

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 22, 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 Attorney; Mr. Fletcher, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Police Captain Wemple; Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. Browand, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Davis, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. McIlvaine, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Keeler, Office of Housing; Ms. Garvey, Director, Office of Community and Human Services; Ms. Triggs, Chief Financial Officer/Director, Office of Finance; Ms. Smith, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Beaver, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Routt, Office of Management and Budget; Ms. Baker, Director, Office of Project Implementation; Ms. Munroe, Office of Emergency Communications; Acting Fire Chief Snead; Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Skrabak, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Sharma, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Tran, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Marks, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Farmer, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Farner, Planning and Zoning; 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 on the Discussion and Feasibility of Food Trucks.

City Council held the work session to discuss food trucks.

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Mayor Euille gave the State of the City Address prior to the start of the City Council meeting.

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1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Euille called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members

of Council were present.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2014; and
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2014.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of April 8, 2014 and the public hearing meeting minutes of April 12, 2014. 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

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

4. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson seconded by Councilman Chapman 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.

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Judy Guse-Noritake For Her Service to the Park and Recreation Commission.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg 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.

6. Presentation of the 2013 Annual Report from First Night Alexandria.

City Council received the 2014 Annual Report from First Night Alexandria.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (7-20)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

7. Receipt of the Following Resignation From Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Demeka McCleave

(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. 7 (a); 4/22/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Uncontested Appointments to Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Citizen Corps Council
1 Citizen Member
- (b) Commission for the Arts
1 Member Who Represents the Public-at-Large, as an Arts Consumer and Participant
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
- (c) Park and Recreation Commission
1 Planning District I Representative

(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. 8 (a-c); 4/22/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

9. Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2014 Port Security Grant Program, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 16, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 4/22/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of a Request to Vacate a Position on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 16, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 4/22/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Consideration of Acceptance of a Funding Allocation From the National Capital Region (NCR), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) in the Amount of \$500,000 for City of Alexandria Police Department in Support of the NCR Law Enforcement Agencies.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 16, 2014, is on file in the Office

of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 4/22/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for Funding of Homeless Services.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 16, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 4/22/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to Enhance Jail Diversion Services.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 16, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 4/22/14, 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:

7. City Council received the following resignation with regret: (a) Demeka McCleave, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

8. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed Jerry McAndrews as the one citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (b) appointed Katherine Konefal as the one member who represents the public-at-large, as an arts consumer and participant, and appointed Beth Coast 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; and (c) reappointed Gina Baum as the one Planning District I representative to the Park and Recreation Commission.

9. City Council: 1. authorized the submission of the grant application (due May 23, 2014) in the amount of \$242,500; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

10. City Council declared as vacant the position for a representative of a civic association in the City on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and authorized the City Clerk to advertise the vacancy.

11. City Council: 1. authorized the City Manager to accept the funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative grant program in the amount of \$500,000; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: 1. Authorized the submission of the two-year collaborative Virginia Homeless Solutions Program grant application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for funding in the amount of \$749,094 in year one and \$703,094 in year two; 2. approved an increase of three positions (3.0 FTE's) fully supported by grant

revenues, to include: a family services specialist (1.0 FTE) to assess homeless children and provide referrals to services as part of the centralized intake process; and two family service specialists (2.0 FTE's) to screen individuals and families seeking shelter services. Services will include diverting the households from shelter when possible or referring to shelter services as appropriate. These grant-funded positions will terminate upon the expiration of the grant, if no alternative funding is identified. The individuals who fill these positions will be notified of this condition of employment at the time they are hired and will be required to sign an agreement of understanding with regard to this condition. There are currently no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds expire; and 3. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

13. City Council: 1. authorized the submission of an application to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for one-time funding in the amount of \$89,221 to be used to assist persons with mental illness and substance use disorders in the Alexandria Detention Center; 2. approved one senior therapist (1.0 FTE) fully supported by grant revenues. This grant-funded position will terminate upon the expiration of the grant, if no alternative funds are identified. The individual who fills this position will be notified of this condition of employment at the time they are hired and will be required to sign an agreement of understanding with regard to this condition; and 3. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

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

14. Board of Zoning Appeals 1 Citizen Member

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Paul Meissner
Mark Yoo

(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. 14; 4/22/2014, 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 Mark Yoo as the one citizen member to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The voting was as follows:

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| Euille | - | Yoo |
| Silberberg | - | Yoo |
| Chapman | - | Yoo |
| Lovain | - | Yoo |
| Pepper | - | Yoo |

Smedberg - Yoo
Wilson - Yoo

15. Commission on Persons With Disabilities
1 Citizen Member Who Shall Have a Physical, Visual or Hearing Disability

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Patricia Collins
Clarissa Pearson

(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. 15; 4/22/2014, 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 Collins as the one citizen member who shall have a physical, visual or hearing disability to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. The voting was as follows:

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| Euille | - | Collins |
| Silberberg | - | Collins |
| Chapman | - | Pearson |
| Lovain | - | Collins |
| Pepper | - | Collins |
| Smedberg | - | Collins |
| Wilson | - | Collins |

16. Traffic and Parking Board
3 Citizen Members

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

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Kevin Beekman
Gregory Cota
Ayne Furman
Jim Neurohr
Gary Olejniczak
Wayne Patterson
William Schuyler

(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; 4/22/2014, 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 Kevin Beekman and reappointed Gregory Cota and

William Schuyler as the three citizen members to the Traffic and Parking Board. The voting was as follows:

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| Euille | - | Beekman, Cota, Schuyler |
| Silberberg | - | Beekman, Cota, Schuyler |
| Chapman | - | Beekman, Cota, Schuyler |
| Lovain | - | Beekman, Cota, Schuyler |
| Pepper | - | Beekman, Cota, Schuyler |
| Smedberg | - | Beekman, Cota, Schuyler |
| Wilson | - | Beekman, Cota, Schuyler |

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

17. Consideration of Receipt of the Progress Report on Eco-City and the Environmental Action Plan 2030.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 16, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 4/22/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Skrabak, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, along with Mr. Sharma, and Mr. Tran, T&ES, made a presentation of the staff report and responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the progress report and recognized the Environmental Policy Commission, community members and City staff that have participated in the implementation of the Environmental Action Plan 2030 aimed at leading Alexandria further toward sustainability; and 2. received the staff report entitled "2013 Eco-City Progress Report and Key Environmental Indicators" intended for informing the public at the 2014 Alexandria Earth Day on April 26. 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.

18. Consideration of Receipt of Quarterly Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 16, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 4/22/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Young, City Manager, along with Ms. Smith, Director, Office of Management and Budget, and Mr. Bever, Office of Management and Budget, made a presentation of the report and responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council received as information the quarterly capital projects status report. 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.

19. Consideration of the Receipt of the Alexandria Children and Youth Master Plan and Setting it for Public Hearing for June 14, 2014.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 16, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 4/22/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Tim Peterson, chair of the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission, made a presentation of the report and he, along with Ms. Garvey, Director, Office of Community and Human Services and Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager, responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the Children and Youth Master Plan; 2. thanked the members of the Commission, the design team and staff for their work; and 3. scheduled the master plan for public hearing and final passage on Saturday, May 17, 2014. 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.

20. Consideration of the Release of Contingent Reserve Funds and the Transfer of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to Provide a Predevelopment Loan to AHC For a Proposed Affordable Housing Development Near Beauregard.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 16, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 4/22/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Davis, Director, Office of Housing, along with Ms. McIlvaine, Deputy Director, Office of Housing, made a presentation of the staff report and responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. approved a \$460,000 predevelopment loan to AHC, Inc., for its proposed development of a 92-unit affordable housing property on Echols Avenue currently in the development review process; 2. approved the release of \$174,235 in FY2014 contingent reserves as one part of the source of these loan funds; and 3. approved the transfer of \$285,765 in CDBG monies from the Home Rehabilitation Loan Program as the second part of these loan funds. 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 FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Euille said that last week, the Alexandria BAR Association had its 2014 Beat

the Odds Awards Program, and he and Councilman Wilson were present for it. There were 12 recipients, all T.C. Williams High School Seniors who received more than \$22,000 in scholarships. He said these students had to overcome the odds, adversities in life but yet believed that the pathway forward was getting their education and going on to colleges and universities. He thanked the BAR Association for their continued support for the students.

2. Mayor Euille spoke of the successful fundraising by Spring to Action 2014 that raised \$1,031,282 in less than 24 hours for 121 non-profits in the City. More than 7,500 individuals joined forces with restaurants and boutiques to participate.

3. Mayor Euille noted the retirement of Deputy Police Chief Cleveland Spruill, who is retiring after 26 years of service and has been appointed the Chief of Police of Huntersville, North Carolina.

4. Councilwoman Pepper said Saturday is the day the City celebrates Earth Day at Ben Brenman Park from 10:00 to 2:00.

5. Councilwoman Pepper said there will be a memorial service for Beverly Beidler, who was a former member of City Council, on Saturday, April 26 at 3:00.

6. Councilwoman Pepper said she and Councilman Smedberg co-chair the monitoring group that is keeping tabs on the NRG site and they will have a meeting tomorrow from 7:00 to 9:00 at City Hall, room 1101. It will discuss a report the committee has received and will be talking about groundwater.

7. Councilman Chapman recognized and congratulated Officer Cynthia Hurley and Firefighter Patrick Evans, who will be recognized Saturday by the Northern Virginia Urban League Young Professionals Network, who is honoring local heroes for their achievements in public service.

8. Councilmember Lovain said the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria is having its annual gala on Saturday night and it is the premiere social event of the year.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

21. Oral Update on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Study.

Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager, made a presentation of the report and he, along with Mr. Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, responded to questions of City Council.

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22. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 16, 2014, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22; 4/22/14, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the revised Council Calendar which includes the State of the City Address, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 from 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; and 2. approved the calendar. 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.

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

City Council did not hold the closed meeting.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of April 22, 2014, at 9:35 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