

**City of Alexandria  
Meeting Minutes  
Special Public Hearing Meeting  
Monday, March 10, 2014  
4:00 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; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Smith, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Routt, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Beaver, Office of Management and Budget; Ms. Arbour, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Jenkins, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Braden, Office of Management and Budget; Police Captain Wemple; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Bryan, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

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## **OPENING**

### **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** Public Hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2015 (Including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2015-2024 (Including the School CIP.) Adoption is Scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2014. A Public Hearing on the Ordinance Establishing the Real Property Tax Rate Will Be Held on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

The following persons participated in the public hearing on this item:

1. Kathleen Schloeder, 2501 St. John Place, chair, Alexandria Library Board, thanked Council for the extra cleaning days at Beatley Library and the funds to fix the leaks at Beatley. Ms. Schloeder requested restoration of the cuts to the book budget and spoke about the many research data bases the library subscribes to, which is invaluable to the small businesses. She said on the Burke Library, the City will have possession of the whole building when the public schools move out of the ground floor and they suggest that the school system return the ground floor to them in the same condition in which they gave it to them.

2. Helen Desfosses, 400 Madison Street, Apt. 1201, member of the Alexandria Library Board, said they need the space from the Burke Library and they need money to put it in a style that the people in that area can make maximum use of it. She noted the \$30,000 cut in the books and materials budget. She spoke to the customer satisfaction survey and focus groups, and one of the focus groups talked about the importance of entrepreneurship to growing a city's economy and the importance of libraries to today's entrepreneurs.

3. Bob Eiffert, 1418 Juliana Place, on behalf of the Commission on Aging, asked for continued support of older adults in Alexandria. He spoke to the proposed cut of \$1.3 million to tax relief for the elderly and persons with disabilities and said the 40 percent cut to the program will create a certain hardship for those affected. He said they would like to see a budget memorandum that shows how the Office of Finance determines the separate impacts of the asset reduction limit and the cap on the value of the residents, how many households would be affected by the asset limit reduction and how many affected by the new cap on the value of the home.

4. Jane King, 118 E. Randolph Avenue, chair, Commission on Aging, spoke to the cuts to senior taxi, which is limited to those with incomes at \$48,150 and below, and 85 percent of the rides are for medical visits. She said the assumption in the budget is that the riders can be accommodated by two other City programs – the Department of Transportation's para-transit service and the Division on Aging's buses, and that is wrong. Ms. King spoke to guardianship legal fees for incapacitated seniors, and she said the clients represents the City's most vulnerable adults and without guardian, City staff is powerless to provide the protection they need. She said the Commission supports keeping the current 2015 budgeted amount and adding an additional \$36,000. Ms. King said they are concerned with senior employment services and the termination of JobLink support for older job seekers.

5. Sean Casey, 119 S. Iris Street, president, Alexandria Committee of Police, Local 5, said they appreciate that merit raises and career ladders are funded in the budget, and it is welcome news that there are no recommended employee contribution increases to the health care plans. He said they are concerned that there is nothing in the budget to address the fact that Alexandria has the lowest starting salary for police officers and they asked for funding for that. Mr. Casey said they are concerned about the recommendation to no longer fund the retirement life insurance benefit and asked that Council find a way to fund it.

6. Christopher Barr, 520 King Street, Clerk of the Court for the Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, asked for support and funding of supplements to help improve the competitiveness and work to resolve retention and turnover concerns, noting that they need to be competitive with the Arlington County Districts Court, which has provided a 15 percent supplement to their employees since 2011, and with the other neighbors courts and law firms. Mr. Barr asked that the funding of the staffing supplement removed from the budget be returned.

7. Dominika Bui, 520 King Street, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, spoke to the customer service of the court, and she noted that it is critical that they provide accurate and timely responses in a professional manner, along with providing legal services to numerous City departments. She said the Juvenile Court wishes to ensure that all members are treated justly and protected under the law. She asked Council to return funding to the budget for the salary supplements.

8. Renata Narciso, 520 King Street, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, spoke of the timely and challenging work of the Juvenile and Domestic Court and asked Council to support the return of the funding to the budget so staff can be fairly compensated.

9. Katie Turner, 6604 Potomac Avenue, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, noted that the Courts in Arlington provide a 15 percent salary supplement to its staff and have done so since 2011. She said they have more cases and do it more efficiently than Arlington, however, they do not have a supplement from the City of Alexandria. She asked Council to allow the return of the funding that was removed from the budget.

10. Ellen Dague, 520 King Street, attorney, guardian ad-litem, Attorney, a parent's defense attorney for child welfare cases, and a court appointed defense counsel, spoke on behalf of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, spoke about child and family safety and welfare is a shared responsibility and they are the stewards of family and child safety.

11. Matthew Greene, 3477 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 1, Fairfax, attorney and guardian ad-litem and a court appointed defense counsel, spoke on behalf of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and noted their professionalism and said they must be fairly compensated. He said he supports the funding supplement for the Clerk's Office.

12. Judge Uley Damiani, 520 King Street, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, said the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court has never hired a clerk with prior court clerk experience and said it is a job that is a spring board for other better paying jobs. Judge Damiani spoke of her reliance on the clerks and she asked Council to approve the salary supplement for the clerks.

13. Judge Donald Haddock, 520 King Street, Alexandria General District Court, said they have two judges with a staff of 13 clerks and they handle almost 40,000 cases a year. He said that every time they lose a clerk to a higher paying job, the lines at the window get longer. He said that Arlington supplements General District Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

14. Judge Constance Frogale, 520 King Street, Chief Judge, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, asked Council to put the salary supplement funding back for the Clerk's Office and spoke of the need for good clerks in the Courts.

15. Amy Flenninken, 4956 Frishman Court, speaking on behalf of 1,000 Alexandria retirees, spoke in objection to the proposal that eliminates City funding for retirees life insurance, as paid life insurance was a long-standing benefit offered to full-time workers and she was promised the benefit in writing from the first day she began working in 1987, and to eliminate the funding violates a commitment that was made by the City.

16. Carol Jackson, 800 S. Washington Street, executive director, Alexandria Housing Development Corporation, speaking as a member of the collaborative group of non-profits that provide housing and human services within the City, spoke in support of the City's housing budget and in support of adding back \$111,000 to the Alexandria fund for human services and adding funds to the homeless intervention program so that it meets 12 months worth of needs for those in crisis.

17. Ken Howard, 3817 Blowing Leaf Place, Dumfries, retired Police Captain, president, Alexandria Retired Police, Fire and Sheriffs Association and a current board member of the Police Foundation, spoke of the elimination of the funding for the retirees life insurance and spoke of what the association gives back to the City.

18. Lillian Brooks, 7820 Valleyfield Drive, member of the Alexandria Juvenile Detention Commission, spoke of the issue of a disregard of a 20-year regional agreement between the City, Arlington and Falls Church to have a utilization formula to pay the local share of the cost for operating the juvenile detention home and she spoke of the utilization rates.

19. Dorothea Peters, 4513 Peacock Avenue, member, Alexandria Juvenile Detention Commission, said this year is the first year in 20 years that Alexandria broke the agreement and cut the funding that has been asked for, and she said the two other jurisdictions were approving the funds this year that they asked for. If the funds do not get reinstated, the Alexandria Juvenile Court Judges will not have the options of where they place the kids. She asked for reinstatement of the funds for the Juvenile Detention Center. Ms. Peters also spoke of Shelter Care.

20. Melissa Harrington, 417 Monticello Blvd., spoke of the needs of ACPS for an additional \$2.4 million in order to maintain the same appropriation per student. The \$7.4 million increase ACPS is requesting is a 4 percent increase over what ACPS received in 2014 and is needed to keep up with the growth in the schools.

21. Sean McGowan, 4762 Wellesley Drive, Woodbridge, executive director, Virginia Police Benevolent Association, speaking on behalf of the Alexandria chapter, spoke to the issue of retirement insurance and said it is reasonable that the employees should expect the full retirement package offered to them when they signed on. He said that speaking as a retiree, his family alone has dedicated 141 years of service to the City of Alexandria and he asked that Council honor the promises and keep the retirement package, including the insurance benefit, intact.

22. Janet Barnett, 1101 N. Howard Street, said she is a retired City employee, and she asked Council to keep its promise to the retirees on the life insurance premiums. She asked Council to fund the cost of insurance for the retirees.

23. Gwendolyn Lewis, 4950 Brenman Park Drive, #110, executive director, Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria, asked Council to reinstate the CCNA \$20,000 line item in the budget. She said they are the only comprehensive middle school program who tutor and mentor the students, help them with homework and coach the parents, all on the Hammond Middle School campus.

24. Gwen Day Fuller, 4017 Ft. Worth Avenue, with the Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria, said CCNA piloted and created the flagship program during the 2010-2011 school year and is the most unique, comprehensive, instructional middle school intervention program offered after school and she spoke of the success of the students. She said it is unacceptable to cut services.

25. N. Cyrus Jones, a student in the CCNA program, said he attended the Rare program put on by CCNA.

26. Keyatta Summer Hallums, 4771 W. Braddock Road, said she attends the Rare Program and would like Council to not cut the funding because it helped her bring her math grade up from a 56 to a 97.

27. Debra Mills, 8604 Braeburn Drive, Annandale, said she works with the students in the Rare program on a daily basis and she spoke of the students who chose to get help after school and are eager to learn but are having challenges. She asked Council to keep the item in the budget.

28. Pam Michell, 8407 Richmond Highway, executive director, New Hope Housing, which run the Alexandria community shelter, spoke as chair of the governing board to prevent and end homelessness in the City, and she thanked the City Manager for including \$200,000 in additional funds for the elderly rent relief program. She said the homeless intervention program is out of money, and they ask for an additional \$100,000 to be put in the budget so the program can run on a 12 month basis rather than an eight month basis, and that Council reinstate the funding for the Alexandria Human Services Fund to last year's levels. Ms. Michell requested that Council consider additional local rent subsidy, and they urge Council to continue using the location the CSB is operating out of for the same kinds of purposes.

29. Lissette Bishins, 930 N. Henry Street, executive director, Carpenter's Shelter, co-chair of the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, spoke of a family who had been evicted from their home, stayed six months, got training and now live in Prince William County and drive to the City of Alexandria where they both work. She urged Council to take a look at the pivotal pieces and keep the people that work for the City that give diversity to the City here.

30. David Chamowitz, 118 N. Alfred Street, said he is a member of the Law Library Board and is a small business owner in the City. He spoke to the 100 percent elimination of the City's funding of the Alexandria Law Library and he urged against it and noted who uses the law library.

31. John Mark Bergin, 6049 N. Morgan Street, Lt., Alexandria Police Department, said that next week he retires after 28 years on the job, noting that he survived two heart attacks and double bypass surgery and his doctor says he can't return to duty. Mr. Bergin spoke to the cutting of the life insurance benefits for retirees and that was promised to him. Mr. Bergin said the employees deserve what was promised.

32. Jennifer Hoying, 5055 Seminary Road, #1501, said she volunteers at the Nannie J. Lee Rec Center, said there is talk of displacing the children for other children, a program that costs more than the current program and their kids will have to move to Charles Houston, which is full. Ms. Hoying said it doesn't make sense because of budget cut-backs to move a less expensive program out in favor of a more expensive program. She also asked for support for the Alexandria fund for human services.

33. Annabelle Fisher, 5001 Seminary Road, said cutting Recreation hours and ensuring employees pay for their own insurance is okay. She asked Council to scrutinize the loan given by the City to AHDC in 2011 for \$14 million, and she asked if they have paid back any of the money, and if Wesley Housing requests any more money, the answer should be no. She said the \$60,000 for civic engagement should be eliminated. She asked what the Division

on Aging does and perhaps it's time to cut staff and putting senior tax under them. She spoke of moving the Office on Women to the Department of Community and Human Services and she asked about advertising that position. She said the City Manager should look at all department administrators and assistant administrator jobs in order to get a clearly defined job description for the positions.

34. Tanya Banks, 1104 Clovis Avenue, Capital Heights, Maryland, said she has worked for the Department of Recreation for 34 years, and she spoke about cutting Recreation leaders who are 12 hour employees. Ms. Banks said the leaders are there to make sure the kids have a safe environment to come to and she explained the activities and service they provide to the kids.

35. Sonia Quinonez, 1705 Fern Street, executive director, SCAN of Northern Virginia, said the line to cut the contracts with non-profit organizations shows no impact, but the reality is there is a huge impact on cutting the grant funds. She noted that surrounding jurisdictions fund parenting classes and support groups through their department of social services, but the City doesn't do that, as it partners with SCAN to do that. She spoke of the programs SCAN operates. Ms. Quinonez urged Council to keep the funding for the Alexandria Fund for Human Services at the flat FY2014 level.

36. Meredith McKeen, 10455 White Granite Drive, Oakton, with Northern Virginia Family Service, said NVFS partners with the City and other organizations to provide direct services to many vulnerable residents of Alexandria. She spoke on the Healthy Families Program, noting who would be affected by the proposed 5.5 percent reduction in the Fund for Human Services. She said they are looking at reductions from multiple organizations and that will result in fewer families being served by Healthy Families of Alexandria.

37. Melissa Feld, 10455 White Granite Drive, Oakton, with Northern Virginia Family Service, spoke to the need for continued support for Healthy Families Alexandria, and she spoke of the model for Healthy Families, which has helped improve child health and development by promoting positive parenting and helping prevent the cycle of child abuse and neglect. She said the cost benefit of providing their preventative services saves the City and taxpayers substantial amounts in intervention.

38. Mari Lou Livingood, 2 Duke Street, asked for support and continued funding of the partners fund for the schools, noting that the Alexandria Seaport Foundation provides a program called middle school math that is very important to the success of underserved at-risk kids who are failing math. The Seaport Foundation provides the valuable hands-on learning the teachers need in the classroom, as well as the students with one-on-one learning. She asked Council to include the partners fund in the budget for the schools.

39. Michael Conner, 203 Yoakum Parkway, #1726, retired deputy fire chief and chief fire marshal, representing the retired Alexandria Police, Sheriff and Firefighters Association, spoke to the elimination of the funding for the retirees life insurance. He noted his health problems, some of which came from working for the City. He asked Council to not cut the funding.

40. Rebecca Gruenberger, 18 W. Rosemont Avenue, volunteer with the Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center, spoke to the limited funding for prevention services for

mental and substance abuse disorders. Ms. Gruenberger explained why the City should invest in prevention, noting how it affects children, families and the community.

41. Adrienne Fikes, 803 N. Howard Street, #460, executive director, Parent Leadership Training Institute, and a member of the Alexandria Council of Human Service organizations, asked Council to restore the Alexandria Fund for Human Services for FY2015 to the FY2014 level, increasing the budget by \$100,000. She spoke of the PLTI program.

42. Susan Drachsler, 3313 Carolina Place, board member, Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center, spoke to the staff reduction in the office of Communications at the Department of Community and Human Services, noting that the staff play a vital role in ensuring that Alexandrian's thrive and are in good health, noting all the information they provide to the residents.

43. Melynda Wilcox, 403 Jackson Place, president, Alexandria PTA Council, spoke in support of increased funding for the public schools, noting that they anticipated an enrollment increase of 500 students or more for the coming school year. She said they are heartened to see the City Manager increased ACPS funding by \$5 million, but that \$5 million will cover only two-thirds of what they need for next year. She asked Council to remain flexible on the tax rate cap so they leave open the option for funding ACPS at the level necessary to maintain current per pupil spending.

(Mayor Euille left the meeting at this time – 6:37 p.m.)

44. Michael Zupan, 112 S. Alfred Street, president, Alexandria Law Library, spoke to the elimination of the law librarian, noting that it will result in the closure of the law library. He asked Council to reconsider it, as the law library provides a critical service to the citizens. Mr. Zupan asked that Council reinstate the position in order to allow citizens to get access.

45. Suzanne Laboy, 608 N. Pickett Street, said she is Officer Peter Laboy's wife, and that while serving the City, her husband suffered a gunshot to the head, causing a traumatic brain injury, which is something they live with every day and the City has shown great support in their time of need. She said they will continue to need everything that was promised to him and others when they committed to protect and serve the citizens of the City. She asked Council to reconsider making changes to any benefit they count on.

46. Bill Rivers, 15 W. Mount Ida Avenue, representing the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics, spoke of the need for the aquatic dollars in the CIP. He said the only exception they have to the budget is the closing of Warwick pool this summer, noting that it is the one swimming opportunity for residents of many areas of the City that they can readily walk and get to.

47. Carolyn Griglione, 1416 N. Ivanhoe Street, said she is also a member of Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics and she supported what Mr. Rivers has said. She thanked Council for support of the 2015-2017 items for the Old Town pool and the necessary repairs. She supports the keeping of Warwick pool open this summer. She said she is thrilled to know that 44 miles per year of road resurfacing is in the upcoming budget.

48. Laura Vetter, 204 S. Saint Asaph Street, vice chair, Public Records Advisory Commission, spoke in support of the CIP request for \$680,000 to expand the City's public

records and archives facility to meet the archives and storage needs and maintenance needs for the next 15 years.

49. Paul Story, 4602 Picot Road, spoke to the elimination of the funding for retiree benefits. Mr. Story said he served as a police officer for 33 years and his wife Sue served for 35 years. He said they are proud of their service to the City and it was never just a job to them.

50. Rev. Mike Crabill, 809 Vassar Road, said he is a retired City Police Department employee, and he said police officers have one of the highest suicide rates imaginable, and he said more police officers were killed in the last three years by their own weapon than by the bad guys. He said the life insurance for spouses of City employees goes toward paying the bills.

51. Anthony Barone, 4 W. Chapman Street, shared his concern with the budget on the proposed adjustments to the City's services for the fire department. He spoke to the elimination of fire personnel, noting that the positions make up a core foundation of the community – safety, noting that it is how they become a healthier, better, more resilient Alexandria.

52. Tom Williamson, 205 Tennessee Avenue, president, Warwick Village Citizens' Association, spoke about the \$92,000 that was cut from Warwick pool operations and said the Citizens Association is committing to helping the City, noting that last year they helped clean the pool and equipment. He said he had concerns that the kids would not be able to get to other City pools.

53. Patricia Gaston, 39 Kennedy Street, chair, Alexandria Marketing Fund Committee, spoke to the marketing fund, which provides seed money in the form of matching funds for new and innovative marketing programs, and she said their budget has been proposed to be reduced from \$135,000 in 2014 to \$50,000 in 2015. She encouraged Council to reconsider the drastic cut in their funding, as it will negatively impact the City's thriving businesses and she shared the success stories and the impact of the fund.

54. Sean Schmergel, 601 King Street, Suite 400, spoke to the impact of the budget cut on the City's public law library and the elimination of the law librarian. He said if the budget cut were adopted, it would force the closure of the public law library to the public. He asked Council to reconsider its position and provide at least a modicum of funding for the law library.

55. Marie Randall, 2904 Cameron Mills Road, president, George Mason Elementary School PTA, advocated for the Alexandria schools and asked Council to fully fund the ACPS budget. She said the City has decreased its per pupil general allocation of funds by \$1,600 per pupil, which is 10 percent, since 2008, and if compared to other jurisdictions, they have the lowest percentage of general fund revenue being provided to the schools. Ms. Randall asked Council to prioritize their schools as one of its greatest resources and fund appropriately.

(Councilmember Lovain left the meeting at this time – 7:06 p.m.)

56. Richard Krimmer, 900 Second Street, spoke to the cut from the fire department of the three fire marshals, the two deputy emergency management and ten firefighters. Mr. Krimmer said the fire marshals provide a service of fire prevention and investigation but also tend to do work on the weekends and holidays of other City agencies and he spoke to the



number of inspections they have done. He asked that those positions get re-funded in the budget.

57. Masharia Holman, 720 N. St. Asaph Street, chair, Alexandria Community Services Board, expressed gratitude to Council and the City Manager for its continued support in the CSB programs. She spoke to the residents, including youths, that receive services. She asked Council to continue to consider the unmet needs in behavioral health.

58. Poul Hertel, 1217 Michigan Court, spoke to the elderly tax relief program, noting that the key feature is tax burden, and he urged that the \$500,000 assessed value limit cap be taken out of the budget.

59. John Lennon, 244 Murtha Street, spoke for the Hammond PTA in support of funding for the ACPS Schools in the full amount proposed by the Schools. He said they request a joint review with ACPC of plans and procedures on long-term economic, community and housing development.

60. Chris Wright, 270 Gretna Green Court, director on the Law Library Board and on the Board of the Alexandria BAR Association, asked Council to reexamine the City Manager's budget as it impacts the law library and he asked for restoration of the funds to previous year's levels.

61. Katy Cannady, 20 E. Oak Street, said the budget favors certain groups and not others, and the old folks are among the disfavored. Ms. Cannady said senior taxi is a godsend for many elderly who cannot wait for a bus or walk to the bus stop. She spoke to the elimination of the property tax exemption for those over 65 with an income of between \$40,000 and \$60,000 if they own a home assessed at \$500,000 or more. She said many people in the program today would be forced into selling and moving elsewhere.

62. Abby Spangler, 319 Prince Street, spoke to the saving of engine 204, saying that the lives of citizens are at risk if it is eliminated. She spoke to the response time of engines, noting that when it eliminates 204, it will hurt the firefighter's abilities to manage crisis and save lives.

63. Alexis Stackhouse, 1104 W. Braddock Road, said she is an attorney and was appointed by Council as a member of the law library board, and she knows a good law library when she sees one, and she explained who uses the law library. Ms. Stackhouse also asked Council to fully fund the ACPS budget. She said for the Clerk's Office funding, they go above and beyond and they are the face of justice and she asked that they fully fund the Clerks Office.

64. Sharon Annear, 1118 N. Howard Street, thanked Council for its support for Ft. Ward Park and the development of a management plan for the park and the interim and long-term correction of the stormwater problems. She thanked the Park and Recreation, Transportation and Environmental Services, and Office of Historic Alexandria employees, especially those who are affected by personnel reductions and she asked Council to give them serious consideration in the budget. She spoke to her need for Police Officers in the past and hoped that Council would respond to the Police Officers. She asked Council to take a hard look at the elderly tax relief.

65. Maderia Turner, 7926 Andrus Road, said she is a 26-year employee with the Recreation Department and she was given her RIF papers, so if the budget goes through, the people with many years of service will be RIF'ed and they were all 12 hour employees. Ms. Turner said there are 17 positions that have been hired in the last year or are to be filled, and those are the slots they need to look into getting rid of.

66. Don Buch, 389 Livermore Lane, said they need measurements of how they are spending money and not just how much and how effective it is. He spoke to the four-year outlook, which is projecting with a medium economic growth that there will be an operating deficit of \$88 million over the next four years, and if it is a slow economic growth it will have an operating deficit of \$184 million, and it needs to think now how to address those. He spoke to commercial versus residential, and he asked for a cost benefit analysis of two major hotels in the west end that are to be converted from hotels to residential. Mr. Buch spoke to the circumstances of the less fortunate in the community – the homeless, those on food stamps, students on free or subsidized lunch programs, and the Schools budget cannot fund eleven pre-K teachers, and it is cutting 13 people from Health and Human Services. Council should also look at the true cost of affordable housing.

67. Mariam Fikre, 1461 N. Highview Lane, #104, along with her son Nathaniel, spoke of her participation in the Parent Leadership Training Institute and the importance of PLTI and the positive impact it is making on the community. She also spoke to the Children's Leadership Training Institute and said her oldest son Nathaniel is a participant of CLTI. Ms. Fikre's 6-year old son Nathaniel also spoke, saying how much CLTI has helped him.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 5-0, City Council adjourned the special public hearing meeting of March 10, 2014 at 7:56 p.m. The voting was as follows: In favor, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg, and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, None. (Mayor Euille and Councilmember Lovain were absent.)

APPROVED BY:

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson  
City Clerk and Clerk of Council