# City of Alexandria City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 23, 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, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Acting Deputy City Manager; Ms. McIlvaine, Acting Director, Office of Housing; Police Captain Wemple; Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Durham, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Marks, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Farner, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Collins, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Seau, Division Chief, Office of Housing; Ms. McIlvaine, Acting Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Cross, Deputy Director, General Services; Ms. Bryan, IT; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

**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.

6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice Regarding the Investment of Public Funds Where Bargaining is Involved.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried 6-0, City Council went into closed meeting to discuss the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, specifically for the possible use of tax abatements and/or tax increment financing in support of a development project, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(6) of the *Code of Virginia*. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none. (Councilmember Lovain was absent for the vote but joined Council in closed meeting.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried 6-0, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilmember Lovain,

Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none. (Councilman Chapman was absent for the vote.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution previously circulated to City Council certifying that Council discussed only those matters previously noticed and permitted by Section 2.2-3711(a)(6) of the *Code of Virginia*. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none. (Councilman Chapman was absent for the vote.)

The resolution reads as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2679**

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 10th day of June 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.

**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 June 10, 2015; and The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2015.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of June 10, 2015 and the public hearing meeting minutes of June 13, 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.

**New Business Item No. 1:** Mayor Euille recognized Scouts from troops 1515, St. Stephens, and troop 135, Maury, who were in the audience.

# ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

City Council presented Councilwoman Pepper with a proclamation and showed a powerpoint for her 30 years of service as a member of City Council.

#### \* Update on City Schools Subcommittee

Councilman Wilson reported that the subcommittee met yesterday and had a good discussion about the next steps on the long-range educational facilities workgroup that Council discussed last month and there was a desire to move to the next phase of looking at high school and middle school capacity issues and there was a desire to create a new group or reconstitute the existing group to bring new people into the process. They have asked the staff to come back in the fall with a specific recommendation around that group. Councilman Wilson said they had a good presentation on the fund balance policy and there is good staff work going on on both sides of that and he had high hopes for the final product on that in the fall. Councilman Wilson said they followed up on the after school joint work session and will be looking at creation of a group there as well. They continue to follow-up from their earlier joint work session regarding early childhood and continue to focus on completion of the milestones on that.

After discussion, Mayor Euille asked the City Manager to schedule a joint work session with the School Board in early fall to have a status update on the new Patrick Henry Recreation Center and with the new proposed elementary school at Patrick Henry.

#### \* Update on Transportation Planning Board

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Councilmember Lovain said both the Transportation Planning Board and the Transportation Commission have undertaken a similar process. Both bodies have financially constrained a list of projects - the CIP and the constrained long-range plan - where the funding has been identified for the projects but in both cases they have other projects in the long-range plans and funding has not yet been identified. Councilmember Lovain said both organizations have decided to scrutinize the projects to make better sense out of them. He spoke of the two studies that have been done on access to the metro stations. He said the City went through a ratings process at the Transportation Commission and changed the criteria for each of the commissioners and talked about how to make it more sophisticated in the future. The run-away leader was the Potomac Yard Intermodal Transit Center, to build a transit center by the new Potomac Yard Metro Station, second was DASH bus expansion, and third was the widening of the Van Dorn Street bridge over Duke Street to accommodate pedestrians. He said it was also discussed that it might be a good place to focus on critical regional projects where funding has not yet been identified but funding will have to be identified sooner rather than later. For example, he said, the American Legion Bridge. Councilmember Lovain said they had a briefing from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority at the Transportation Planning Board. He said the TPB has great planning expertise, but the NVTA has money.

Mayor Euille said he attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors 83<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting in San Francisco this past week. He spoke of the 2,300 attendees in attendance, noting that the President of the United States set the tone talking about the shooting incident in Charleston, South Carolina and the nine lives that were taken. Mayor Euille said it causes everyone to reflect on race relations, justice, common sense gun reforms and mental illness. He said Presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Governor O'Malley also spoke. He said the topics

resonated around how important cities and towns are to the economy of the country. Mayor Euille said he chaired the international affairs committee, which deals with a lot of the big ticket items with Cuba and foreign affairs, but one of the subjects before his committee dealt with the President's desire to have a fast tracked trade bill, so the majority of the conference passed that support. He said it had a discussion about open skies, where there are three major U.S. carriers that are not happy with two major foreign carriers in terms of their ability to provide service. There is a resolution that was put forward to close the market to foreign carriers and they reached compromise and decided to talk. He said there is a new initiative that was signed between the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Major League Baseball and its called Play Ball Initiative and for the month of August they are encouraging cities and towns across America to set aside the month of August as Play Ball Month, with a goal of strengthening the communities about the national pastime of baseball.

Mayor Euille said there was concern expressed over the incident in Charleston about the Confederate flag, and the Office of Communications had circulated a memo to City Council on the use of the Confederate flag, and he asked staff to come back to City Council when it reconvenes in September with whatever policy and regulations it currently has on the books for Council's review and consideration with regard to the Confederate flag.

# REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

## (Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

**5.** Consideration of the Receipt of the Braddock Metro Neighborhood Plan Status of Implementation Report.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**6.** Consideration of the Receipt of the Arlandria Action Plan Status of Implementation Report.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Consideration of the Receipt of Results of Fiscal Year 2015 Fair Housing Testing.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**8.** Consideration of a Grant Renewal to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Food Program for At-Risk After School the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office

of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**9.** Consideration of an Application for the Renewal of the Justice Assistance Grant for the Police Department's Part I Crimes Task Force.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**10.** Consideration of a Contract Between the Alexandria Office of Human Rights and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to Continue as a Fair Employment Practices Agency.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**11.** Consideration of the Long Range Educational Facilities Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 6/23/15, 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 adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of items #5 and 7, which were considered under separate motions, as follows:

6. City Council received the FY2015 Status of Implementation Report.

8. City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. submit the at-risk after school grant renewal application to the United States Department of Agriculture for Fiscal Year 2016 (due date September 1, 2015); 2. affirmed that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and 3. execute all documents that may be required.

9. City Council: 1. approved the grant application (due June 26, 2015) to the Department of Justice in the amount of \$31,713; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

10. City Council authorized the City Manager to sign the contract with the EEOC for funding in the amount of \$34,500 for the Alexandria Office of Human Rights to continue as a Fair Employment Practices Agency.

11. City Council endorsed the Long Range Educational Facilities Plan (dated May 27, 2015) as amended by the Alexandria City School Board on June 11, 2015, to include: 1. additional language in the executive summary that addresses the need to look at high school capacity challenges. The additional language (#12) states: "Explore options to address high

school capacity challenges and fiscal impact given projected student enrollment data that indicated the need for instructional spaces to accommodate 4,558 students by 2024. This number represents an increase of 1,035 students from 2014."; and 2. a new appendix that includes a neighborhood analysis of students who attend school outside of their neighborhood.

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.** Consideration of the Receipt of the Braddock Metro Neighborhood Plan Status of Implementation Report.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Collins, Planning and Zoning, responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council received the FY2015 Status of Implementation 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.

7. Consideration of the Receipt of Results of Fiscal Year 2015 Fair Housing Testing.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Seau, Division Chief, Office of Housing, responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Silberberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council received the results of fair housing tests conducted in Fiscal Year 2015 for discrimination in real estate sales on the basis of race. 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.

## **ROLL-CALL CONSENT**

**12.** Consideration of Resolution From The Landlord-Tenant Relations Board Regarding The Voluntary Rent Guidelines. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**13.** Consideration of a Resolution to Increase the Maximum Time Limit for Parking Meters in Zone 2. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**14.** Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an Old Town North Small Area Plan Advisory Group. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**15.** Consideration of a Resolution Establishing an Ad Hoc Combined Sewer System Plan Stakeholder Group. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**16.** Consideration of a Resolution to Establish the 2015 Personal Property Tax Relief Rates. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

# END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the roll-call consent calendar, with the removal of item #14, which was considered under separate motion, as follows:

12. City Council approved the resolution establishing the City's 2015 Voluntary Rent Guidelines at a percentage of not more than 5 percent where the tenant pays utilities and not more than 7 percent where the owner pays utilities, as recommended by the recommended by the current guidelines. (RES. NO. 2680)

13. City Council approved the resolution which establishes the maximum time limit for parking meters in Zone 2 as three hours, effective as of July 1, 2015. (RES. NO. 2681)

15. City Council: 1. approved the resolution to establish the Ad Hoc Combined Sewer System Plan Stakeholder Group; and 2. requested the City Manager appoint members to the Stakeholder Group as detailed in the memorandum. (RES. NO. 2683)

16. City Council approved the resolution to establish the personal property tax relief rates for calendar year 2015. (RES. NO. 2684)

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 resolutions read as follows:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2680**

## 2015 VOLUNTARY RENT GUIDELINES RESOLUTION CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, more than half of the dwelling units in the City of Alexandria are renter-occupied; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has continually expressed its concern for the well-being of the City's tenants and landlords through proposed charter changes, legislation, and establishment of the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board has previously expressed its concern to the City Council regarding excessive rent increases;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia calls upon the Alexandria Landlord-Tenant Relations Board to monitor and investigate complaints of rent increases in excess of the following guidelines and to conduct a review of the guidelines every six months and forward recommendations to Council at a minimum of every 12 months:

- If the tenants pay all utilities, not more than five percent cumulatively per year;
- If all utilities are included in the rental amount, not more than seven percent cumulatively per year;

PROVIDED, however, that Board investigators will recognize and take into account any unusual costs, capital improvements and major repairs to the property (which should be substantiated by the owner), and extraordinary increases (more than 50%) in assessments;

PROVIDED, further, that the landlord may apportion increased real estate taxes in an equitable manner;

PROVIDED, further, that when a landlord converts utilities to a sub-metered or individually metered system, the amounts of monthly rents, plus annualized utility costs, shall remain within these guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board will report to City Council on the adequacy of the above guidelines in 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 23rd day of June, 2015.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2681**

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 5-8-93(a)(1) "The parking meters in zones 1 and 2, established by section 5-8-92 of this code, shall be operated every day of the week except Sundays and legal state holidays, and the daily hours of operation and maximum time limit of the meters shall be determined by resolution of the city council"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 5-8-93(b) "The maximum time limit for parking in any space shall be set forth on the meter for that space, and shall not exceed four hours, subject to the provisions of subsection (a)"; and

WHEREAS, at the April 29, 2015 meeting of the Old Town Area Parking Study (OTAPS) Work Group, the Work Group recommended the maximum time limit for meters west of Alfred Street, which are within Zone 2, be extended to three hours; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined, after consideration of the recommendation of the Work Group and the recommendation of staff, that it is necessary and appropriate to extend the maximum time limit for the parking meters in Zone 2 from two hours to three hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA:

1. That, beginning in fiscal year 2016, the maximum time limit for the parking meters in Zone 2 shall be extended to three hours;

2. That the Director if T&ES or his designee shall take all steps necessary to timely effectuate the foregoing change; and

3. That this Resolution shall be effective on July 1, 2015.

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2683**

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to establish an ad hoc Combined Sewer System Plan Stakeholder Group; and

WHEREAS, a diverse group of City residents with a wide variety of interests can assist in monitoring the implementation of this Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That there is hereby established an ad hoc stakeholder group known as the Ad Hoc Combined Sewer System Plan Stakeholder Group (the "Combined Sewer System Stakeholder Group");

2. That the Combined Sewer System Stakeholder Group shall consist of 13 members, as follows:

Two members nominated by the Old Town Civic Association One member who is a resident of Hunting Point or Porto Vecchio One member nominated by the Carlyle Community Council One member who is a resident of the Carlyle area community Two "at large" members from who have engineering, environmental, public finance or related knowledge and experience One member nominated by the Chamber of Commerce One member who is nominated by a local environmental advocacy group One member nominated by the Environmental Policy Commission One member nominated by the Park and Recreation Commission One member nominated by the Alexandria Archaeological Commission One member nominated by the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee

3. That the City Manager shall appoint the 13 members for the Combined Sewer System Stakeholder Group, along with a Chairperson;

4. That the functions of the Combined Sewer System Stakeholder Group shall be:

a. Provide staff of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES), Management & Budget (OMB), Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) and AlexRenew with recommendations on how a primary combined sewer system control strategy can accomplish the City's environmental goals and permit requirements while minimizing impacts to the community;

b. Review and monitor the preparation of the Long Term Control Plan Update, including ongoing permit and other regulatory issues, engineering and analysis of potential locations of future combined sewer infrastructure facilities, and consideration of an implementation plan schedule and funding strategy;

c. Serve as a central information-receiving/dissemination body related to the City's Long Term Control Plan Update;

d. Receive input from the public during development of the Long Term Control Plan Update.

5. That the organizations listed will nominate a representative and that other slots will be appointed by the City Manager based on a call for nominations publicized through the City's eNews service, notices to civic, community and business associations and the City website;

6. That Staff assistance to the Combined Sewer System Stakeholder Group shall be managed by the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. Additional staff assistance shall be provided as needed from the Departments of Office of Management and Budget, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Office of Historic Alexandria, and representatives from Alexandria Renew Enterprises; and

7. That pursuant to City Code Section 2.4.8, the Combined Sewer System Stakeholder Group shall meet on an ad hoc basis and will be formed for a limited duration of one year unless otherwise extended by City Council.

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2684**

#### RESOLUTION TO SET THE RELIEF RATES UNDER THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 58.1-3524 of the Code of Virginia and Section 3-2-224 of the City Code, City Council has the authority to establish the relief rates assessed for vehicles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-2-224(e)(v) of the City Code, the City is required to set the relief rates annually by resolution; and

WHEREAS, City Council has now determined that it is necessary and desirable to set the relief rates as follows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(v)(A) is 61%; and

2. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(v)(B) is 50%; and

3. That the relief rate for vehicles under City Code Section 3-2-224(e)(v)(C) is 40%; and

4. That the rates set forth above may vary due to changes related to the vehicles subject to the tax that occur before the tax bills are issued; and

5. That this Resolution shall be effective for Calendar Year 2015.

**14.** Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an Old Town North Small Area Plan Advisory Group. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Councilman Wilson asked to have the following amendments to the composition: under resident representatives, under Old Town North Homeowners Association Boards, two members, to remove the word "Boards"; to remove the word "Board" from North Old Town Independent Citizens Association; and to correct the name of the ARHA Old Town North Resident Council to ARHA Resident Council.

Councilwoman Pepper asked that the business representatives have businesses in Old Town North.

Councilman Chapman asked for an amendment to the resident category to add an additional regular Old Town North citizen.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: 1. approved the resolution establishing a 16-member Old Town North Small Area Plan Advisory Group; 2. requested the chairs of the Planning Commission, Environmental Policy Commission, Park and Recreation

Commission, Board of Architectural Review for the Old & Historic District, and the Urban Design Advisory Committee to each nominate a member from their respective commissions to serve on the Advisory Group; 3. requested the chair of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership to nominate a member of its board to serve on the Advisory Group; 4. requested the president of the North Old Town Independent Citizens Association to nominate a member to serve on the Advisory Group; 5. requested the Chief Executive Officer of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority to nominate an ARHA resident to serve on the Advisory Group; and 6. authorized the City Manager to (a) select the remaining two members in the category of residents who shall be members or representatives of homeowner associations, one full-time resident member, the three members in the category of owners of redevelopment sites, and the two business community representatives who shall have businesses in Old Town North and (b) designate the chair of the Advisory Group. 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. 2682**

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to establish an Old Town North Small Area Plan Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, the Old Town North Small Area Plan Advisory Group shall conduct specified tasks outlined in this resolution, with such tasks culminating in the development of recommendations for a proposed Old Town North Small Area Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That there is hereby established the Old Town North Small Area Plan Advisory Group (the "Advisory Group"),

2. That the Advisory Group shall consist of 16 members, and the composition of the group shall be as follows:

Resident Representatives (5)

- North Old Town Independent Citizens Association (NOTICe) -1 Member
- Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing
  Authority (ARHA) Resident–1 Member
- Old Town North Homeowners Associations –2 Members
- A resident of Old Town North not representing a group–1 Member

## <u>City Commissions, Boards and Alexandria Economic</u> <u>Development Partnership (AEDP) Board</u>(6)

- Planning Commission-1Member
- Environmental Policy Commission-1Member
- Park and Recreation Commission-1Member

- Board of Architectural Review-Old & Historic District-1 Member
- Urban Design Advisory Committee-1 Member
- AEDP-1Member

Owners of Redevelopment Sites (3)

 Business owners who live in Old Town North or whose business is located in Old Town North (2)

Total (16)

3. That the Chairs of the City commissions and boards shall nominate a member of their group to serve on the Advisory Group;

4. That the Chair of AEDP shall nominate a member of its board to serve on the Advisory Group;

5. That the Chair of NOTICe shall nominate a member of its organization to serve on the Advisory Group;

6. That the City Manager shall select members for the following seats by issuing calls for nominations for two seats to be occupied by residents who are also members of Old Town North Homeowners Associations, for the Old Town North resident seat which is not representative of a given organization, for the two business seats for owners who live in Old Town North or whose business is in Old Town North; for the resident of an ARHA site within Old Town North; and for the Redevelopment Property Owners' seats in Old Town North;

7. That the City Manager shall confirm all nominations and selections through an appointment letter;

8. That the City Manager shall designate the Chair of the Advisory Group;

9. That the role of the Advisory Group shall be to provide assistance and insight to City staff throughout the key stages of the Old Town North Small Area Plan planning process;

10. That the Advisory Group shall complete the following tasks:

- Attend scheduled meetings which shall be open to the public and which shall be identified in an Old Town North Small Area Plan Work Plan that is to be produced for this project,
- Provide input and insight on issues and opportunities throughout the key stages of the planning process, and
- Assist in development and execution of the civic engagement process consistent with the Work Plan and the City's *What's Next Alexandria* processes and procedures; and
- Advise and make recommendations regarding plan content, including vision, framework, principles and other elements of the plan.

11. That throughout the planning process, the Advisory Group shall work towards development of consensus positions, brokered compromises and formal votes to the extent possible and, in cases where there are differing opinions, they shall be included in reports to City Council;

12. That staff assistance to the Advisory Group shall be managed by the Department of Planning and Zoning with assistance from other City departments and offices through an OTN Interdepartmental Project Team;

13. That the Advisory Group shall work with staff and other professionals involved in the project throughout the planning process to achieve a final set of recommendations for incorporation into a proposed Old Town North Small Area Plan Update and such recommendations shall be summarized in a letter forwarded from the Advisory Group to the Director of Planning and Zoning with the letter also included in the final staff report to City Council; and

14. That the Advisory Group shall sunset when the Old Town North Small Area Plan Update is approved by City Council.

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

**17.** Consideration of Recommendation for Programming of the New Patrick Henry Recreation Center.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, made a presentation of the staff report and he, along with Ms. Cross, Deputy Director, General Services, Ms. Durham, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, and Ms. Baker, Acting Deputy City Manager, responded to questions of City Council. Mr. Eisenhower, with the City School Office, also responded to questions of City Council.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Councilwoman Pepper and seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg, to hold a public hearing on this item in the Fall.

WHEREUPON, a substitute motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried by a vote of 4-3, that City Council: 1. considered programming options for the redevelopment of Patrick Henry Recreation Center; 2. selected the Neighborhood Recreation Center Scenario "C" to inform the future design for the Patrick Henry Recreation Center as an initial design selection; and 3. directed staff to continue to work with Alexandria City Public Schools staff to jointly refine the design and site layout for the school and recreation center, mindful of the concerns heard about some of the access and quality of life impacts from the community, and bring Council in writing and deploy a community engagement process over the summer and early fall to begin to get feedback and input on those options, so that in the fall they will have another work session on where they are at and get continued direction. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, Vice Mayor Silberberg,

Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg.

The voting on the substitute motion, which is now the main 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 an Update on Hiring of Firefighters for Engine 210 and Request for Release of Contingent Reserve Funding for Overhires.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council: 1. received a presentation from the Fire Department on the status of the hiring process; and 2. designated the \$1,295,000 in FY 2016 contingent reserves be released to the FY 2016 Fire Department Operating Budget for employing 20 overhires for the purpose of staffing Engine 210 as soon as feasible. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none. (Councilmember Lovain was absent for the vote.)

**19.** Consideration of Predevelopment Loans to AHDC and AHC to Facilitate Two Affordable Housing Developments.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. McIlvaine, Acting Director, Office of Housing, made a presentation of the staff report and responded to questions of City Council. Mr. Keeler, Office of Housing, Mr. Frederick, a representative of the AHDC, Mr. Welsh, vice president of multi-family platform with AHC, Mr. Brocco, with AHC and Ms. Fagga, a member of the steering committee, were also present.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. approved a predevelopment loan to the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation of \$360,000 for a proposed 72 unit (approximate unit count) affordable building within the proposed mixed use Gateway at King-Beauregard (Gateway) development; 2. approved a predevelopment loan to reimburse AHC, Inc. for up to \$400,000 to be drawn as eligible costs are incurred, for a proposed 85-unit affordable development that is part of a mixed use redevelopment concept for the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection site; and 3. authorized the City Manager to execute documents related to the predevelopment loans to AHDC and to AHC. 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 FY 2016 Interdepartmental Long Range Planning Work Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 6/23/15, and is

incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, along with Ms. Eddy, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning, made a presentation of the staff report and responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the proposed Interdepartmental Long Range Planning Work Program for FY 2016. 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

**21.** Work Session: Receive an Update on the Land Use, Building Heights, Open Space, Transportation, and Planned Implementation for Oakville Triangle-Route 1.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Farner, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning, along with Ms. Wasowski, member of the Planning Commission, Ms. Durham, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Ms. Marks, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, and Ms. McIlvaine, Acting Director, Office of Housing, made a presentation of the work session report on land use, building heights, open space, transportation and planned implementation for Oakville Triangle-Route 1.

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

1. Councilmember Lovain said he was approached by residents of Carlyle Towers about train horns. Metro has a procedure for getting an official quiet zone from the Federal Railroad Association and it is quite cumbersome. He said the focus and concern was on nighttime train horns, and train horns are primarily to be sounded at grade crossings and approaching stations, and in this situation when there is a tunnel. The question is whether it needs to have the horns sounded repeatedly. Councilmember Lovain said he talked to staff and they have reached out to WMATA, and he spoke to VRE.

Mr. Lambert, Director, T&ES, spoke of his conversation with VRE and WMATA about the train horns.

2. Councilman Wilson thanked staff for the real estate tax receipt online, in which taxpayers can type in the value of their home and find out exactly how much their real estate goes to each service, and it is a new level of transparency in the budget. He thanked City staff members Mr. Routt, Ms. Alexander, Mr. Watkins, Ms. Triggs and former City staff Ms. Birch who all worked on it.

3. Councilman Wilson asked that staff take a look at the 72-hour rule that is currently on the books for the amount of time a car can be parked on a City street without being moved. He asked that staff engage the Traffic and Parking Board, as well as the community, and roll it into

the parking work plan that staff brought to Council in the Fall and whether they would recommend changes to the rule and what the changes would be.

4. Councilman Wilson asked staff to look into two of the original small area plans: the Mt. Vernon Business Area Plan and the Arlandria Plan, as those two plans are unique as they didn't have any value capture mechanism from new development that occurred in the plans to use to fund some of the infrastructure that was put in the plans. Councilman Wilson said having some form or way of trying to capture the value of the development that is occurring in the two areas might be a good revision to the plans. He asked for engagement with the Planning Commission and community groups in both plan areas and to come back with a recommendation at some point.

## ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

# ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**22.** Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated Development Districts Created, Consistency With Master Plan, Required Approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance With the Text Amendment Heretofore Approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2015-0004 to Increase the Floor Area Allowed Without a Special Use Permit in CDD #19 North Potomac Yard. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(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. 1 of Item No. 22; 6/23/15, 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. 2 of Item No. 22; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the ordinance for text amendment 2015-004 to increase the floor area allowed without a special use permit in CDD #19 North Potomac Yard. 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 ordinance reads as follows:

## ORDINANCE NO. 4962

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated development districts created, consistency with master plan, required approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text

Amendment No. 2015-0004 to increase the floor area allowed without a special use permit in CDD #19 North Potomac Yard.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that:

1. In Text Amendment No. 2015-0004, the Planning Commission, having found that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice so require, recommended approval to the City Council on June 4, 2015 of a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to increase the floor area allowed without a special use permit in CDD #19 North Potomac Yard, which recommendation was approved by the City Council at public hearing on June 13, 2015;

2. The City Council in adopting this ordinance expressly adopts, ratifies, affirms and concurs in the finding and action of the Planning Commission above stated;

3. All requirements of law precedent to the adoption of this ordinance have been complied with; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 5-602 of the Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, amended by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and inserting new language shown in underline below:

	CDD Name	Without a CDD Special Use Permit	With a CDD Special Use Permit		
CDD #			Maximum FAR and/or Development Levels	Maximum Height	Uses
19	North Potoma c Yard	The CSL zone regulations shall apply on the first 250 feet east of Route 1, and the I zone regulations shall apply on the remainder of the site. However, in no case shall the development exceed <u>610,000</u> 600,000 square feet.	Maximum development levels will be as depicted in Table 5 of the CDD conditions. Conversion of square footage between uses may be permitted through the development special use permit process. Refer to Table 3 of the CDD conditions for	Heights shall be as shown in the North Potomac Yard Design Standards dated May 24, 2010.	Mixed-use developme nt to include office, residential, retail and personal service, hotel, parks and open spaces and

Section 2. That the director of planning and zoning be, and hereby is, directed to record the foregoing text amendment.

Section 3. That Section 5-602, as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective on the date and at the time of its final passage, and shall apply to all applications for land use, land development or subdivision approval provided for under the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance which may be filed after such date, and shall apply to all other facts and circumstances subject to the provisions of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, except as may be provided in Article XII of the Zoning Ordinance.

**23.** Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend and Reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated Development Districts Created, Consistency With Master Plan, Required approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance With the Text Amendment Heretofore Approved By City Council as Text Amendment No. 2015-0003 to Add a Use to CDD #17a Cameron Park. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(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. 1 of Item No. 23; 6/23/15, 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. 2 of Item No. 23; 6/23/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Wilson and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the ordinance for the final adoption of text amendment 2015-003 to add home for the elderly to CDD17a, Cameron Park. 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 ordinance reads as follows:

## ORDINANCE NO. 4963

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated development districts created, consistency with master plan, required approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2015-0003 to add a use to CDD #17a Cameron Park.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that:

1. In Text Amendment No. 2015-0003, the Planning Commission, having found that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice so require, recommended approval to the City Council on June 2, 2015 of a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add the home for the elderly use to CDD 17a Cameron Park, which recommendation was approved by the City Council at public hearing on June 13, 2015;

2. The City Council in adopting this ordinance expressly adopts, ratifies, affirms and concurs in the finding and action of the Planning Commission above stated;

3. All requirements of law precedent to the adoption of this ordinance have been complied with; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 5-602 of the Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, amended by inserting new language shown in underline below:

CDD #	CDD Name	Without a CDD Special Use Permit	With a CDD Special Use Permit		
			Maximum FAR and/or Development Levels	Maximum Height	Uses
17a	Cameron Park	al Service Low Zone			Mix of residential (multifamily and/or townhouse), <u>Home for</u> the Elderly <u>for</u> <u>120 units</u>

Section 2. That the director of planning and zoning be, and hereby is, directed to record the foregoing text amendment.

Section 3. That Section 5-602, as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective on the date and at the time of its final passage, and shall apply to all applications for land use, land development or subdivision approval provided for under the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance which may be filed after such date, and shall apply to all other facts and circumstances subject to the provisions of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, except as may be provided in Article XII of the Zoning Ordinance.

# OTHER

24. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated June 17, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 24; 6/23/15, 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. approved the FY 2015 Council schedule for June; and 2. adopted the proposed FY 2016 Council calendar with the following changes: the addition of the National League of Cities Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from November 4-7, 2015; and moving the Tuesday, March 22, 2016 second Legislative meeting to

Tuesday, March 29, 2016. 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 (if needed)**

**25.** Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice Regarding the Investment of Public Funds Where Bargaining is Involved.

City Council concluded the closed meeting at the beginning of the 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 June 23, 2015, was adjourned at 10:40 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