

**City of Alexandria  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council Legislative Meeting  
Council Chambers  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016  
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Allison Silberberg, Vice Mayor Justin M. Wilson and Members of Council Willie Bailey, John Taylor Chapman, Timothy B. Lovain (who arrived at 6:10), Redella S. Pepper and Paul C. Smedberg.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Ms. Anderson, Deputy City Attorney; Police Lt. Jones; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Sindiong, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Farmer, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director; Ms. Taylor, Director, Office of Finance; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Beach, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Farner, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Mohan, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Dr. Haering, Director, Health Department; Ms. Useem, Office of Project Implementation; Mr. Kacamburas, Office of Project Implementation; Ms. Znidersic, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. Bernstein, Director, Office of Project Implementation; Mr. Ward, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

1. Calling the Roll.

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

2. 6:00 P.M. - Presentation of the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2017 (Including Schools), and the Proposed Capital Improvements Program for FY 2017-2026 (Including the Schools CIP).

The City Manager presented the FY2017 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

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City Council took a 15 minute break.

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3. **Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Silberberg noted the passing of Ann Paul, a long-time member of the community.

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

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Mayor Silberberg noted Scout Troop 1515 who were in the audience this evening.

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

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2016; and  
The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2016.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the public hearing meeting minutes of January 30, 2016 and the regular meeting minutes of February 8, 2016. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

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

**\* Council of Governments (Mayor Silberberg)**

Mayor Silberberg noted that she serves on the Council of Governments and one of the ideas that was brought forward was a global cities initiative, and she asked Mr. Jinks to speak to that.

Mr. Jinks, City Manager, said the global cities initiative is a program that is being managed by the Brookings Institution and helping metropolitan areas increase their exports. This is an opportunity to see what is possible for our businesses and will be available through the Council of Governments for the regional economic development organizations and its counterparts to work together in an economic development arena on the regional issue on lack of economic development marketing. The initiative is largely funded by private institutions and the consortium of Washington area colleges and universities will be managing the project. He said he's been asked to serve on the board and has agreed to do so.

**\* Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Wilson)**

Vice Mayor Wilson said they received an update on the recent premiere of Mercy Street, and Visit Alexandria has been working aggressively with the local businesses to capitalize on the new PBS show. The premiere drew 3.3 million viewers, which was a record for that type of show, and during the premiere, there was a 300 percent increase in visits to visitalexandria.com and a 700 percent increase on social media mentions, and had sold out shows at the local museums. He said it looks likely there will be a second season.

**\* City Council/School Board Subcommittee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Mayor Silberberg)**

Mayor Silberberg said she and Vice Mayor Wilson serve on the committee and they met last night. She said she was interested in the fund balance update and the update is that Mr. Jinks and Dr. Crawley will be meeting on Thursday.

Vice Mayor Wilson said that in addition to the fund balance policy, they had a good discussion of the next phase of the long-range educational facilities process, and they concluded the elementary school phase and will now begin the secondary and pre-k phase and will have a process proposed on how to define educational specifications for the secondary and pre-k, as well as work on the next phase on how to deal with capacity challenges at that level. Vice Mayor Wilson said they also did two follow-up areas on their joint meetings with the School Board on early education and after school. He said on early education, they are making good progress on building a consolidated eligibility screening, centralized enrollment and quality standards and how they do professional education in the early childhood arena. Vice Mayor Wilson said on after school, they laid out the process for how to move in the next steps on that. Phase 1 is data collection and surveys and gap analysis, to help define the next two phases, where it will look at standards and goals, and phase 3 is policy changes and how they move forward on improving quality and coordination of after school in the City.

**\* Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group (Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg and Vice Mayor Wilson said this is listed later on the docket so there was no need for a report at this time.

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

Councilmember Lovain said the Transportation Planning Board got a first look at the projects submitted for the constrained long range plan and is the last step for projects to get Federal funding

**\* Transportation Commission (Councilmember Lovain and Councilman Chapman)**

Councilmember Lovain said a major action taken was to give approval for City staff to continue its efforts on the corridor C high capacity transit corridor, to reaffirm the locally preferred alternative and support the City going forward on the project.

Councilman Chapman said they also had an update on the complete streets project, what had been done and projects that had been completed in the past fiscal year. He said a number of citizens remarked about the projects and intersections that had been done and improved and they look forward to more of that in the upcoming fiscal year. A number of outreach efforts have begun and they heard from the HOTLanes folks that they would have a community meeting on February 29.

**\* Workforce Development Center (Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Bailey)**

Councilwoman Pepper said she and Councilman Bailey represent the Council on the

Workforce Development Center, and it was the first meeting of the year and they took a tour of the facility. She said it was interesting to hear from the people that worked there to discover the depths of services offered. In FY 2015, they provided 19,538 services to job seekers, and the services are things like counseling, use of computers, a job board and counseling. She said one of the programs was VIEW, which is Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare, which has consistently been an award winning program, as the participants have been earning the highest average wages of social service clients across the state, as well as having a good employment retention rate. Councilwoman Pepper said her favorite program is the summer youth public program. She said they are accepting on-line applications and last year had 153 students working, and it is for a period of six weeks for persons 14-21 years old. She said they learned on the tour how many different languages they know. Councilwoman Pepper said the Workforce will partner with MGM at National Harbor to help them fill their 3,600 positions.

Councilman Bailey said it was his first meeting of the group, and he enjoyed the tour, to see the employees working and doing a great job, and he said they could tell they were passionate about it. He said employment is low in the City, and that Center has a lot to do with it.

**\* COG Human Service and Public Safety Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman said they announced the launch of the new on-line emergency services directory, which will be in the hands of the providers, community stakeholders and partners, and that will be made available throughout the region. He said they met last Friday where it laid out the overview of topics for the coming year: mental health, by making sure services the jurisdictions provide try to meet the needs of citizens; housing and homelessness, to see where jurisdictions can take advantage of best practices, but also look at what they are calling a housing menu, so they are hitting all social and economic levels, and homelessness, as each jurisdiction does an enumeration in January; foster care services, which is a big initiative to focus on how they provide adequate support for the foster care families; and emergency management, as they are in the national capital region and to be sure every jurisdiction integrates emergency management into their public safety operations so they can be ready in case something ever happens.

**\* Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman said he and Councilman Bailey serve on the commission and they focused on the priority areas of action they have set for this year, which are housing and equity. He said that last month they had the Housing Director speak on how they can get involved, and they believe that for their families and children, it is essential to do whatever they can to promote housing, and they have worked on a number of action areas so they can be involved with that. He said they focused on equity within the City and School programming and what it means for people of different races, backgrounds and creeds and how they can make sure they are serving everyone. He said the budget has been released, and the Committee's budget committee has been focused on how they can advocate for children and families in the community and are getting ready to be very busy advocating the School Board budget as well, and had the Chief Financial Officer of the School system to speak about the budget and how to get involved in advocating for their young people.

**VRE (Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg said the VRE Board have been going through exercises in a long-range financial plan operating and capital, and last Friday had a summary of what the report will look like. He said it is preparing for changes in state funding, the Longbridge project, the Gainesville/Haymarket expansions and other great changes coming for VRE for the region.

### **Metro (Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg said Metro had a meeting on Thursday, so he will wait until after then to report but they will be reorganizing as a board and there is a lot of safety and security issues coming up on their agendas that he will report back on.

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (5-7)**

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

5. Consideration of Receipt of the City of Alexandria's Transportation Demand Management Six Year Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 17, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 2/23/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Consideration of a Loan Application Through the Federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program to Partially Fund the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 17, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 2/23/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Consideration of Receipt of FY 2016 Second Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 17, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 2/23/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of items 6 and 7, which were considered under separate motion, as follows:

5. City Council received the Alexandria Six Year Transportation Demand Management Plan.

The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman

Smedberg; Opposed, none.

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Mr. Jinks, City Manager, responded to questions of City Council about the recommendation on the debt policy and discussion in a budget work session.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the City Manager to submit a letter of interest and if successful apply for credit assistance to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a loan of approximately \$88 million through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program to assist in partially funding the construction of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

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In response to comments from City Council, Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, spoke to the King Street station parking lot improvement project and working with WMATA on the procurement.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council received as information the FY 2016 second quarter capital projects status report. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

## **ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (8)**

8. Consideration of an Update on the North Potomac Yard Small Area Planning Process and Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an Ad Hoc North Potomac Yard Advisory Group. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 17, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 2/23/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF ROLL CALL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Farner, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning, responded to questions of Council concerning the project, the Four Mile Run Joint Task Force involvement, the make-up of the group, the appointment of the chair of the group, and the work the technical consultants would be doing.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Council and carried unanimously, City Council 1. received the update on the proposed planning process for the North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan Update; 2. approved the resolution establishing an Ad Hoc North Potomac Yard Advisory Group; 3. requested that the chairs of the Planning Commission, Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee, Park and Recreation Commission, Transportation Commission, and Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee nominate a representative to serve on the Advisory Group, and request that the City Manager appoint the chair of the Advisory Group; 4. request that each of the two civic associations listed in the resolution nominate a member from their group to serve on the Advisory Group; and 5. authorized the City Manager to appoint the five at-large representatives through a nomination process. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

#### RESOLUTION NO. NO. 2710

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to establish an Ad Hoc North Potomac Yard Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc North Potomac Yard Advisory Group will conduct specified tasks outlined in this resolution.

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

That there is hereby established the Ad Hoc North Potomac Yard Advisory Group (the "Advisory Group") whose mission is to advise City staff on the planning for the North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan Update.

1. That the Advisory Group shall consist of twelve members and the composition of the group shall be as follows:

##### Resident Representatives (6)

Del Ray Citizens Association	1
Lynhaven Civic Association	1
At-Large, Resident of Potomac Yard (East or West)	1
At-Large, other	3

##### City Commissions and Committees (5)

Planning Commission	1
Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee	1
Park & Recreation Commission	1

Transportation Commission	1
Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee (PYDAC)	1

Business (1)  
At-Large, Business1

TOTAL:12

2. That the Chair of the above named commissions, committees, and associations will be asked to nominate someone to represent each of their respective groups to serve on the Advisory Group.
3. That the remaining five at-large members will be appointed by the City Manager based on a nominations process publicized through the City's eNews service, notices to civic and community associations, and the City's website. The City Manager will make selections for the at-large member positions based on the applicant's stated areas of expertise.
4. That the City Manager shall designate the Advisory Group Chair, whose role is to serve as a meeting facilitator, spokesperson and work with City staff to set Advisory Group meeting agendas and transmit final letter(s) to the Director of Planning and Zoning referenced above.
5. That the Advisory Group shall complete the following tasks:
  - a. Review, discuss, and develop advice to City staff with regard to potential amendments to the North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan related to topics such as land uses, open space, transportation and connectivity as part of the Small Area Plan Update process; and
  - b. Forward a letter(s) to the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning on the Advisory Group's comments on the potential amendments. The Advisory Group comments will be transmitted to the Planning Commission and City Council as part of the staff report for the North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan.
6. That members of the Advisory Group are expected to:
  - a. Support the City's community engagement and outreach efforts by 1) providing updates on the status and progress of the planning activities and tasks to their respective commissions, boards, and organizations, in addition to community residents at-large; 2) Speaking on behalf of those groups and communicating their interests in this process.
  - b. Attend and participate fully in all Advisory Group meetings, in addition to attending work sessions and public hearings of the Planning Commission and City Council. Attend meetings prepared by reading assigned materials and information. If unable to attend, members are encouraged to notify staff in advance and provide comments on meeting materials in a timely manner.
7. That the Advisory Group will be staffed by representatives of the Department of Planning and Zoning, with an interdepartmental team assigned to ensure adequate coverage of all relevant topic areas.



8. Pursuant to City Code Section 2-4-8, the Advisory Group shall meet on an ad hoc basis for a period of 12 months, and up to an additional 12 months if needed for completion of their stated tasks as defined herein.

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

9. Consideration of an Update On The 2016 General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 22, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 2/23/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Caton, Legislative Director, made a presentation of the staff report on the 2016 General Assembly session and he responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 6-0, City Council received the report. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none. (Councilman Smedberg was absent for the vote.)

10. Oral Report on Alexandria Water Quality.

(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; 2/23/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, along with Mr. Suits, president, Virginia American Water, Mr. Volk, Water Quality Manager, and Dr. Haering, Director, Health Department, made a presentation of the Alexandria water quality report and they responded to questions of City Council.

City Council received the report.

11. Discussion of the Draft FY 2017 Interdepartmental Long Range Planning Work Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 17, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 2/23/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Beach, Planning and Zoning, made a presentation of the long range planning work program and she, along with Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, responded to questions of City Council.

City Council made comments regarding school space planning and increasing communication with the School staff, recognizing that small businesses are big business and education of landlords and how to respond to small businesses and landowners, and looking to economical sustainability and development goals.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council indicated concurrence with staff listed planning priorities for FY2017. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

12. Update and Discussion on Proposed Process for FY 2017 to FY 2022 City Strategic Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 17, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 2/23/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, along with Mr. Useem, Office of Performance and Accountability, and Ms. Mohan, Planning and Zoning, made a presentation of the process for the FY 2017-2022 strategic plan and they responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council concurred with the strategic planning process described in the staff memorandum. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

13. Oral Update on Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Design.

(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. 13; 2/23/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Kacamburas, Office of Project Implementation, along with Mr. Farner, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning, Ms. Znidersic, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, and Ms. Farner, Transportation and Environmental Services, gave an update on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station design and they responded to questions of City Council.

City Council received the update.

14. Oral Report on Pedestrian and Bicycle Master 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. 14; 2/23/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, along with Mr. Sindiong, Transportation and Environmental Services, made a presentation of the pedestrian and bicycle master plan update and they responded to questions of City Council.

City Council received the report.

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

Councilman Smedberg noted that after watching the tape of the Saturday Council meeting on the Ramsey Homes case, he left the meeting drained and frustrated about the process and how it got to where it got. Councilman Smedberg said he keeps coming back to looking at the plan and the families living in the units and how they would achieve their goal if they want to save history there. He said no one won on Saturday. He said he would like to rescind the motion from that meeting so that it may be considered by City Council on March 12, 2016, in order to reset everything, especially with the ARHA staff, who need to do a better job than they have done. He said it would give them a chance to get a proper advisor in from HUD, have the three parties come together and talk about what can be done on the site, and address the needs. Councilman Smedberg handed out the City Attorney's memo on how to rescind the motion.

**WHEREUPON**, a motion was made by Councilman Smedberg and seconded by Councilwoman Pepper, to rescind the Saturday action on Ramsey Homes and to bring the item back for public hearing on March 12, 2016.

There was discussion from City Council about the item and Mr. Banks, City Attorney, Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing and Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, also responded to questions of City Council on the motion to rescind, in which it was stated that the motion to rescind erases the slate on the Ramsey Homes issue that Council took on all three portions of the issue on February 20.

Mayor Silberberg said she would want ARHA to work in a more transparent way with the City staff and the residents.

Vice Mayor Wilson suggested that they schedule at the March 8 meeting a work session with the ARHA Board.

Mayor Silberberg suggested that, given the lack of notice to the public for this tonight, it would behoove them to have the community stakeholders involved with that in some capacity, so they end up with a better outcome.

It was suggested that the City Manager, the Director of Housing and the Director of Planning and Zoning come back with a recommendation on how to proceed with the engagement aspect.

Councilwoman Pepper called the question on the motion. Councilman Chapman seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously and was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

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

Mr. Jinks reported on the following: Mr. Useem, Project Implementation, is on a panel put together for improving program performance at the Federal Government level and for advising the next Presidential administration, and he congratulated Mr. Useem for his work; Assistant Fire Chief Dwayne Bonnette has been selected the new Fire Chief for Portsmouth, and he thanked him for his fine work with the City; John Noelle, the City Arborist, has become

one of only 16 people in Virginia who are board certified arborists; and he noted the passing of Ryan Davies, a senior real estate appraiser, a 14-year employee and a mentor to many on staff, who died of cancer.

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Councilman Chapman stated that he wished to be clear that Councilman Smedberg, by making his motion to rescind, and not sharing it with people, did nothing out of the ordinary. He said what he did was make sure the motion was legally acceptable, and that is what any Councilmember who makes a motion should do, and it was not something he had to share with anyone and that did not sit right with him.

Mayor Silberberg said she was not being critical of Councilman Smedberg, but it would have behooved the City Attorney to have shared it with Council, and that would have been a better process. She said the tradition has been for Council to share if they plan to bring up a motion.

Councilmember Lovain said all members of Council should have the ability to go to the City Attorney to ask for legal advice without the City Attorney being obliged to tell everyone on Council. It is not a burden on the City Attorney to tell everyone. He said it is better to have advanced notice of legislation coming forward, but the City Attorney was not at fault.

Vice Mayor Wilson suggested that everyone on this body should have the decency and the accountability that if they have a criticism of staff that they address that at the appropriate time and place, and this is not the appropriate time and place to do that.

Mayor Silberberg noted her disagreement with Vice Mayor Wilson's comments.

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## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None.

## **OTHER**

15. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 17, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 2/23/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the updated schedule which includes: the 36th annual Salute to Women Awards Banquet on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; Earth Day 2016, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Lenny Harris Memorial Field at Braddock Park (1005 Mt. Vernon Avenue); and the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities annual awards ceremony and reception which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m., in the Vola Lawson Lobby; and 2. approved the City Council schedule. The voting was as

follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, the legislative meeting of February 23, 2016, was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

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ALLISON SILBERBERG    MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson  
City Clerk and Clerk of Council