

City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314*



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

[14-2021](#)

6:00 p.m. - Work Session with the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee

City Council held the work session.

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:

[14-2022](#)

The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2013.

City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of October 8, 2013.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

4 [14-1874](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the Winners of the 2013 Ben Brenman Awards: Laura Trieschmann, Char McCargo Bah, Boyd Sipe and Champlain Stone.

City Council endorsed the proclamation.

5 [14-1992](#)

Recognition of the City of Alexandria Being Named by the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Silver Level.

City Council received the award given by the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Silver Level.

6 [14-1998](#)

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

City Council presented Community Awards Certificates for the Black History Mural Project at the Charles Houston Rec Center.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)

CONSENT CALENDAR (7-11)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

- 7 [14-2017](#) Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Board of Zoning Appeals
Jennifer Lewis
 - (b) Citizen Corps Council
Bill Purdy
 - (c) Community Services Board
David Giammittorio
- 8 [14-2019](#) Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Commission on HIV/AIDS
2 Citizen Members
 - (b) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
1 Citizen Member
 - (c) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
1 Minority Resident of the City Who is Not a Landlord or a Tenant

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

- 9 [14-1866](#) Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures.
- 10 [14-1905](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Homeless Services Planning Costs.
- 11 [14-1907](#) Consideration of a Grant Application For a Digital Architectural Field Survey of the Old and Historic Alexandria District.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of item #9, which was considered under separate motion, as follows:

7. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Jennifer Lewis, Board of Zoning Appeals; (b) Bill Purdy, Citizen Corps Council; and (c) David Giammittorio, Community Services Board.

8. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed Doc McConnell as the one citizen member to the

Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (b) reappointed Monique Robinson and appointed Charles Sumpter as the two citizen members to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; and (c) reappointed Monique Banks as the one minority resident of the City who is not a landlord or a tenant to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board.

9. City Council authorized \$9,389,026 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Program Expenditure Summary. (separate motion)

10. City Council: 1. authorized the annual submission of the collaborative grant application for the Continuum of Care funding, up to \$671,023, in response to the anticipated U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Notice of Funding Availability. The expected grant due date is November 15, 2013; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

11. City Council: 1. authorized the submission of the grant application to the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, not to exceed \$40,000. This grant is due by November 19, 2013; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

- 12** [14-2014](#) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
1 Representative of the City's Faith Community
- City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Norman Weiss as the one representative of the City's faith community to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.*
- 13** [14-2015](#) Commission on HIV/AIDS
1 Citizen Member
- (This item has been removed from the contested appointments)*
- (This item was moved to the uncontested appointments.)*
- 14** [14-2016](#) Waterfront Commission
1 Citizen Representative Who Resides East of Washington Street and North of King Street
- City Council appointed Ann Horowitz as the one citizen representative who resides east of Washington Street and north of King Street to the Waterfront Commission.*

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (60 min.)

- 15** [14-1963](#) Consideration of the Proposed City Legislative Package For The 2014 General Assembly Session.
- City Council: 1. received the proposals for the City's 2014 Legislative Package, as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee and included in attachment 1, with the addition of allowing for a tax on plastic bags at grocery stores; 2. scheduled the legislative package proposals for public hearing on Saturday, November 16, 2013; 3. scheduled the proposed City Charter amendments for public hearing on Saturday, November 16, 2013; and 4. scheduled adoption of the legislative package*

for Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

- 16 [14-1867](#) Consideration of Granting Conditional Approval of a Change in Use of the Property Located at 711 Wilkes Street in Order to Satisfy a Covenant to Which the Property is Currently Subjected.

City Council granted a conditional approval for the change of use, contingent upon Planning Commission approval of a development site plan consistent with the concept plan dated August 23, 2013 and the Old and Historic Alexandria Board of Architectural Review approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the new construction.

OTHER

- 17 [14-2005](#) Development Special Use Permit #2013-0012
923 King Street - King Building at 923
Consideration of a request for an extension of a previously approved development special use permit and site plan (DSUP2010-0002) to construct an addition for restaurant and apartment units; zoned KR/King St Retail.
Applicant: Shoja-Maddahi Seyed Hossein
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0
(Deferred from September 21, 2013 City Council Public Hearing)

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, with an amendment to allow for a one year extension.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilman Wilson circulated a memo to Council regarding the broadband strategy. He said he and Councilwoman Pepper are the Council representatives to the Commission on Information Technology and have forwarded recommendations to change the composition, purpose and responsibilities of the Commission and those will be on the docket next month. Part of that strategy is to focus the Commission more broadly on developing a broadband strategy. Councilman Wilson noted what other cities are doing with their broadband strategies. He said they have an opportunity to try to shape a strategy that Council can execute. He said some of the things they need to focus on and concepts they need to look at is helping to attract broadband deployment and different ways to do conduit deployment, piggy-backing on significant infrastructure work, adopt a dig once policy, to modify City policies on right-of-way access and to look at broadband asset reports. Councilman Wilson asked the City Manager to work with the IT Commission and come back with recommendations on how to bring forward a strategy for the City to adopt in the future.

2. Vice Mayor Silberberg offered condolences to the families and the community on the loss of former Councilwoman Lois Walker and former Vice Mayor Mel Bergheim.

3. Vice Mayor Silberberg said she spoke today at an event for the promotion of Street Smart and there were representatives from D.C., Maryland and Virginia at the event. She said bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers all share the road and they want

everyone to be safe, and she noted that 70 percent of all pedestrian and bicycle crashes happen in the Fall. She encourage everyone to look, to walk in crosswalks and wait for the walk signals at intersections.

4. Vice Mayor Silberberg said that every month, she has a coffee/gathering, called Council in Your Corner, and folks share with her their concerns about the City. She invites everyone to come, and this month's gathering will be at Union Street Pub from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

5. Councilwoman Pepper said the City is participating in an annual nationwide prescription drug take-back day. There are three locations: The Alexandria Police Department on Wheeler Avenue, Del Ray Pharmacy on Mt. Vernon Avenue, and the First Baptist Church on King Street.

6. Councilmember Lovain thanked everyone who helped with the Scholarship Fund Telethon.

7. Councilmember Lovain said he was at the Rail Volution Conference in Seattle, where 1,400 people from 200 U.S. communities came to talk about building livable communities and transit. He said Seattle now has cars to go, which are the Zipcars that one can just take and drive away.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Young noted that the School Board has requested a work session with City Council on the capital budget on Monday, November 25 and asked that it be added to the Council calendar at the end of the meeting if Council wants to have that discussion.

18 [14-2026](#)

AlexStat Report
(This item has been removed from the docket)

19 [14-2039](#)

Oral Updates for On-going Regional Transportation Studies: DRPT Route 1 Alternatives Analysis, NVTC Route 7 Alternatives Analysis, and NVRC Potomac River Commuter Ferry Study.

City Council received the update.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

20 [13-1157](#)

Consideration of a Resolution to Amend the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the resolution which amends the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan and restates the plan document to combine the 2009 plan document restatement and all the post-adoption amendments into one document. City Council accepted the combination of: 1. benefit changes; 2. modifications to the definitions, administration, and design of disability component of the retirement plan; 3. a memorandum of agreement; and 4. employer/employee cost sharing of increases in pension and disability costs as a non-cash substitute for the two percent increase in employee contributions rates proposed and adopted in the City's Fiscal Year 2014 budget. (RES. NO. 2579)

- 21 [14-1909](#) Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Establishment by the Alexandria Sanitation Authority (Alexandria Renew Enterprises) of a Trust for Expenses Relating to Other Post-Employment Benefits. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the resolution to authorize the establishment of an OPEB Trust by Alexandria Renew Enterprises. (RES. NO. 2580)

- 22 [14-1910](#) Consideration of a Resolution For a Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY 15 Revenue Sharing Program Funding. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council: 1. adopted the resolution to apply for a FY 2015 Revenue Sharing Program funding allocation from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Citywide street reconstruction and resurfacing of major roads. The grant application is due November 1, 2013; and 2. authorized the City Manager to submit the resolution and enter into any agreements with the State that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved. (RES. NO. 2581)

OTHER

- 23 [14-2011](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: 1. received the revised Council Calendar which includes: A special public hearing on the Waterfront Implementation Plan, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers; the second annual Santa Aboard the King Street Trolley event will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at Market Square; a reception for the 30th anniversary of DASH/ATC, which will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vola Lawson Lobby; and the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities Annual Awards Ceremony and Reception is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 5:30 p.m., in the Vola Lawson Lobby; and 2. approved the calendar.

- 24 [14-2018](#) Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for the Purpose of Consulting with Legal Counsel Regarding a Pending Legal Matter.

At 9:20 p.m., City Council convened in closed executive session to consult with legal counsel regarding a pending legal matter pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

At 10:46 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting.

City Council adopted a resolution pertaining the Executive Session (RES. NO. 2582)

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The meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

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Note: The action docket is a summary of Council's meeting deliberations prepared largely for staff follow-up. Formal minutes of the meeting, when approved by Council, become the official record of the meeting and of Council decisions made at the meeting.

