

**City of Alexandria**  
**City Council Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 29, 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 and Justin M. Wilson.

Absent: Councilman Paul C. Smedberg.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Police Captain Wemple; Mr. MacRae, Assistant City Attorney; Ms. Anderson, Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Ruggiero, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Sanders, Acting Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Farmer, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Bernstein, Acting Director, Office of Project Implementation; Mr. Kacamburas, Department of Project Implementation; Police Chief Cook; Ms. Garvey, Director, Community and Human Services; Ms. Chis, Community and Human Services; Mr. Fifer, Director, Office of Communications; Mr. Chozik, Information Technology; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director; 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, with the exception of Councilman Smedberg, who was absent.

**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, and for Consultation with Legal Counsel on Specific Legal Issues.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council convened in closed executive session to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation and to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters, specifically the resolution of pending litigation involving a City employee pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the *Code of the Virginia*. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously 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, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2687

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 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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Mayor Euille noted that Councilman Smedberg was originally going to be at the meeting but had an emergency with his job that required him to be out of town.

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#### 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 September 8, 2015; and  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2015.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2015 and the public hearing meeting minutes of September 12, 2015. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

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

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

Mayor Euille noted that he doesn't have a report on COG, but he does on the Virginia Municipal League, which will have its annual conference on October 4-6 in Richmond, and he said he has served this past year as President of the VML. He said the conference will be presented by the Governor and other elected officials.

### **\* Report on the Quality of Life Committee (Mayor Euille and Councilman Wilson)**

Mayor Euille said he and Councilman Wilson serve on the Quality of Life Committee.

At the request of Mayor Euille, Police Chief Cook highlighted the crime report from the summer months, noting that overall crime is down and is below the previous year.

Mayor Euille noted that last week he was invited to a meeting at the White House to meet with Senior Policy Staff and mayors from around the country, and the one resonating theme from all the mayors was the increase of the availability of handguns and the increase in homicides.

Chief Cook responded to questions of City Council.

Councilman Wilson noted other items of interest from the Quality of Life Committee: it traditionally reports on the crime stats, but they want to look at pedestrian safety and some of the statistics on accidents and traffic infractions and to make sure they watch that data to see what areas of the City they need interdepartmental collaboration. Councilman Wilson spoke of the utility pole signs which continue to litter the community and will talk about a variety of ways to fight those. Councilman Wilson said he is interested in coming back in the Fall, outside of the budget process, to have a larger conversation on how crime occurs and looking at different ways in the department to refocus efforts and change the way they are doing things. He said it is important for Council to have a larger strategic conversation about some of the trade-offs that are involved.

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

Councilman Wilson reported that the City Schools Subcommittee met on Monday. He said they had a successful start of school. He said they are continuing to work to bring closure to the fund balance policy that has been talking about for a while and will have a recommendation from the joint staffs two months from now and will then bring it to the bodies. He said they had a good conversation about shared services, and the areas they decided to focus on are IT, transportation fleet services, and the City's current Call Click Connect system to bring the Schools into that. He said they had follow-up on preschool and early childhood and will continue to organize the structure of how they build a systems approach in that area. He said they spoke of after-school and are looking at creating a group that will see that effort forward.

Mayor Euille noted that it was shared that there were 99 school major projects that

needed to be completed in the summer months in order for the schools to be open on time in September, and the facilities department was able to complete 85-90 percent of the work orders. He said they also had a conversation that some of it will be part of the legislative package, and the legislative subcommittee has its first meeting tomorrow evening. It is a national issue on how it finds way to fund and expand the pre-K opportunities. He said he would be asking staff to continue to have good dialogue and to propose a comprehensive plan to end the pre-K waiting list in Alexandria.

**\* Report on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group (Mayor Euille and Councilman Wilson)**

This will be discussed with docket item #13.

**\* Report on COG Chesapeake Bay and Water Quality Committee (Councilmember Lovain)**

Councilmember Lovain said he is a member of the COG Chesapeake Bay and Water Quality Committee, and he said the Committee got a tour of the Alex Renew facility that is under construction, and it was fascinating. The entrance to the administration building will be an interactive learning center and will include a 7,000 gallon fish tank with native fish. The new playing field will be dedicated soon and is over the nutrient management facility, which is four enormous tanks to help with surge capability, and a lot of innovative techniques with green roof and solar panels, and it is a very interesting facility.

**\* Report on Transportation Planning Board (Councilmember Lovain)**

Councilmember Lovain said the TPB's main task is approval of the constrained long-range plan, and this year the projects being added are interesting. They have a BRT project that's been added on Route 1 south of the City, from the Huntington Metro to Woodbridge. The express toll lanes and bus service on I-66 inside and outside the beltway is another project, and in D.C., 10 new bicycle lane projects have been added. The TPB does a performance analysis with the help of a lot of interesting tools and came up with key findings for the future. By 2040, the region will be home to 1.3 million more people and 1.1 million more jobs, and most of those new people and jobs are forecasted to be located in the regional activity centers around the metro stations. Single driver trips will continue to be the predominant mode of travel, but the average amount of driving per person will be less in 2040 than it is today. Councilmember Lovain said emissions of all criteria pollutants are expected to drop steadily between now and 2040. He said the TPB hands out money to local jurisdictions under the transportation land use connections program, and one of the grants was given to Arlington County for a low-stress bicycle network map, which is meant to address people who are interested in bicycling but are intimidated by the intense interaction with cars along the bike lanes and streets. He said he has spoken to the director of Transportation and Environmental Services to see if it is something that is a good idea for the City.

**\* Report on Alexandria Transportation Commission (Councilmember Lovain)**

Councilmember Lovain said the Alexandria Transportation Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the projects that will be examined tonight – the 70 percent NVTAF funds and the HB2 funds.

## **\* Report on the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper said the NVRC met September 24 and among the items was a consent item that was moving forward of the concept of the Potomac River Ferry service, which is a fast ferry. Because of the spots where it might be landing, two of those that are being considered, perhaps the most commercially viable, could operate without public subsidy, happen to be Alexandria, and they have had concerns because of the lack of parking for cars that might come to take the ferry into D.C. and other places. Councilwoman Pepper said the NVRC has done a good number of feasibility studies as well as market analysis, so now they want to move forward to the next step, which would be an environmental evaluation. Part of the docket was the letter that the Mayor had sent indicating that they had very serious concerns about the arrangement because of parking issues and congestion in that area around King Street. She said the City Manager had shared the concerns with the executive director Mark Gibbs. Councilwoman Pepper said that even though the letter from the Mayor was there, a resolution was passed that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission agrees to sponsor and authorizes the executive director to submit a \$359,000 proposal to the District Department of Transportation and VDOT to conduct an evaluation, so that is moving forward. She said she is the only person who voted against it.

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (5-9)**

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

**5.** Consideration of Approval of the City of Alexandria's Proposed FY 2017 Transportation Project List Request for Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 70 Percent Funds.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 23, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 9/29/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**6.** Consideration of a Request to Accept a Memorial Gift from the Founders Park Community Association for Placement in Founders Park in Honor of Chuck Hamel.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 23, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 9/29/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**7.** Consideration of Grant Application for FY 2016 Virginia Fire Incident Reporting System (VFIRS) Hardware Grant.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 23, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 9/29/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**8.** Consideration of the Alexandria Community Services Board FY 2016 Performance Contract with the State.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 23, 2015, is on file in the

Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 9/29/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

- 9.** Consideration of a Renewal Grant to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for an Aggressive Driving/DUI Interdiction Program in FY 2016.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 23, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 9/29/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of items 5 and 6, which were considered under separate motions, as follows:

7. City Council: 1. authorized the submission of a grant application to the Virginia Department of Fire Programs; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

8. City Council approved the Board's performance contract with the State.

9. City Council: 1. accepted the grant from the Virginia DMV in the amount of \$30,375 which will provide funds to the Police Department to operate a DUI/aggressive driving interdiction program in the City; and 2. 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 and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

- 5.** Consideration of Approval of the City of Alexandria's Proposed FY 2017 Transportation Project List Request for Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 70 Percent Funds.

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Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, responded to questions of City Council about the out year dollars and money for street car conversion and other projects.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. authorized application to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for 70 percent NVTA funding of \$66.0 million for the proposed Potomac Yard Metrorail Station and \$7.0 million for Transit Corridor "C" Beauregard/West End Transitway; and 2. authorized the City Manager to submit the above two projects to the NVTA and 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 and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

6. Consideration of a Request to Accept a Memorial Gift from the Founders Park Community Association for Placement in Founders Park in Honor of Chuck Hamel.

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There was discussion among City Council about deferring the item so the Founders Park group could discuss further who was involved in the memorial. Ms. Ruggiero, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. accepted the proposed gift from the Founders Park Community Association; and 2. requested that the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities staff to develop a park memorial policy to better identify opportunities for residents to memorialize friends and loved ones, and ask staff to meet with the Founders Park Community Association to ask that they consider additional names with the plaque. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

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

10. Consideration of Competitive Grant Applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation and Department of Rail and Public Transit for Transportation Projects Eligible Under House Bill Two.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 23, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 9/29/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, and Ms. Sanders, Acting Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, made a presentation of the staff report.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Silberberg and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. authorized submission of \$16.3 million in HB2 transportation grant applications to VDOT and DPRT for the following projects (projects would be submitted individually and prioritized in the following order): (1) \$1.8 million for DASH technology, (2) \$1.0 million for traffic signal communications infrastructure for Eisenhower Avenue, (3) \$7.0 million for adaptive traffic signal controls, (4) \$6.0 million for Old Cameron Run Trail and (5) \$500,000 for the Farrington Connector feasibility Study; and 2. 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 and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

11. Update on City Website Improvement Project.

(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. 11; 9/29/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Fifer, Director, Communications and Public Information, and Mr. Chozick, Information Technology, made a presentation of the City's website improvement project and responded to questions of City Council.

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Due to technical difficulties with the sound system, City Council took a three minute break.

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## **12. City of Alexandria Workforce Development Center 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. 12; 9/29/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Garvey, Director, Office of Community and Human Services, along with Mr. Remick, executive director, Alexandria Arlington Regional Workforce Development Council, Ms. Jones, Director, Workforce Development Center, and Mr. Leonberger, Analyst, made a presentation of the staff report and responded to questions of City Council.

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

1. Mayor Euille extended congratulations to Port City Brewing Company on Wheeler Avenue who was the recipient of three awards in the 2015 Great American Beer Festival held in Denver, Colorado. There were 750 breweries, 3800 beers served and 60,000 attendees at the festival, and Port City Brewery won three medals and additionally was named small brewing company brewer of the year as well.

2. Mayor Euille said they will work with T.C. Williams High School to see what additional services the City can provide to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of T.C. Williams High School, from 1965 to 2015. They launch Friday, October 23 with the bonfire and alumni get-together, and on Saturday, October 24 is the annual homecoming game with pre-game tailgating at 10:30 a.m. and the game at 2:00 p.m. It will continue with events in January for the hall of fame recognition basketball game, commencing with the scholarship gala on Saturday, April 23.

3. Councilmember Lovain said he dropped by this morning at a meeting with the Partnership for a Healthy Alexandria on the implementation of Alexandria's community health improvement plan. He said there were City employees, citizens, and groups at the meeting, and all are working on implementation of the plan and it was very impressive.

4. Councilwoman Pepper said that last Saturday was an annual event where folks can take their old and expired medicines to three different locations in the City. The locations were the Police Headquarters, Del Ray Pharmacy and the First Baptist Church on King Street. She said so many people leave prescription drugs around and they don't realize that children might find them. Councilwoman Pepper said it is a wonderful service that is offered.



5. Vice Mayor Silberberg spoke of the loss of Dick Moose who passed away this past week and said his loss was felt by many citizens. She said Mr. Moose touched many lives not only in the business world but also in the community as a founder of At Home Alexandria.

6. Vice Mayor Silberberg said a special thanks to Mr. Jinks, City Manager and staff for their fast help with regard to things in the building she noticed as she is convalescing from her sports injury and surgery, as she noticed that the bathroom behind the Council Chambers had no grab bars, and that was fixed very quickly. She noted that on Cameron Street there is no button to push as one comes in the building, and it is hard to come in if one is on crutches. She said that it has been eye-opening to literally walk in someone else's shoes for a month or two and see how difficult it is.

7. Vice Mayor Silberberg said that at her request, Mr. Jinks provided a memo to Council regarding the 10 percent rule, which she was unaware of until the last few months, which means that elected officials must disclose if they have up to 10 percent or less part ownership in a land use application. She said it dates back to 1992 and was updated in 2009. Vice Mayor Silberberg asked for it to be opened up for discussion to discuss the possibility of not leaving it at 10 percent and noted that it also applies to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Board of Architectural Reviews, and that it should be fully transparent, fully disclosed at any percentage of ownership, so it should be 100 percent disclosure, and if there is, that would lead to recusal.

After discussion on the request, Council asked Vice Mayor Silberberg to put her proposal in writing for what she was after.

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

Mr. Banks, City Attorney, updated Council on the ruling from the State Corporation Commission (SCC). The Virginia American Water Company and other water and wastewater utilities applied to the SCC for a petition for rule making, where the utilities were looking for permission from the SCC to impose a water and wastewater infrastructure charge to their customer base, and the charge would then be used to fund infrastructure improvements. The City and others opposed that, and the SCC agreed with the City's position and ruled that the position of Virginia American Water was not upheld by the evidence presented and that it would be a better process to rely on the normal SCC process whereby when the water utility wanted to make infrastructure improvements they would make that application to the SCC, and the City would then be able to have input into that process and it would be approved on a case-by-case basis and the cost would be part of that approval process.

Mr. Jinks, City Manager, reported on the following:

1. On sequestration, they will find out what the Senate and House do tomorrow, and the good news is that there has been no diminishing hotel room bookings or conferences in Alexandria, so there has been no discernible impact.

2. The City's incinerator stack on S. Fayette Street, which was 16 stories tall, has been removed brick by brick.

3. Three of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services Resource

Recovery crew - Jamie Yates, George Gray and Daryl Price - were on their route and were flagged down by a citizen who was helping someone who had collapsed on the sidewalk. The three crew members helped the individual, called 911 and stayed until the EMS unit showed up.

4. The Workforce Development Center's VIEW Program, known as Welfare to Work, which is a Federally mandated program, has three times this year had the number one VIEW program in Virginia above 119 other localities, and during 2015 has been in the top five percent of the programs statewide and are number three in job retention. He thanked DCHS and the VIEW program staff for their great work.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**13.** Consideration of a Resolution for Modifications to the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group Membership and Responsibilities. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 23, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 9/29/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, along with Ms. Farmer, Transportation and Environmental Services, made a presentation of the staff report and responded to questions of City Council. Mr. Lambert introduced Mr. Kacamburas, with the Department of Project Implementation, and Mr. Bernstein, Acting Director, Department of Project Implementation.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution which revised the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group membership and responsibilities. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2688**

WHEREAS, the implementation of a potential new Metrorail station in Potomac Yard is important to the economic and social health of Alexandria as a whole and to the immediately surrounding area in particular, and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to ensure a continued forum for community input as the new Metrorail station advances through design and construction, with full coordination with other City efforts,

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

1. There is hereby established modifications to the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Implementation Work Group.

2. The Metrorail Station Implementation Work Group will include the following representatives:
  - a. Two members of City Council;
  - b. One representative from the Planning Commission;
  - c. One representative from the Transportation Commission;
  - d. One representative from the Environmental Policy Commission;
  - e. One representative from the Park and Recreation Commission;
  - f. One community representative from the neighborhoods east of the CSX tracks within the Potomac Yard Small Area Plan area;
  - g. One community representative from west of the CSX tracks within the Potomac Yard Small Area Plan area;
  - h. One at-large business representative with an interest in the project; and
  - i. Two at-large community members with an interest in the project.
3. The functions of the Metrorail Station Implementation Work Group shall be to:
  - a. Review and provide input on Environmental Impact Statement documents;
  - b. Provide input on project design;
  - c. Receive updates on funding issues related to the new Metrorail station; and
  - d. Facilitate discussion of construction mitigation for community impacts during construction.
4. Staff technical support will be provided by the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services and the Department of Project Implementation, as well as additional staff from other departments.
5. The Council representatives and community members of the Metrorail Station Work Group shall be appointed by the Mayor based on a call for nominations publicized through the City's eNews service, notices to Civic, community and business associations and the City website, and the other Work Group representatives shall be appointed by the chairs of those bodies to be represented.

**14. Consideration of a Resolution Establishing an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 23, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 9/29/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Caton, Legislative Director, made a presentation of the staff report and responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution establishing the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

## RESOLUTION NO. 2689

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has received a report on City symbols, signs, and memorials relating to the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria City Council has decreed that Confederate flags will no longer be flown by the City in City rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria City Council wishes to establish an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names to review and recommend any actions that should be taken with respect to these street names and memorials; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names shall advise City Council on any actions it may wish to take with respect to (1) the status of the *Appomattox* statue on South Washington Street; (2) the name of Jefferson Davis Highway in the City of Alexandria; (3) the names of the many streets named after Confederate generals and military leaders; (4) a specific policy with respect to the flying of any flags on property owned or under the control of the City; and

WHEREAS, a diverse and knowledgeable group of City residents can assist in making recommendations with respect to these memorials;

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

1. That there is hereby established the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names (the "Advisory Group"),

2. That the Advisory Group shall consist of 7 members, and these members (one each) shall come from the following entities:

- Alexandria Human Rights Commission
- Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
- Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage
- Planning Commission
- Transportation Commission

In addition, the City Manager shall appoint two citizen members at large.

3. That the City Manager, after seeking recommendations from these commissions and associations, as well as self-nominations by Alexandria residents who wish to serve as members at large, shall appoint the seven members for the Advisory Group;

4. That, in making its appointments, the City Manager shall endeavor to ensure that in aggregate, the Advisory Group membership is representative of the diversity of interests in the issues before it;

5. That the City Manager shall appoint a chair for the Advisory Group;

6. That the City Manager shall confirm all Advisory Group members through an appointment letter;
7. That the City Manager shall provide staff support to the Advisory Group;
8. That the functions of the Advisory Group shall be to:
  - a. Attend scheduled Advisory Group meetings, which shall be open to the public;
  - b. Bring community values, knowledge, and ideas into its discussions and considerations;
  - c. Develop recommendations on actions, if any, that it believes City Council should consider with respect to (1) the status of the *Appomattox* statue on South Washington Street; (2) the name of Jefferson Davis Highway in the City of Alexandria; (3) the names of the many streets within the City that are named after Confederate generals and military leaders; (4) a specific policy on flying of any flags on property owned or under the control of the City;
  - d. Hold one or more public hearings to solicit comments from the public on the issues relating to Confederate memorials; and
9. That the Advisory Group shall meet on an ad hoc basis, complete its work and forward its recommendations to City Council no later than March 15, 2016.

## **OTHER**

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

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 23, 2015, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 9/29/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mayor Euille asked that staff include the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of T.C. Williams High School on October 23 and 24 to the calendar.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the updated Council schedule which includes the legislative package discussion, which is tentatively scheduled with the City's elected Legislative Delegation for Tuesday, November 10, 2015, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Council Workroom; and 2. approved the City Council calendar. Staff was asked to add the 50th anniversary of T.C. Williams High School on October 23 and 24 to the calendar. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

### **Closed Meeting Continued (if needed)**

**16.** Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice Regarding the Investment of Public Funds Where Bargaining is Involved, and for Consultation with Legal Counsel on Specific Legal Issues.

The continuation of the closed executive session was not needed.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, the legislative meeting of September 29, 2015, was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. The voting was as follows: In favor, Vice Mayor Silberberg, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Wilson; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson  
City Clerk and Clerk of Council