

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 24, 2015
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg, and Members of Council John Taylor Chapman, Timothy B. Lovain, Redella S. Pepper, Paul C. Smedberg and Justin M. Wilson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, Acting City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Mackay, Director, Court Services; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Eddy, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Lawrence, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Mohan, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Marks, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Skrabak, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Keeler, Office of Housing; Police Captain Wemple; Ms. Bryan, Information Technology; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

6:00 P.M. to 6:15 P.M.: Work Session with DASH and the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Transit Company.

City Council held the work session with the DASH Board and held the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Transit Company.

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Euille called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present.

2. Closed Meeting.

6:15 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting to Discuss a Personnel Matter and for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, at 6:27 p.m., City Council convened in closed meeting to discuss the appointment and/or process for appointing a specific public officer, and to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation, and to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters, specifically the process for recruiting, selecting and appointing a specific appointee of the City Council, and litigation and/or settlement of a certain pending legal matter involving a City employee, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) and (7) 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.

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2015;
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2015; and
The Special Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2015.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of March 10, 2015, the public hearing meeting minutes of March 14, 2015, and the special meeting minutes of March 17, 2015. 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 FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

*** Mayor's Campaign to End Bullying (Mayor Euille)**

Mayor Euille said this initiative is in response to the U.S. Conference of Mayor's National Campaign that he signed onto in May 2014.

Mr. Mike Mackay, Director, Court Services, a member of the committee, made a presentation of the report on the Mayor's Campaign to End Bullying and he responded to questions of City Council.

*** Mayor's Workgroup on the Uninsured (Mayor Euille)**

Mr. Dan Hawkins, chair of the Mayor's Workgroup on the Uninsured, made a presentation of the group's report and he responded to questions of City Council.

*** Quality of Life Committee (Councilman Wilson and Mayor Euille)**

Mayor Euille spoke of the spring pothole campaign, noting that three to four crews are working on potholes Citywide and each crew is filling about 50+ potholes per day, and as of last Friday, they had 550 open service requests as of last Friday. It is an on-going campaign and effort. Paving will be done once the temperatures rise to a correct level.

*** City/Schools Subcommittee (Councilman Wilson and Mayor Euille)**

Councilman Wilson said the City/Schools meeting occurred yesterday and they are still doing follow-up from the first joint work session with the School Board regarding early childhood education, and they will be sending a joint contingent to Alleghany, Pennsylvania to look at things they have done and bring back some ideas. They are working toward the June 18 joint work session with the School Board regarding after-school and out of school and to make sure they tee up the central policy questions for the two bodies. The general registrar was there to talk about how they can break down barriers and increase the accessibility for

election day in the school buildings.

Mayor Euille said that as a follow-up to the joint work session with the Schools last week on the operating and CIP budgets, there was a meeting between himself, the City Manager, the Budget Director, School Board Superintendent, School Board chair and the School's CFO at the Superintendent's Office, and they reinforced the challenges faced for revenues and expenses and encouraging the Schools to take another look at their budget to try and narrow the gap.

In response to a question from Council regarding when it will come to Council for discussion, Mr. Jinks, Acting City Manager, said that as soon as they reach or have an agreement with the Schools, it will be brought back to Council.

*** Transportation Planning Board (Councilmember Lovain)**

Councilmember Lovain said that at the meeting last week, the annual Streetsmart Campaign starts tomorrow and while automobile deaths are going down, deaths from accidents between automobiles and pedestrians and bicyclists are going up. It had a discussion about COG's latest cooperative forecasting process and COG is projecting that in the next 25 years they will add 1.3 million people in the region, 1.2 million jobs, Alexandria will add about 43,000, and the largest single increase of any jurisdiction will be Fairfax County and second to that is D.C. Councilmember Lovain said he has been asked to be on News Channel 8 tomorrow morning to talk about the forecast and transportation and land use policies. It also spoke about the Tiger Grant for the TPB's regional priority bus project, as the region, in the stimulus bill got \$58 million for that and Alexandria got its fair share. In addition, they got money that is designated for Van Dorn/Pentagon rapid bus project and for bus improvements on Route 7 to include transit signal priority. Councilmember Lovain said he has been asked to chair the Commuter Connections selection committee and will be pleased to give awards to employers who have done the most to encourage their employees to telecommute, van pool, car pool, and use transit. He said Commuter Connections just celebrated its 40th anniversary.

*** Alexandria Gang Task Force (Vice Mayor Silberberg)**

Vice Mayor Silberberg spoke of the meeting this past week and said it is incredible how many people are involved in the effort with regard to gang prevention. She said that in 2007, there were 20 incidents and this year there have been zero incidents to date. She said one of the things it talked about is it is something that has to be talked about, as they have to keep working at it, otherwise there is a huge number. She said they spoke about Project Safeplace, which is part of a national program where a child can call or text for help and they will be handing out bracelets. They can call the number and someone will come to them and it is amazingly proactive and helps protect the children.

Councilman Chapman said it is a compliment to the work they are trying to do to have the type of conversations and collaborations they have from the police, schools, non-profits, the City. It is giving them what they need to address it holistically.

*** Library Board (Vice Mayor Silberberg)**

Vice Mayor Silberberg said Michael Graves, the well-known American architect and the architect for the Beatley Library passed away on March 12. The Library sent out a press

release and they have an exhibit on display at the Beatley Library to honor Mr. Graves. Vice Mayor Silberberg said the large meeting room at the Beatley Library has recently been renovated and the upgrades include a new screen, a blue-tooth enabled projector and assisted listening components, and funding for the project was a collaboration between the Alexandria Library Foundation and the Friends of the Beatley Library. She said that as a reminder of the book sales, they are always collecting books.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-7)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

5. Consideration of Appointment of Alternates to the City of Alexandria's Supplemental Retirement Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 18, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 3/24/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Consideration of the Appointment of a Management Representative and Alternate to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Board and Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 18, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 3/24/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Consideration of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Justice for \$362,561 to Fund a Strategic Prosecution Initiative in Alexandria.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 18, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 3/24/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

5. City Council appointed the following individual to the City of Alexandria's Supplemental Retirement Plan Board: Charles Curia as a Medic/Fire Marshal alternate.

6. City Council replaced the following management representative on the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and the Supplemental Retirement Board: Tom Gates, former Deputy City Manager, with Jack Browand, Division Chief of Public Relations, Special events and Waterfront Operations for Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; and City Council appointed the following individual to the newly vacant management alternate representative on the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and the Supplemental Retirement Board: Tatania Cross, Deputy Director, Planning,

Construction and Facilities, Department of General Services.

7. City Council: 1. approved the submission of the \$362,561 grant application due March 26, 2015 for the funding of a Strategic Prosecution Initiative in Alexandria; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

WORK SESSION

8. Work Session: Eisenhower West Small Area Plan Including Discussion of the Industrial Study.

(A copy of the powerpoint presentation, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 3/24/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council held the work session on the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan, hearing a report from the following staff: Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, Ms. Mohan, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning, Mr. Lawrence, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning, Ms. Eddy, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning, and Ms. Lyle, Commissioner, Planning Commission and chair of the Steering Committee for the Eisenhower West Plan, and Ms. Marks, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

None.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Euille said the budget process is underway and last week, Council set the advertised tax rate of a zero rate increase to the current tax rate and that is good news. He said they have challenges to maintain a balanced budget and to find ways to narrow the gap between the City Manager's draft budget and the request of the Schools plus to address fire station 210 and other items.

2. Mayor Euille said that at a recent public hearing, several speakers spoke of the need to encourage and find a way for barging for the Robinson South terminal as opposed to trucking, and it was a reaction to a public relations campaign on the part of EYA development firm. He said he called one of the principal partners of the company Friday night to alert him to the concerns, and had a follow-up phone call with another partner of EYA and encouraged him to attend the Waterfront Monitoring Group meeting on Tuesday night. As a result of that, apologies were made on behalf of the EYA firm and they had meetings with staff and there should be news relative to a solution for dealing with the work at Robinson Terminal South and the hauling.

3. Mayor Euille said Council was apprised at a meeting last week that a letter from Norfolk Southern indicated that they will be making some changes to their operations at the transloading facility on Eisenhower Avenue and as a result for concerns relative to safety and quality of life, a letter went out today to the chairman of the board expressing and stressing the City's concerns and asking for a meeting. He said he also placed a call yesterday to the chairman of the board at Norfolk Southern and he received return call and Norfolk Southern

was very receptive to having a meeting so they can have an understanding of the needs, why they are doing what they are doing and hopefully encourage them to back down. Letters have also gone to the Governor and the Congressional Delegation seeking support as well.

4. Mayor Euille said they had talked about the draft EIS of Potomac Yard timetable and Council would like to make that decision late April and no later than May 12. They received news from the Federal Transit Administration, and the matter is before the WMATA Board this Thursday evening.

5. Mayor Euille said Prince Charles was in the area recently and he extended an invitation to the British Embassy to invite him to Alexandria, but he was unable to visit, as the schedule was very tight.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

OTHER

9. Consideration of the City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 18, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 3/24/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the revised Council calendar, which includes: a second budget work session with the School Board on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the School Board meeting room, 1340 Braddock Place. Preceding the work session at 6:00 p.m., there will be a plaque unveiling and reception in recognition that the Alexandria Public School Systems headquarters office building is now located on the site of the former Parker Gray High School; to postpone the Council work session on Ft. Ward Park, which was scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m., to a date in May or June, with staff to come back with a new date; and the dedication of the Ruth Lodato Park at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.; 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.

Closed Meeting Continued

10. Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting to Discuss a Personnel Matter and for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice.

At 9:45 p.m., City Council reconvened in closed meeting to discuss the appointment and/or process for appointing a specific public officer, and to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation, and to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters, specifically the process for recruiting, selecting and appointing a specific appointee of the City Council, and litigation and/or settlement of a certain pending legal matter involving a City employee, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) and (7) of the Code of Virginia.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, at 10:29, City Council reconvened in open 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution previously circulated to Council. 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. 2668

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 24th day of March 2015, 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 Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of March 24, 2015, at 10:30 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