schools Employee
- (c) Commission on Employment
 - 1 Business Representative From Among Recognized Area Businesses, Including Minority-Owned and Small Businesses
- (d) Commission on Information Technology
 - 1 Member Representing the Alexandria Library Board
- (e) Emergency Medical Services Council
 - 1 Representative of the Hospital Administration at Inova Alexandria Hospital
- (f) Environmental Policy Commission
 - 1 Member from the Field of Environmental Sciences (e.g., Environmental/Sanitary Engineering, Ecology, Geology, Botany, Hydrology, Chemistry) or Who Have Alexandria Waterfront Expertise
- (g) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
 - 1 Member Who Serves as a Volunteer at a Historic Property or Attraction That is Open to the Public on a Regularly Scheduled Basis
- (h) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee
 - 1 Member Representing the Potomac East Area
- (i) Sanitation Authority
 - 2 Citizen Members

(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. 6; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6.1. City Council Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

(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. 6.1; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

7. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending November 30, 2012.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 01/08/13, and

is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Consideration of Appointment of a Firefighter Representative and Alternate to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan Retirement Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Consideration of Acceptance of a Funding Allocation from the 2012 Local Emergency Management Program Grant in the Amount of \$32,943 for the City's Emergency Management Program.

(A copy City Manager's memorandum dated January 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Ordinances for Introduction)

10. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, By Adopting and Incorporating Therein the Amendment Heretofore Approved by City Council to the Transportation Master Plan Chapter of Such Master Plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2012-0007 and No Other Amendments, and To Repeal All Provisions of the Said Master Plan as May Be Inconsistent With Such Amendment.

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 10; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Tenant of the Property Located at 105 King Street to Construct and Maintain an Encroachment For a Bay Window at That Location.

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 11; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of a Proposed Amendment to the Taxicab Code to Change Taxicab Fares and to Receive

the Taxicab Biennial Review Report.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 12; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 3 of Item No. 12; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the exception of docket items #6.1, #7, #9, and #10, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Rachael Chieza, Commission on HIV/AIDS; (b) Laurie MacNamara, Economic Opportunities Commission; and (c) James McCall, Waterfront Commission.

6. City Council made the following appointments to boards and commissions: (a) appointed Engin Artemel as the one member designated by Mayor Euille, John Renner as the one member designated by Councilman Chapman, Laurie MacNamara as the one member designated by Councilmember Lovain, Michael Wenk as the one member designated by Councilwoman Pepper, appointed JeanSun Kim as the one member designated by Vice Mayor Silberberg, and Clarence Tong as the one member designated by Councilman Wilson to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (b) reappointed Jeffrey Murphy and Cynthia Skinner as the two community members with experience as parents, guardians, teachers and/or expertise in early childhood, youth or general education policy and reappointed Gregory Hutchings as the one Alexandria City Public Schools employee Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (c) appointed Florence King as the business representative from among recognized area businesses, including minority-owned and small businesses to the Commission on Employment; (d) reappointed Lynda Rudd as the member representing the Alexandria Library Board to the Commission on Information Technology; (e) reappointed John Audett as the representative of the hospital administration at Inova Alexandria Hospital to the Emergency Medical Services Council; (f) appointed Scott Barstow as the member from the field of environmental sciences (e.g., environmental/sanitary engineering, ecology, geology, botany, hydrology, chemistry) or who have Alexandria waterfront expertise to the Environmental Policy Commission; (g) appointed Martha Harris as the member who serves as a volunteer at a historic property or attraction that is open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (h) reappointed Michael Grinnell as the member representing the Potomac East Area to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee; and (i) reappointed Matthew Ries and Thomas Van Wagner as the two members to the Sanitation Authority.

8. City Council appointed the following individuals to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board: 1) Patrick Evans (Firefighter Representative); and 2) Rick Muse (Firefighter Alternate).

11. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing, second reading and final passage for Saturday, January 12, 2013.

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

6.1. City Council Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

(A copy of the above appointments are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6.1; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mayor Eulle noted that all the members of Council have an additional requirement to serve on regional and local committees, boards and commissions. Mayor Eulle congratulated Councilman Smedberg on being elected Vice Chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and being elected Chairman of the Virginia Railway Express Board. Mayor Eulle also noted that he had been elected Vice Chair of the Council of Governments.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, the appointment of City Council members to Boards and Commissions are as follows:

HEALTH, SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE

City Manager's Quality of Life Committee

(2 positions)

Mayor William D. Eulle

Councilman Justin Wilson

Local Emergency Planning Committee

(2 positions)

Councilman John Chapman

Councilwoman Allison Silberberg

Waterfront Commission

(1 position)

Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

Inova Alexandria Hospital Task Force

(2 positions)

Councilwoman Allison Silberberg
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

Council of Governments: Public Safety and Human Services Committee
(1 position)
Councilman John Chapman

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Eisenhower Partnership Board of Directors
(2 positions)
Councilman John Chapman
Councilwoman Allison Silberberg

Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors
(1 position)
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

Alexandria Marketing Coordinating Council
(1 Council Liaison)
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

Council of Governments Region Forward Coalition
(1 position)
Councilwoman Allison Silberberg

ENVIRONMENT

Eco-City Alexandria Environmental Action Plan Steering Committee
(2 positions)
Councilman John Chapman
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper

Council of Governments: Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee
(1 position)
Councilman Tim Lovain
(1 alternate)
William Skrabak

Council of Governments: Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
(1 position)
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
(1 alternate)
Councilwoman Allison Silberberg

Council of Governments: Climate, Energy and Environment Policy
Committee
(1 position)
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper

(1 alternate)
Councilman Justin Wilson

Potomac Watershed Roundtable
(1 position)
Councilman Tim Lovain

HUMAN SERVICES

Commission on Aging
(1 position)
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper

Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission
(4 positions)
Councilman John Chapman
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
Councilwoman Allison Silberberg
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

Alexandria Works! Coalition
(2 positions)
Mayor William D. Euille
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper

MANAGEMENT

Sister Cities Committee
(1 position)
Councilman John Chapman

City Facilities Naming Committee
(2 positions)
Mayor William D. Euille
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper

Commission on Information Technology
(2 positions)
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
Councilman Justin Wilson

Library Board
(1 position)
Councilwoman Allison Silberberg

Legislative Sub-Committee
(2 positions)
Mayor William D. Euille
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

Employee Pension/Compensation Committee
(2 positions)
Mayor William D. Euille
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

Council of Governments: Board of Directors
(1 position)
Mayor William D. Euille
(1 alternate)
Councilman Justin Wilson

Northern Virginia Regional Commission
(2 positions)
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

TRANSPORTATION

Alexandria Transportation Commission
(2 positions)
Mayor William D. Euille
Councilman Tim Lovain

Potomac Yard Metrorail Feasibility Study Group
(2 positions)
Mayor William D. Euille
Councilman Justin Wilson

Council of Governments: Regional Transportation Planning Board
(1 position)
Councilman Tim Lovain
(1 alternate)
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
(2 positions)

Mayor William D. Euille
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg
(1 alternate)
Councilman Tim Lovain

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board
(1 position)
Mayor William D. Euille

VRE Board of Directors
(1 position)

Councilman Paul C. Smedberg
(1 alternate)
Councilman Tim Lovain

YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Gang Prevention Community Task Force
(2 positions)
Councilman John Chapman
Councilwoman Allison Silberberg

Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission
(2 positions)
Councilman John Chapman
Councilman Tim Lovain

City Council/School Board Sub-Committee
(2 positions)
Mayor William D. Euille
Councilman Justin Wilson

Community Policy and Management Team
(1 position)
Councilman Justin Wilson

Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP)
(2 positions)
Mayor William D. Euille
Councilman John Chapman

Joint Alexandria City Council/School Board Long-Range Educational
Facility
(1 position)
Councilman Justin Wilson

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

7. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending November 30, 2012.

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Ms. Triggs, Chief Financial Officer/Finance Director, gave an overview of the monthly financial report and responded to questions from Council. Ms. Triggs, Fire Chief Thiel, and City Manager Young responded to questions about the report regarding revenue and the fire

and public safety personnel.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council received the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2012. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, None.

9. Consideration of Acceptance of a Funding Allocation from the 2012 Local Emergency Management Program Grant in the Amount of \$32,943 for the City's Emergency Management Program.

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Councilman Smedberg inquired why the grant was being submitted late and he requested that the due dates of grants be included in the docket memos.

In response to Councilman Smedberg, Mr. Penn, Emergency Management Coordinator, explained that the grant was a reimbursement grant that would be received once Council approved the allocation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: (a) authorized the City Manager to accept the funding through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in the amount \$32,943 and (b) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, None.

10. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, By Adopting and Incorporating Therein the Amendment Heretofore Approved by City Council to the Transportation Master Plan Chapter of Such Master Plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2012-0007 and No Other Amendments, and To Repeal All Provisions of the Said Master Plan as May Be Inconsistent With Such Amendment.

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Councilmember Lovain stated that the High Capacity Transit Corridor studies evaluation criteria tended to skew the results toward bus rapid transit over streetcars and did not give

much credence to economic development and ridership for streetcars. Councilmember Lovain noted his disappointment that the chosen route (Transit Corridor C) came within half a mile of Arlington's streetcar and does not connect. Councilmember Lovain inquired whether there was a reason Corridor B does not address convertibility for streetcars.

Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, stated that the density along Corridor B was different in comparison to Corridor A and Corridor C.

Councilman Wilson stated that the amendment would be counterproductive to the reason for master plans and he had a problem with inserting some of this technical language into the master plan. Councilman Wilson stated that the master plan is not the appropriate place for such technical language.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing, second reading and final passage for Saturday, January 12, 2013. The vote 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

14. Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Derek Hyra

(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. 14; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Derek Hyra as the citizen member to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing. The vote was as follows:

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

15. Archaeology Commission
1 Member-at-Large

Sylvia Winterling

(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. 16; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Sylvia Winterling as the citizen member to the Beautification Commission. The vote was as follows:

Euille - Winterling
Silberberg – Winterling
Chapman – Winterling
Lovain – Winterling
Pepper – Winterling
Smedberg – Winterling
Wilson – Winterling

- 17. 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
 - 2 Members Who Represent the Public-at-Large, as Arts Consumers and Participants

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Karen Conkey
Stephanie Hanson
Shelly Bell
Shirley Downs
Marla Howell
James Johnson
Nate Lee
Alison McNeil
Mara Zimmerman

(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. 17; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Karen Conkey as the member who has expertise in the arts, either as practitioners of various art disciplines or as professional administrators working in the field and appointed Shirley Downs and James Johnson as the two members who represent the public-at-large, as arts consumers and participants to the Commission for the Arts. The vote was as follows:

Euille - Conkey, Downs, Johnson

Silberberg - Conkey, Downs, Johnson
Chapman - Conkey, Bell, Downs
Lovain - Conkey, Downs, Howell
Pepper - Conkey, Downs, Johnson
Smedberg - Conkey, Downs, Johnson
Wilson - Conkey, Downs, Zimmerman

18. Sister Cities Committee
1 Citizen Member

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

Alexander Gorev

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. of Item No. 18; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council granted a residency waiver and appointed Alexander Gorev as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee. The vote was as follows:

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

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

- 18.1. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Approve and Authorize the Transfer of City Owned Property Located at 3600 Jefferson Davis Highway, as Part of a Total City Support Package.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 3, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of 18.1; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. McIlvaine, Deputy Director, Office of Housing and Ms. Davis, Director, Office of Housing, gave a presentation on the proposed support package and responded to questions from Council about the package, including questions about parking costs, loan rates, public-private partnerships for affordable housing, and the traffic pattern (specifically the right hand turn lane).

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and

scheduled a public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, January 12, 2013. 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.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Mayor Euille reported that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) would be presenting its FY 2014 budget at its upcoming meeting and the General Manager noted that there would not be any fare increases or service reductions. Mayor Euille pointed out that WMATA would likely be looking to local jurisdictions to help them make up the shortfall in the budget.

(b) Councilman Smedberg reported that he was elected Vice Chair of Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and he noted that the first order of business will be to hire a new executive director for the organization, as the current director is retiring.

(c) Councilman Smedberg noted that Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and NVTC consolidation effort will be monitored closely to assess the impact this venture will have on local and regional transportation projects and funding.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(a) Mayor Euille reported that there were no homicides in the City of Alexandria during 2012 and he noted that it was a team effort of many departments to achieve this outcome.

(b) Mayor Euille requested that Alexandria ReNew (formerly the Sanitation Authority) present information on their new billing system.

Karen Pallanasch, Executive Director of Alexandria ReNew, gave a presentation on the new billing system and responded to questions from Council about fees, the third-party billing vendor, and citizen outreach efforts from the organization to explain the new system.

(c) Mayor Euille requested that representatives from Washington Gas give a presentation on the services that they provide for the City of Alexandria.

Scott McGary and Ruben Rodriguez of Washington Gas gave a presentation on the new Washington Gas Winter Preparedness Communication Plan and responded to questions from members of Council.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

19. Consideration of a Citywide On-Street Carshare Policy and Adoption of a Resolution.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 3, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Council requested that staff report additional information on this proposed policy including the names of the organizations seeking on-street parking, the number of spaces being requested and enforcement and bring the resolution back for consideration on January 22.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council deferred approval of the resolution, requested additional information and asked staff to bring the item back for consideration at the January 22 Legislative meeting. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg, and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, None.

20. Consideration Of A Resolution Establishing The Process To Be Used To Adopt Operating Budgets And Capital Improvement Programs and A Resolution to Establish FY 2014 Budget Guidance.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 3, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Manager Young introduced the new director of the Office of Management and Budget, Nelsie Smith.

Ms. Triggs, Chief Financial Officer, gave an overview of the two proposed resolutions and responded to questions from Council about the proposed resolutions.

Council discussed the guidance and items that will impact the upcoming budget consideration period, including the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) package structure and CIP future needs, inclusion of the additional public comment periods, and budgeting for the Alexandria City Public Schools.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the budget resolution establishing the process to be used to adopt Operating Budgets and Capital Improvement Programs and the resolution setting guidance for FY 2014 General Fund Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program for FY 2014- FY 2023, electing to include the Capital Improvement Program Package in the guidance resolution. Council also amended language in subsection (8) of the process resolution to include the following: "provide a vehicle of opportunity such as the City's website for public comment once the Preliminary Add/Delete list has become available." The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg, and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, None.

The resolutions read as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2536

**Setting Guidance for FY 2014 General Fund Operating Budget
and Capital Improvement Program for FY 2014 – FY 2023**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alexandria passed a resolution establishing Council's process for formulating the Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) during the term of this Council and requires that City Council set budget guidance for the City Manager and the School Board for the FY 2014 budget.

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing regarding the FY 2014 budget on October 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager presented to City Council at its December 11, 2012 budget work session, preliminary forecasts of revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's deliberations on the budget each year reflect a balancing of the goals articulated in the City's Strategic Plan with the ability to pay for the appropriate level of services associated with those goals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to continuously improving City government effectiveness and efficiency and expects the City Manager and City staff to focus on achieving goals identified in the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to continue providing core services expected of a municipal government and to continue to provide effective services and infrastructure for the residents and businesses of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the City Council will not make any material changes that may threaten the City's AAA/Aaa bond rating; and

WHEREAS, the City Council understands that it will be a challenge to achieve many of the goals delineated in the Strategic Plan with the resources currently available; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need to measure the impact of programs and activities against the expected goals in the Strategic Plan, to deemphasize programs that may not be as closely aligned with those goals as defined by their long term outcome, to identify efficiencies, and emphasize a multi-year plan to link future budgets to the achievement of strategic goals and objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA THE FOLLOWING:

(a) **Operating and Capital Improvement Program Expenditures:** The City Manager may propose for Council consideration, increases in operating and capital project expenditures including compensation adjustments so long as any increased operating or capital project expense can be demonstrated as necessary to meet the

strategic goals and objectives of the City, and/or can be demonstrated to diminish a specific risk to the community. Likewise, the City Manager may propose decreases in operating and capital project expenditures provided the decrease can be demonstrated to be of lesser utility in achieving the goals and objectives of the City's Strategic Plan. An appropriate source of revenue, compliant with applicable laws regarding revenue sources as established by the Code of Virginia, must be designated for all proposed operating and capital project expenditures.

(b) **Taxes, Fees, Fines and Service Charges:** The City Manager may propose changes to taxes, fees, fines and service charges that are equitable, fair and administratively feasible provided that these proposals are observant of the constraints imposed by the Code of Virginia. The City Manager is encouraged to propose updates to fees, fines and service charges on an appropriate frequency to ensure currency.

(c) **Cost Saving Measures:** The City Manager shall continually identify and implement cost saving measures and efficiencies in all City operations—and shall include an accounting of the fiscal impact of those measures in the proposed budget.

(d) **Use of Surplus:** The City Manager will recommend use of surplus funds first to ensure that the Capital Improvement Program includes sufficient cash capital funding, then to address one-time costs that positively impact the expected goals in the Strategic Plan.

(e) **Capital Expenditures:** The City Manager shall not decrease the cash capital commitment to the CIP below the levels in the approved FY 2013-2022 CIP.

(f) **ACPS Funding:** That the City Manager recommend for transfer to the Alexandria City Public Schools an appropriation equal the amount approved by City Council for FY 13, except that the City Manager may vary from the FY 13 approved appropriation if specifically to address anticipated changes in student enrollment or expense changes resulting from cost saving measures employed by ACPS.

(g) **Capital Improvement Program (CIP):** The City Manager's proposed base CIP shall include:

- (1) Specific estimates for expenditures and revenues for FY 2014 through FY 2019 and preliminary estimates of revenue and expenditures for FY 2020 through FY 2023;
- (2) Reservation of funding provided by the real estate tax reserved for transportation purposes;
- (3) Compliance with the City's adopted debt policies for any debt issuance planned for FY 2014 through FY 2023;
- (4) A proposal for financing the planned Potomac Yard Metrorail station including any debt policy amendments necessary to allow for the Metrorail station financing;
- (5) Specific descriptions of projects that can be funded within recommended levels of funding and their costs estimated for all years (FY 2014 – FY 2023); and

(6) Capital Improvement Program Package: The City Manager shall propose a CIP Package for consideration by the City Council during its deliberations. This package shall:

- (1) Reflect the commitment of additional revenue.
- (2) Provide funding for projects that are either entirely unfunded in the base CIP or are only allocated funding in the latter 5 years of the proposed CIP.
- (3) Projects included in this proposal shall directly align to the goals of the City's Strategic Plan, and shall work to address acute capital needs in:
 - a. Education physical plant capacity
 - b. Sewer and other basic infrastructure
 - c. Public Safety
 - d. Recreation enhancements

Resolution No. 2537

Budget Resolution Establishing The Process To Be Used To Adopt Operating Budgets and Capital Improvement Programs

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council wishes to establish policies to guide upcoming budget deliberations to ensure responsible actions with current economic resources; and

WHEREAS, resolutions No. 2088, 2150, 2166, and 2256, and 2368 previously adopted by City Council have now expired; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that flexibility is needed for both the preparation and evaluation of expense items as well as with regard to diversifying the sources of revenue available to fund the General Fund Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, City Council's deliberations on the budget each year reflect a balancing of the needs of the community with the community's ability to afford services to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide the core services expected of a municipal government and to continue to provide quality services and facilities for the residents and businesses of Alexandria, but understands that economic reality will require significant trade-offs between services and revenues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to managing the cost of City General Fund operating and capital expenditures in order to properly balance the tax burden placed on the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to achieving the vision and strategic goals, long term outcomes, objectives, and initiatives as outlined in the City Council's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to allow for a thoughtful and deliberate budget process given the budget's complexity and importance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, that the Council shall, for the purposes of consideration of the Budget for the City of Alexandria, adopt this resolution and adhere to the following rules of procedure:

Section (a) The City Manager’s Budget Submission to City Council and the Setting of Budget Guidance by City Council

(1) That the City Manager shall plan and prepare the proposed Operating Budget and proposed ten-year Capital Improvement Program and that such preparations shall include those programs and resources necessary to achieve the City Council Strategic Plan.

(2) That the City Manager shall present to City Council a preliminary forecast and outlook for (a) revenues and (b) expenditures necessary to maintain existing services and policies (including the City Manager’s forecast of cash capital and debt service costs related to the most recently approved Capital Improvement Program).

(3) That City Council shall direct that the City Manager prepare a budget resolution to be adopted by City Council to guide the preparation of the upcoming Operating Budget and next Capital Improvement Program.

(4) That the City Manager shall submit a proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program to the City. Such budget shall meet any guidance for General Fund revenues and expenditures established by City Council and should include no more than one percent of unreserved fund balance.

Section (b) The Budget Submission to City Council by the Alexandria Public Schools (ACPS)

(5) That the Alexandria City School System shall separately present to City Council, but in a format coordinated with the City Manager, its preliminary forecast and outlook for (a) expenditures necessary to maintain appropriate services and policies, (b) the outlook for additional requests for Schools operating in the upcoming fiscal year and capital needs through the upcoming fiscal year and the succeeding 5 to 10 years, (c) the outlook for possible budget reductions and increases in fees, fines and charges for services, (d) the outlook for Federal and State grants, and the costs of meeting unfunded Federal and State mandates, both current mandates and projected new mandates.

(6) That the Board of the Alexandria City Public Schools is requested to propose an Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program prior to the City Manager’s submission so that any request may be considered, and as appropriate, incorporated into the City Manager’s proposed budget to City Council. If the ACPS budget request exceeds or otherwise does not comply with any guidance regarding fiscal limitation provided by City Council to ACPS, then ACPS shall clearly identify what operating programs and activities would be funded if additional funding were provided.

Section (c) Actions of City Council Concerning The Budget Submissions of the City Manager and the Alexandria Public Schools (ACPS)

(7) That as part of a preliminary forecast of assessments and expenditures provided by the City Manager, City Council will consider this information and any other relevant information available to it at that time including the comments of residents provided via a public hearing.

(8) That the Council shall hold a budget public hearing on the City Manager's proposed budget in the month following the budget submission by the City Manager and should communicate the Preliminary Add/Delete list to the community. Any additional public hearing shall not conflict with or serve in place of a public hearing regarding the establishment of an effective tax rate as required by the Code of Virginia.

(9) That Council directs City staff to organize at least one public meeting outside of City Hall to present the budget to interested residents, and solicit input. Additionally, City staff shall provide an opportunity for residents and organizations to submit written budget comments to the Council in lieu of or in addition to participation in public meetings.

(10) That City Council shall consider these recommendations and endeavor to enact an Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program that balance the needs of the community with the community's desire and ability to pay for services to meet those needs.

(11) That City Council plans to adopt such a budget resolution.

Section (d) Proposed Budget for the City of Alexandria

(12) For purposes of this resolution, the proposed budget of revenue rates and expenditure levels for the fiscal year shall be that proposed by the City Manager.

(13) For purposes of this resolution, the Chief Financial Officer shall provide revenue and/or expenditure projections for any motion or amendment that could affect the proposed budget specified in Section (a) (2).

Section (e) Maximum Expenditure Levels May Not Exceed Sum of Projected Revenue and Appropriation from Fund Balance in Proposed Budget

(14) It shall not be in order in the Alexandria City Council to consider any motion or amendment to the proposed budget of the City of Alexandria if:

- (i) there has not been a Budget Memo or formal information request submitted that relates to the specific item proposed for consideration or a Council discussion of the proposal during a budget work-session or public hearing has not occurred; and

(ii) any such motion or amendment that has the effect of increasing any specific budget expenditures proposed by the City Manager or would have the effect of reducing any specific revenue proposed by the City Manager unless such motion or amendment provides for a specific offset of either expenditure or revenue and ensures the maintenance of the fiscal balance of the proposed budget; and

(iii) such motion or amendment is not provided in writing electronically or in hard copy to all members of Council and the City Manager or Chief Financial Officer at least 7 days before the first budget work session to consider such motions or amendments (the preliminary add-delete work session), or discussed at the preliminary add-delete work session to be considered at the final add-delete work session.

(15) In the Alexandria City Council, any appropriation from the Fund Balance or any like account beyond that proposed in the Manager's proposed budget shall require an affirmative vote of five Council Members.

(16) In the event that the City Manager recommends final revenue technical adjustments that result in a net increase or net decrease from the revenue estimates specified in section (b) of this resolution, the net change in the revenue estimate shall be reflected as a change in the proposed appropriation from the Fund Balance insofar as such a change does not affect the minimum limits established by the debt policy guidelines or other budgetary draw-down commitments. As specified in Section c (2), any appropriation from the Fund Balance beyond that proposed in the Manager's proposed budget, including the net effect of final revenue adjustments shall require an affirmative vote of five Council Members.

Section (f) Expiration – The provision of this resolution shall expire with the expiration of the term of this City Council.

OTHER

21. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 01/08/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the following additions to the City Council Schedule: American Alliance of Museums Reception to announce the Office of Historic Alexandria's recent accreditation at 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 24 at the Lyceum; Salute to Women Awards Banquet on Monday, March 25, at the Westin Alexandria, the reception begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a dinner at 7:00 p.m.; and Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day Reception on Thursday, April 25, at 8:00 a.m. (Location TBD); and (2) approved the Council schedule. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, None.

22. Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting For Consideration of Negotiations of Investment of Public Funds Where Public Discussion Might Adversely Affect the Financial Interest of the City, and For Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice Regarding Pending or Potential Litigation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg, City Council convened in closed executive at 10:03 p.m., pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) (6) and (7) of the *Code of Virginia*, for consideration of negotiations of investment of public funds where public discussion might adversely affect the financial interest of the City, and for consideration with legal counsel for legal advice regarding pending and potential litigation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, None.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 11:48 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, None.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution pertaining to Executive Session. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, None.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2538

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 8th day of January 2013, recessed into executive session pursuant to a motion made and adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the city council that such executive session was conducted in accordance with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters that were identified in the motion by which the executive session was convened, and that are lawfully exempted by the Freedom of Information Act from the Act's open meeting requirements, were heard, discussed or considered by council during the executive session.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously; City Council adjourned the regular meeting of January 8, 2013, at 11:40 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember

Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed,
None.

APPROVE BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC Deputy City Clerk