

**City of Alexandria**  
**City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 2015**  
**5:30 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, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Police Captain Wemple; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Garvey, Director, Community and Human Services; Ms. Warren, Community and Human Services; Ms. Chis, Community and Human Services; Mr. Frazier, Community and Human Services; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance Office; Mr. Dambach, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Skrabak, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Sharma, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Marks, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Farmer, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Bevis-Carver, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Bryan, IT; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

5:30 P.M. – Work Session on Implementation of the Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Management Plan

City Council held the work session on Implementation of the Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Management Plan.

**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. Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice and to Discuss the Possible Acquisition of Real Property.**

City Council did not hold the closed meeting.

**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 Meeting of City Council:**

The Special Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2015.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the special meeting minutes of May 7, 2015, with the correction as provided by the City Clerk. 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**

### **\* Update on Council of Governments (COG) (Mayor Euille)**

Mayor Euille said the COG paused to reflect on the foster parent awards for 2015, and Karen Fjeld was the City's foster parent of the year. He said that as chair to the COG, it was an honor to meet Ms. Fjeld as well as the other recipients. Mayor Euille said they received the annual homelessness in Metropolitan Washington report, and the report is available to the public.

### **\* Update on Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) (Mayor Euille)**

### **\* Update on the Northern Virginia Transit Authority (NVTa) (Mayor Euille)**

Mayor Euille noted he would pass on the reports from WMATA and NVTa, but he noted that this past Thursday, he hosted the executive committee members of the Virginia Municipal League last Thursday in Alexandria and they had a boat ride reception on the Potomac and 13 members of the board were in awe of the underdeveloped waterfront. Mayor Euille said they had the Board Meeting on Friday morning at the Hotel Monaco. He said two items of importance is there was a webinar today that talked about economic development and VML's 324 member jurisdictions and how they could learn more about attracting economic development to their communities and the challenges they are facing. Mayor Euille said that VML, at the request of the National League of Cities, has been active and engaging in lobbying the congressional delegation to support e-fairness, which is to close the on-line sales tax loopholes and be able to tax the on-line purchases with vendors.

### **\* Update on City Schools Subcommittee (Councilman Wilson and Mayor Euille)**

Councilman Wilson said the meeting occurred last week and he reported that they had another discussion regarding Patrick Henry and the efforts to try to coordinate the recreation center and the school and staff work continues. More important is the process going forward for future joint efforts like this. He said they discussed the after school and out of school times and will be reviewing a draft of the presentation in advance of the joint work session in June with the School Board. They continue to get updates on the fund balance policy it has been discussing. Councilman Wilson said that on the long range educational facilities front, a new version of the financial challenges chapter has been circulated and is awaiting feedback.

### **\* Update on the Commission on Aging (Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper said that for about 10 years, the Commission on Aging and Agency on Aging has been hopeful that a program called PACE would be made available in

Alexandria, and what it has now is a center in Fairfax and served only those residents in the Fairfax area. They are pleased that as of April 1, they have opened this program to Alexandria, Arlington and Prince William. They won't have a center in Alexandria but will have access to the other center. PACE is program of all inclusive care for the elderly and it provides complete medical services and care management for frail elders age 55 and older who are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid and is operated by Inova Health System. Councilwoman Pepper said the PACE Center allows people to get all their medical services, and there is a social and therapeutic day program. It also provides home care, transportation, pay for home modifications if it is medically necessary.

Councilwoman Pepper noted that she has a new aide: Shelli Gilliam, who is a graduate of the City Academy and is a member of the Cameron Station Civic Association Board.

**\* Update and Report on the Transportation Planning Board (Councilmember Lovain)**

Councilmember Lovain said the Transportation Planning Board had interesting briefings on the D.C. to Richmond High Speed Rail project, on the work of the COG Multi-sector Working Group on greenhouse gas reductions, but the most interesting were studies done by the Transportation Planning Board staff and one done by WMATA to try to improve connections at the Metro stations in the region. In many cases, one can't get from one point to another. The TPB had done a study on 25 rail stations and WMATA looked at all 91 stations, and started to look at places where they could construct sidewalks or footpaths and enable many people to access the Metro station. They found that additional ridership would be generated by construction of a foot path and would generate fares that it would pay for itself in a couple years.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (5-7)**

**(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

**5.** Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2015 Port Security Grant Program, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 20, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 5/26/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**6.** Consideration of Approval of Two Agreements Required By the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 20, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 5/26/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**7.** Consideration of a Grant Application to the National Endowment for the Humanities and Accepting a Grant Award From the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities for Immigrant Alexandria Project.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 20, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 5/26/15, 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 approved the consent calendar, as follows:

5. City Council: 1. authorized the submission of the grant application; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

6. City Council authorized the Mayor to sign the agreements required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: 1. the CLEO Agreement between the City of Alexandria and Arlington County; and 2. the Workforce Development Consortium Agreement between the CLEOs and the Local Workforce Development Board.

7. City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. submit a grant application (due by August 13) to the National Endowment for the Humanities, requesting \$65,000 in funding; 2. accepted a grant award of \$8,000 from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities; 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.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION**

**8.** Consideration of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) TIGER Discretionary Grants Program for the Proposed Potomac Yard Metrorail Station.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 20, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 5/26/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Marks, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, made a presentation of the staff report and she, along with Ms. Farmer, T&ES and Mr. Lambert, Director, T&ES, responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. submit the grant application and the resolution to USDOT for funding in the amount of \$50 million for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station; and 2. execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program. 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.

**9.** Consideration of the Alexandria Fund For Human Services FY 2016 - FY 2018 Grant Awards.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 20, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 5/26/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Garvey, Director, Community and Human Services, along with Mr. Valenti, chair, Economic Opportunities Commission and a citizen reviewer, along with Jason Dechant, a citizen reviewer, made a presentation of the staff report and they responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the report of the Alexandria Fund for Human Services FY 2016 to FY 2018 grant awards; and 2. thanked the members of the citizen review panels of the AFHS for their leadership in the review and allocation process. 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.

## **WORK SESSION**

### **10. Work Session: Combined Sewer System Long Term Control Plan Update.**

(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. 10; 5/26/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Skrabak, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, along with Mr. Sharma, Transportation and Environmental Services, and Ms. Bevis-Carver, Transportation and Environmental Services, made a presentation of the staff report on the combined sewer system long term control plan update and they responded to questions of City Council.

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

## **ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

1. Councilman Wilson spoke of the efforts to resolve the issue of signs being placed around the City on utility poles and other places and what can be done to eradicate the visual blight from the City.

Mr. Dambach, Planning and Zoning, described the efforts by City staff to remove the illegal signs and he responded to questions of City Council.

2. Councilman Chapman thanked the Alexandria Sportsman's Club for the 60th annual banquet which recognizes high school athletes, and it is always good to hear what the student athletes in the City are doing. They paid special attention to T.C. Williams nationally ranked

4x400 and 4x100 teams and also recognized Ilesha Kenney, who won bronze in the World Tournament in boxing.

## **ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Jinks reported that today he appointed Kendel Taylor as the Director of the Office of Finance. He noted that there were two notable volunteer events over the last month: the Alexandria West Rotary Club, under Mindy Lyle's leadership and initiative where they took Ewald Park and raised a significant amount of money and had 55 volunteers and 500 hours of service provided to the park to improve it and they are continuing to seek fundraising and further improvements to the park; and on May 15, Spring to Alexandria Day had 600 volunteers, 2400 hours of community service worth at least \$60,000 and about half of that were on projects that were City related.

## **OTHER**

### **11. Consideration of City Council Schedule.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 20, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 5/26/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mayor Euille said he will be at the U.S. Conference of Mayors' annual conference June 19-22.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the revised Council Schedule and the proposed FY 2016 Council schedule; 2. approved the FY 2015 Council Schedule for May and June; and 3. docketed the proposed FY 2016 Council calendar for the June 10, 2015 legislative meeting. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

### **12. Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice and to Discuss the Possible Acquisition of Real Property.**

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 Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, the regular legislative meeting of May 26, 2015, was adjourned at 9:00 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:

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson  
City Clerk and Clerk of Council