

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 25, 2014
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 Manager, Mr. Fletcher, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Police Captain Wemple; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director; Mr. Castrilli, Director, Office of Communications; Ms. Triggs, Director, Office of Finance; Ms. Smith, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Routt, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Bever, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Eisinger, Office of Management and Budget; Ms. Arbour, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Boyd, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Young, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Braden, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Aiken, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Martinez, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

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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 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 February 11, 2014.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2014. The voting on the motion was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none. (Councilman Smedberg was absent.)

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

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New Business Item No. 1: City Council recognized Mr. Castrilli, Director, Office of Communications, who will be leaving the City to go to work for a neighboring jurisdiction.

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PROCLAMATIONS

4. Presentation of a Check for the Community Impact Funds for the United Way of the National Capital Area.

The check for the Community Impact Funds for the United Way of the National Capital Area was presented.

4.1. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring Saturday, March 1 as St. Patrick's Day Parade Day and the Month of March as Irish-American Heritage Month in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. 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 OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-7)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

5. Receipt of the Following Resignations From Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Alma Allen

(b) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
Ana Torres-Davis

(c) Environmental Policy Commission
Stephen A. Walz

(d) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
Danny Smith

- (e) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
Dawn Rogala

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 2/25/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force
1 Citizen-at-Large Member
- (b) Commission for the Arts
1 Member Who Has Expertise in the Arts, Either as a Practitioner of Various Art Disciplines or as Professional Administrators Working in the Field
- (c) Commission on Aging
1 Citizen Member
- (d) Environmental Policy Commission
1 Citizen Member
- (e) Public Health Advisory Commission
1 Representative From the Inova Alexandria Hospital

(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. 6; 2/25/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

7. Consideration of a Renewal Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for an Aggressive Driving/DUI Interdiction Program in FY 2015.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 19, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 2/25/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

5. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Alma Allen, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; (b) Ana Torres-Davis, Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (c) Stephen A. Walz, Environmental Policy Commission; (d) Danny Smith, George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; and (e) Dawn Rogala, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission.

6. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and

committees: (a) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Steven Jansen as the one citizen-at-large member to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force; (b) appointed Pamela Corsini as the one member who has expertise in the arts, either as a practitioner of various art disciplines or as a professional administrator working in the field, to the Commission for the Arts; (c) appointed Connie Haworth as the one citizen member to the Commission on Aging; (d) appointed Tyler Orton as the one citizen member to the Environmental Policy Commission; and (e) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Mary Dixon as the one representative from the Inova Alexandria Hospital to the Public Health Advisory Commission.

7. City Council: 1. approved the grant application (due February 28, 2014) to the Virginia DMC in the amount of \$30,325 which will provide funds to the Police Department to operate a DUI/aggressive driving interdiction program in the City; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

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

8. Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee 4 Citizen Members

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

NAME:	ENDORSED BY:
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Holly Beardow	
Colin Eilts	
Elizabeth Guttman	
Anthony Smith	
Matthew Troiani	

(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. 8; 2/25/14, 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 Colin Eilts and appointed Holly Beardow, Anthony Smith and Matthew Troiani as the four citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Beardow, Eilts, Smith, Troiani
Silberberg	-	Beardow, Eilts, Smith, Guttman
Chapman	-	Beardow, Eilts, Smith, Guttman
Lovain	-	Beardow, Eilts, Smith, Troiani
Pepper	-	Beardow, Eilts, Smith, Troiani
Smedberg	-	Beardow, Eilts, Smith, Troiani
Wilson	-	Beardow, Eilts, Smith, Troiani

9. Building Code Board of Appeals
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

William Kruse
Patricia Sanders

(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. 9; 2/25/14, 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 Patricia Sanders as the one citizen member to the Building Code Board of Appeals. The voting was as follows:

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

10. Commission on HIV/AIDS
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Ambrose Sayles

(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. 10; 2/25/14, 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 Ambrose Sayles as the one citizen member to the Commission on HIV/AIDS. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Sayles
Silberberg	-	Sayles
Chapman	-	Sayles
Lovain	-	Sayles
Pepper	-	Sayles

Smedberg - Sayles
Wilson - Sayles

11. George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
1 Member Nominated by the Alexandria Jaycees

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Herbert Warner

(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; 2/25/14, 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 Herbert Warner as the one member nominated by the Alexandria Jaycees to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee. The voting was as follows:

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

12. Public Health Advisory Commission
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Rebecca Ash
Alice Patty

(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; 2/25/14, 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 Rebecca Ash as the one citizen member to the Public Health Advisory Commission. The voting was as follows:

Euille - Ash
Silberberg - Patty
Chapman - Ash

Lovain	-	Ash
Pepper	-	Ash
Smedberg	-	Patty
Wilson	-	Ash

13. Sister Cities Committee
1 Citizen Member

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

NAME:	ENDORSED BY:
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Stacie Andersen
Scott Stephens

(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. 13; 2/25/14, 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 Scott Stephens as the one citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee. The voting was as follows:

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

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

14. Update on the 2014 General Assembly Session (No. 4).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 19, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 2/25/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Caton, Legislative Director, made a presentation of the General Assembly session and responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council received the report. 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.

15. Presentation of the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2015 (Including Schools), Calendar Year 2014 Real Property Assessments, and the Proposed Capital

Improvements Program for FY 2015-2024 (Including the Schools CIP.)

Mr. Young, City Manager, presented the proposed annual operating budget for FY 2015 (including Schools), calendar year 2014 real property assessments, and the proposed Capital Improvement Program for FY 2015-2024 (including the Schools CIP) and responded to questions of City Council.

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2014 (Fiscal Year 2015).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 19, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 2/25/14, 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. 16; 2/25/14, 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. 16; 2/25/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously, City Council introduced the ordinance to establish the tax rates to be advertised for the residential and commercial real property and personal property on first reading and set it for public hearing on Saturday, April 12, 2014, with second reading and final passage on Thursday, May 1, 2014. 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

17. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 19, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 2/25/14, 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 revised Council Calendar which includes: the work session with the Torpedo Factory Art Center Board will now occur on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Workroom; a work session on the Waterfront Landscape and Flood Mitigation Design Project is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Workroom; a work session on the discussion of the feasibility of work trucks is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Workroom; a budget work session with the Alexandria City Public Schools is scheduled for March 19, 2014; all budget work sessions are to begin at 6:30 instead of 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.

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, at 8:56 p.m., City Council convened in closed executive session to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation, specifically the litigation and/or settlement of certain land use matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia. 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, at 9:47 p.m., City Council reconvened the meeting. 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.

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2604

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 25th day of February 2014, 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, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of February 25, 2014, at 9:48 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