

City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 23, 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. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Gates, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Police Captain Wemple; Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Colton, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Durham, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. Cochran, Office of Housing; Ms. Moore, Community and Human Services; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Smith, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria; Ms. Bryan, 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 with the Alexandria City Public Schools.

City Council held the work session.

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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 the members of Council were present.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2013.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of April 9, 2013, as amended by the memo dated April 19, 2013 from the City Clerk, with the

corrections as requested by Vice Mayor Silberberg. 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

- 4. Recognition of Youth Involved with Kick-Butt Day in Alexandria.

City Council recognized the youth involved with the Kick Butt campaign.

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City Council recognized two citizens who are committee members for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life that will be held starting at 2:00 p.m. on May 18 and 19 at George Washington Middle School.

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PROCLAMATIONS

- 5. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Outgoing Poet Laureate Amy Young.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. 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 OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (6-10)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

- 6. Receipt of the Following Resignation from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Commission for Women
Susan Kellom

(A copy of the above resignation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6 (a); 4/23/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 7. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
1 Financial Professional With Knowledge and Experience in the Field of Finance as it Relates to Residential Housing
- (b) Alexandria Gang Task Force

1 At-Large Member From and Representing the Youth of the City of Alexandria

(c) Alexandria Transportation Commission
1 Traffic and Parking Board Representative

(d) Beautification Commission
1 Citizen Member

(e) Citizen Corps Council
1 Representative of the Crime Prevention Council, or an Individual With Law Enforcement or Crime Prevention Experience

(f) Commission on HIV/AIDS
1 Alexandria Gay and Lesbian Community Association Representative

(g) Public Health Advisory Commission
1 Community Services Board Representative

(h) Sister Cities Committee
1 Citizen Member

(i) Torpedo Factory Art Center Board
1 Representative of the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7 (a-i); 4/23/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

8. Consideration of Authorization of Recommended Capital Project Allocations and Planned Expenditures.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 17, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 4/23/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Consideration of an Allocation of \$50,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds to the ECDC Enterprise Development Group (EDG) to Support the Continuation of the Microenterprise Loan Program in Alexandria.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 17, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 4/23/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Services.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 17, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 4/23/13, and is

incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the consent calendar, as follows:

6. City Council received the following resignation: (a) Susan Kellom, Commission for Women.

7. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) reappointed Michael Butler as the one financial professional with knowledge and experience in the field of finance as it relates to residential housing to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; (b) appointed Noah Ray as the one at-large member from and representing the youth of the City of Alexandria to the Alexandria Gang Task Force; (c) reappointed Kevin Posey as the one Traffic and Parking Board representative to the Alexandria Transportation Commission; (d) appointed Louren Chen as the one citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (e) appointed Marci Greenberger as the one representative of the Crime Prevention Council, or an individual with law enforcement or crime prevention experience, to the Citizen Corps Council; (f) reappointed Thomas Suydam as the one Alexandria Gay and Lesbian Community Association representative to the Commission on HIV/AIDS; (g) appointed Masharia Holman as the one Community Services Board representative to the Public Health Advisory Commission; (h) reappointed Maureen Dugan as the one citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee; and (i) appointed Eric Nelson as the one representative of the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association to the Torpedo Factory Art Center Board.

8. City Council authorized \$8,240,655 for capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Program Expenditure Summary.

9. City Council approved the transfer of \$50,000 in CDBG funds from the Home Rehabilitation Loan Program to the ECDC Enterprise Development Group to support the continuation of the Microenterprise Loan Program in Alexandria.

10. City Council: 1. authorized the submission of the collaborative grant application for the Emergency Solutions Grant funds to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

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

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

11. Commission for the Arts

1 Member Who Represents Arts Education or Business Expertise Relative to Arts and Cultural Development, Including Such Perspectives as Marketing, Finance/Funding, Tourism Promotion and Organizational Development

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Carol Erion
Ann-Clayton Everett
Allison Nance

(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. 11; 4/23/13, 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 Allison Nance as the one member who represents arts education or business expertise relative to arts and cultural development, including such perspectives as marketing, finance/funding, tourism promotion and organizational development to the Commission for the Arts. The voting was as follows:

Euille - Nance
Silberberg - Everett
Chapman - Nance
Lovain - Nance
Pepper - Nance
Smedberg - Nance
Wilson - Nance

12. Human Rights Commission
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

John Baker
Wallace Canter
Michael Tilghman

(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. 12; 4/23/13, 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 John Baker as the one citizen member to the Human Rights Commission. The voting was as follows:

Euille - Tilghman
Silberberg - Tilghman
Chapman - Baker
Lovain - Baker
Pepper - Baker

Smedberg - Baker
Wilson - Baker

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

13. Consideration of a Request to Authorize the Release of Contingent Reserve Funds for the Fort Ward Park Management Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 17, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 4/23/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Durham, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, made a presentation of the report and responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the release of \$110,000 in contingent reserves to fund the completion of a management plan for the Fort Ward Park and Museum Area. 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.

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Euille said he previously spoke of the Boston Marathon in terms of their condolences to those folks in that area.

2. Mayor Euille thanked the Alexandria Community Trust for their Spring to Action Day fundraiser, which grossed over \$660,000 for 97 charities in Alexandria. Several of the communities had committed that five percent of their proceeds would go to the Boston Foundation as a way of showing their solidarity with the folks in Boston, and it may be close to \$20,000.

3. Mayor Euille thanked the City government and the departments and agencies for the enhanced police protection and security that enabled Sundays GW Parkway race, which was the first event anywhere in the United States after the Boston Marathon. There were over 7,000 participants in that race and it was a successful event.

4. Vice Mayor Silberberg extended her thanks to the outgoing Poet Laureate Amy Young. She said Ms. Young's daughter, Eliza, is a sophomore at T.C. Williams and Eliza spoke at their Days of Remembrance for the Holocaust victims, and it was an incredible statement.

5. Vice Mayor Silberberg spoke of the program called Beat the Odds, which is a program that is the foundation of the Alexandria BAR Association. She said it was very meaningful and it celebrates the young people of Alexandria who are succeeding despite tremendous barriers and hardships, including neglect, abuse and torture. She said the scholarship money was about \$30,000 and said she hoped it could be increased next year by

a lot in terms of fundraising throughout the community.

6. Vice Mayor Silberberg said she attended the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performance on Saturday night. They had a guest violinist, Elizabeth Pitcairn, who performed the concert with Maestro Kluge and the Symphony Orchestra.

7. Vice Mayor Silberberg said that on April 24 at 7:30 at the Lyceum, Pamela Cressey will receive an award from the Alexandria Historical Society. She thanked Dr. Cressey for her years of service to the City.

8. Councilman Smedberg said that at Friday's VRE Operations Board Meeting, one of the items they had on the agenda was to approve the proposed projects to the NVTA for funding, and one of the projects on the list was the Alexandria station tunnel project.

9. Councilman Chapman offered congratulations to the Alexandria BAR Foundation. Besides the Beat the Odds Scholarships, they also give out a number of grants to non-profits in the City to help them continue their work and that is to be commended.

10. Councilman Chapman invited folks to a coffee talk he is holding this Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Alexandria Pastry Shop and he will speak about the budget, the challenges they have and the issues they are faced with.

11. Mayor Euille said as a general reminder, folks are on edge since the Boston Marathon and in the summer there is a lot of congregation of folks at various festivals and other events, and the message is loud and clear that they need to constantly remind themselves that if someone sees something they need to say something. They need to stay informed of the surroundings and what they see and observe people doing, and they need to be prepared in case they have to react in a responsible manner to get out of harm's way.

12. Vice Mayor Silberberg said Council was at the Earth Day Celebration at Brenman Park over the weekend, and staff did a great job. She said the youngsters who participated were dressed in various costumes made of recyclable material and it was beautifully done. Awards were given out, including one to Danielle Fidler, who won the Ellen Pickering Award. She said Danielle has made such a difference serving as the chair of the Environmental Policy Commission, and she offered heartfelt congratulations to Danielle.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

OTHER

14. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 17, 2013, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 4/23/13, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the updated City Council schedule

which includes: What's Next Alexandria 3rd Community Dialogue, on Tuesday, April 30 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street; the 2nd Community Meeting on Landmark Mall Redevelopment, on Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at Landmark Mall, 5801 Duke Street (old Lord and Taylor store); and the reception for Art in City Hall on Monday, June 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chet and Sabra Avery Conference Room (Room 2000); and 2. approved the Council schedule. 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.

Vice Mayor Silberberg noted that she would be out of town for the May 14 legislative meeting but would be back in time for the May 18 public hearing meeting.

15. Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Discussion of Possible Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, at 7:50 p.m., City Council convened in executive session for discussion of the possible disposition of publicly held real property, specifically the request for proposal process and offers for specific parcels of City owned property pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(a)(3) of the *Code of Virginia*. 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, at 8:27 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting. 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution pertaining to the Executive Session. 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.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2549

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 23rd day of April 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.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, the regular meeting of April 23, 2013, was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council