

**City of Alexandria  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 8, 2013  
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; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Gates, Deputy City Manager; Dr. Haering, Health Department Director; Police Captain Wemple; Ms. Triggs, Director, Office of Finance; Mr. Taylor, Acting Purchasing Agent, Office of Finance; Ms. Taylor, Office of Finance; Ms. Smith, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Custard, Health Department; Mr. Useem, Chief Performance Officer, Office of Performance and Accountability; Ms. Munroe, Director, Office of Emergency Communications; Fire Chief Thiel; Mr. Touhill, Human Resources Department; Mr. Penn, Emergency Management Coordinator; Mr. Martinez, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

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5:30 p.m. - Work Session on the Housing Master Plan.

City Council held the work session on the Housing Master Plan.

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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.

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

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2013.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2013.

**WHEREUPON**, a motion was made by Councilwoman Pepper, and seconded by Councilman Smedberg, that City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of September 21, 2013, and the regular meeting minutes of September 24, 2013.

Vice Mayor Silberberg corrected the September 21 minutes on page 4, to change the word “handed” to “handled,” and the September 24 minutes on page nine, to change “Ms. Walsh” To “Dr. Walsh”.

The voting on the motion 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**

**4.** Presentation of Community Awards Certificates for the Black History Mural Project at the Charles Houston Rec Center.

This item was removed from the docket.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (5-15)**

#### **Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:**

**5.** Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee  
1 Residential Tenant in the City
- (b) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee  
5 Citizen Members
- (c) Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee  
1 Citizen Member
- (d) Beautification Commission  
1 Citizen Member
- (e) Commission on Aging  
1 Citizen Member (60 Years of Age or Older)
- (f) Commission on Employment  
1 Representative From Such Organizations as Educational Agencies,

Organized Labor, Rehabilitation Agencies, Community-based Organizations, Economic Development Agencies and the Public Employment Services

- (g) Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
1 Citizen Member
- (h) Community Policy and Management Team  
1 Representative of the Director of the Alexandria Department of Health
- (i) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
1 Planning District II Representative
- (j) Industrial Development Authority  
1 Citizen Member
- (k) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board  
1 Tenant Member
- (l) Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee  
1 Member Representing the Business Community

(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; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

#### **6. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2013.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

#### **7. Consideration of Acceptance of a Funding Allocation From the National Capital Region (NCR), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) in the Amount of \$444,000 for City of Alexandria Emergency Management Programs.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

#### **8. Receipt of Recommendations from the City Council Naming Committee on the Proposal to Name the City Owned Former Duron Paint Building: The Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park and Setting the Proposal for Public Hearing and Consideration on Saturday, October 19, 2013.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**9.** Receipt of Recommendation From the City Council Naming Committee on the Proposal to Name the City Fields on Braddock Road: The Lenny Harris Memorial Fields At Braddock Park and Setting the Proposal for Public Hearing and Consideration on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 10/8/13, 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 the City Code to Conform with the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA) with Regard to the Dollar Threshold for Informal Solicitations; to Authorize the City Manager, or his Designee, to Adjust Dollar Thresholds to Maintain Consistency with the VPPA; and, to Update Notification Procedures for Invitations to Bid to Reflect Changes in Technology.

(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; 10/8/13, 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; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**11.** Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 10-200 (Parker-Gray District) of Article 10 (Historic Districts and Buildings) and Section 6-403 (General Regulations and Exceptions) in Section 6-400 (Height Districts) of Article 6 (Special and Overlay Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance With the Text Amendment Heretofore Approved By City Council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0007. (Implementing Ordinance for the Parker Gray Regulations Text Amendment approved by the City Council on September 21, 2013.)

(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; 10/8/13, 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; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**12.** 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 Such Master Plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2012-0005 and No Other Amendments, and To Repeal All Provisions of the Said Master Plan as May Be Inconsistent With Such Amendment. (Implementing Ordinance for the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan Amendment Approved by City Council on February 23, 2013.)

(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. 12; 10/8/13, 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. 12; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**13.** Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage in First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 5-2-29 (Street Encroachments) of Article A (General Provisions) of Chapter 2 (Streets And Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation And Environmental Services) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. (As Approved By the City Council With the Revisions to the Parker Gray Regulations on September 21, 2013.)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 10/8/13, 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. 13; 10/8/13, 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. 13; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**14.** Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 7 (Bicycles), Title 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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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. 14; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**15.** Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Repeal the Local Regulation Requiring Permitting of Massage Therapists and Establishments, Contained in Chapter 4.2 (Massage Regulations) of Title 11 (Health, Environmental and Sanitary Regulations), Section 9-1-59 of Chapter 1 (Business Licenses) of

Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation) and Section 13-1-35 of Chapter 1 (General Offenses) of Title 13 (Miscellaneous Offenses) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, With the Exception of a New Provision That Disallows a Massage Therapist to Operate in the City of Alexandria Without a State License.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 10/8/13, 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. 15; 10/8/13, 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. 15; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the removal of items 6 and 10, which were considered under separate vote, as follows:

5. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed Demeke Lache McCleave as the one residential tenant in the City to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; (b) appointed Sarah Greiner, waived the residency requirement and reappointed Jessica Krantz, reappointed Charles Mandolia, Kitty Montie and Jennifer Reading as the five citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (c) appointed Richard Gear as the one citizen member to the Alexandria-Gyumri Sister City Committee; (d) reappointed Cathleen Curtin as the one citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (e) reappointed Mary Parker as the one citizen member 60 years of age or older to the Commission on Aging; (f) reappointed Amy Bell as the one representative from such organizations as educational agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies, community-based organizations, economic development agencies and the public employment services to the Commission on Employment; (g) reappointed Ruth Soto as the one citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (h) waived the residency requirement and appointed Joanna Hemmat as the one representative of the Director of the Alexandria Department of Health to the Community Policy and Management Team; (i) reappointed William Hendrickson as the one Planning District II representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (j) appointed Christopher Hartman as the one citizen member to the Industrial Development Authority; (k) appointed Ramon Venero as the one tenant member to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; and (l) appointed David Crowley as the one member representing the business community to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee.

7. City Council: 1. authorized the City Manager to accept the funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative grant program in the amount of \$440,000; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

8. City Council: 1. received the recommendation of the City Council Naming Committee to name the City owned former Duron Paint Building The Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park; and 2. set the proposal for public hearing and consideration on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

9. City Council: 1. received the recommendation of the City Council Naming Committee to name the City fields on Braddock Road The Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park; and 2. set the proposal for public hearing and consideration on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

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15. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on October 19, 2013.

The voting on the motion 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 of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2013.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Triggs, Director, Office of Finance, spoke about the changes in the debt policy guidelines and the outlook for the coming year for the City, and the outlook for restaurant meal taxes.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council received the monthly financial report for the period ending August 31, 2013. The voting on the motion 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 the City Code to Conform with the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA) with Regard to the Dollar Threshold for Informal Solicitations; to Authorize the City Manager, or his Designee, to Adjust Dollar Thresholds to Maintain Consistency with the VPPA; and, to Update Notification Procedures for Invitations to Bid to Reflect Changes in Technology.**

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In response to questions from Council, Ms. Triggs, along with Mr. Taylor, Acting Purchasing Agent, stated the reason for the ordinance change.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Silberberg, seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on October 19, 2013. The voting on the motion 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**

### **16. Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority 2 Citizen Members**

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Christopher Ballard  
Adam Dunn  
Carter Flemming  
Clarence Franklin

(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; 10/8/13, 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 Christopher Ballard and Carter Flemming as the two citizen members to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Ballard, Flemming
Silberberg	-	Ballard, Flemming
Chapman	-	Ballard, Flemming
Lovain	-	Ballard, Flemming
Pepper	-	Ballard, Flemming
Smedberg	-	Ballard, Flemming
Wilson	-	Ballard, Flemming

### **17. Building Code Board of Appeals 1 Citizen Member**

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:



Darryel Adams  
Richard Meyer  
William Stauffer

(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; 10/8/13, 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 Richard Meyer as the one citizen member to the Building Code Board of Appeals. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Adams
Silberberg	-	Meyer
Chapman	-	Stauffer
Lovain	-	Meyer
Pepper	-	Meyer
Smedberg	-	Meyer
Wilson	-	Meyer

- 18.** Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission  
1 Member Who Shall Be an ACPS Employee, Identified by the  
Superintendent of Schools

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

NAME:	ENDORSED BY:
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Gerald Mann, Jr.

(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. 18; 10/8/13, 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 waived the residency requirement and appointed Gerald Mann, Jr. as the one member who shall be an ACPS employee, identified by the Superintendent of schools to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission. The voting was as follows:

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

- 19.** Community Criminal Justice Board

1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Adam Pearlman  
Shane Trent

(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. 19; 10/8/13, 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 Adam Pearlman as the one citizen member to the Community Criminal Justice Board. The voting was as follows:

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

**20.** Waterfront Commission  
1 Representative from the Pleasure Boat Lease Holders at Alexandria Marina

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Douglas Gosnell  
Alan Shark

(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. 20; 10/8/13, 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 Douglas Gosnell as the one representative from the pleasure boat lease holders at Alexandria Marina to the Waterfront Commission. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Gosnell
Silberberg	-	Gosnell
Chapman	-	Gosnell
Lovain	-	Gosnell
Pepper	-	Gosnell
Smedberg	-	Gosnell

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION**

**21.** Consideration of Approval of the Release of Contingent Reserve Funds to Implement the Project Plan and Budget Submitted by the Alexandria Coalition for Clean and Smoke Free Air on Behalf of a Smoking Cessation and Secondhand Smoke Reduction Project at the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the release of \$35,000 from the contingent reserves to implement the project plan and budget submitted by the Alexandria Coalition for Clean and Smoke Free Air on behalf of a Smoking Cessation and Secondhand Smoke Reduction project at the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The voting on the motion 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**

**None.**

## **ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

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## **ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

1. Mayor Euille spoke of the Federal Government shutdown and said that tomorrow at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the COG will authorize a letter to be sent to the U.S. Congress asking them to immediately pass a clean and continuing resolution to reopen the government and to put all Federal Government workers back to work. He said it is time for the elected officials, both in the Congress and the White House, to realize how important the function and operation of the Federal Government is, but that they need to get away from getting down to the eleventh hour and not adopting a budget to fund the operations. Mayor Euille said they have until October 17 to raise the debt ceiling, and failing to do so will be financially catastrophic to the nation and to the world.

2. Mayor Euille said Council received a memo today from the Convention and Visitors Association, who are in the process of monitoring the impacts the shutdown has had on the City in terms of tourism. He said tourism is up about 14 percent, but as it continues, it will have significant impacts in the long run.

3. Mayor Euille said that effective October 1, the Affordable Care Act went into effect, and as a result, mayors across the country are being asked to make certain that the citizens understand what the Act is all about and why it's important to sign up and register. He said the Alexandria Public Library system is outreaching to businesses and individuals, so as a result,

on Monday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Duncan Branch Library, there will be screening of a current health care documentary followed by a question and answer system with doctors. The purpose is to provide education and outreach and let folks know of the importance of making certain they have insurance coverage but also how to obtain it.

4. Mayor Euille said October is National Hispanic Heritage Month and he wanted to recognize the contributions made and the importance of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and to celebrate their heritage and culture.

5. Councilwoman Pepper said October 20 will be the Alexandria telethon for the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, and she will be one of the folks who will be making phone calls.

6. Councilwoman Pepper said an announcement was made today by the School Board Chair indicating that they have an interim School Superintendent, Dr. Alvin L. Crawley. She said Dr. Walsh, Acting Superintendent, was just excellent and she will stay in place until Dr. Crawley comes aboard.

7. Vice Mayor Silberberg said there seems to be some confusion in the country about the Affordable Care Act, as some call it Obama-care and others call it the Affordable Care Act, and she noted that they are one and the same but have different names. She said healthcare.gov is very easy to navigate.

8. Vice Mayor Silberberg said it is mental health awareness week, and there is information on the City's website on that.

9. Vice Mayor Silberberg said there will be a bike tour from library to library among the City's four libraries on the morning of October 26.

10. Vice Mayor Silberberg said she got her flu shot at Cora Kelly when the Health Department was there to give away hundreds of flu shots. She encouraged everyone to get their flu shot.

11. Councilmember Lovain reported on his efforts regarding street light outages, which he raised at an earlier meeting. He said that since then, he's had the occasion to talk to Dominion Power. The good news is that Dominion is working on a system that will allow people to report street light outages electronically, as right now, people can only call it in. He said they are also working on a more informal interim system that hopefully won't take too long, so it will make it easier for people to report street light outages. The second way to report outages is to set up an account with Dominion, but the system does sometimes misinterpret the requests, so it was not a good way to report them. Councilmember Lovain said reports can also be reported to the City, which will forward them. There is a way for cities to send the outage reports on-line into Dominion's repair system.

12. Councilman Chapman said he is working with a number of citizens on an initiative called Fair Trade Alexandria to promote the use of fair trade in local shops and eateries. He said they have a Facebook site and hopefully they are moving toward making the City a Fair Trade town.

13. Councilman Chapman said St. Stephens/St. Agnes's head of school is leaving at

the end of the school year and today they selected the new incoming head mistress, Kristen Pedeman Adams.

14. Councilman Chapman announced the local NAACP dinner for the Alexandria branch will be October 13, and the featured speaker will be the head of the NAACP National Branch, Ben Jealous. The dinner will be from 5:00 to 8:00.

15. Councilman Wilson said he appreciated Councilmember Lovain's efforts on street lights, as it is vitally important and something they hear about quite a bit. He suggested that as it goes into the budget process next year, Dominion did a one-time survey of the lights and were addressing those. He said it may be something they may want to talk about next year, as it is a critical safety thing. He said they may want to periodically fund some of those surveys.

16. Councilman Wilson said they talked earlier about the effects of the shut-down and sequester on the revenues as a City, but it has a very real impact to the residents on cash flow in households. He noted that Prince William County was discussing extending the deadline on the personal property tax. He asked Ms. Triggs to detail some of the efforts the City has taken to deal with residents who have hardships as relates to tax deadlines.

Ms. Triggs, Director, Office of Finance, explained how they are working with taxpayers on their payments.

17. Councilman Smedberg spoke about the last Northern Virginia Transportation Commission meeting, in which it had significant updates of transit studies that were underway. One was the VRE system plan, and they will have the system plan finalized by the end of the year. There is the possibility of doing a reverse train to Alexandria at various points of the day and having people closer to the core of where it ends at Union Station being able to access VRE in a different kind of way. The second is service and working with MARC, so people would be able to get on and travel right through to Maryland. More immediate to the City are two studies that are taking place. The first is the Route 1 study, primarily being driven by Prince William and Fairfax. The second is the Route 7 corridor study, and the start of the Route 7 study is the King Street Metro Station and goes to the edge of Tysons Corner. He said these are two studies they should keep an eye on, particularly the Route 7 study, as it is much further along and could theoretically begin sometime soon.

## **ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

### **22. AlexStat Report**

Mr. Useem, Chief Performance Officer, Office of Performance and Accountability, along with Ms. Smith, Director, Office of Management and Budget, made a presentation of the report on AlexStat and they, along with Ms. Munroe, Director, Office of Emergency Communications, and Mr. Touhill, Human Resources Department, responded to questions of City Council.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**23. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Create the Eisenhower Avenue Science Redevelopment District for the Purposes of Incenting the National Science Foundation to Move to Alexandria.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 23; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager, responded to questions of City Council regarding the proposed ordinance.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on October 19, 2013. The voting on the motion was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

## **OTHER**

### **24. Consideration of City Council Schedule.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated October 2, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 24; 10/8/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the revised Council calendar which includes: the time change of the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, which will begin at 6:00 p.m., on Friday, November 29, 2013, and with the addition of the special public hearing meeting on November 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.; and 2. approved the calendar. The voting on the motion was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

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

The closed meeting was not held.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, the regular meeting of October 8, 2013, was adjourned at 8:40 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:

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson  
City Clerk and Clerk of Council