

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 6:00 PM
City Council Legislative Meeting**

Present: Mayor Allison Silberberg, Vice Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Members of Council, Willie F. Bailey, Sr., John Taylor Chapman, Timothy B. Lovain, Redella S. Pepper, and Paul C. Smedberg.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Mr. McPike, Director, General Services; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Cochran, Division Chief, Office of Housing; Mr. Farner, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Mr. Robinson, Division Chief, T&ES; Mr. Fye, T&ES; Ms. Beach, Division Chief, P&Z; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director, City Manager's Office; Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, RPCA; Ms. Orlando, Division Chief, RPCA; Ms. Poillucci, Acting Deputy Director, General Services; Ms. Farmer, Principal Planner, T&ES; Mr. Bernstein, Acting Director, Department of Project Implementation (DPI); Mr. Kacambaras, Project Coordinator, DPI; Ms. Jaatinen, Civil Engineer, T&ES; Police Lt. Jones; Ms. Bryan, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Silberberg called the meeting to order and the Deputy City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present, except Councilman Bailey and Councilman Chapman, who arrived during the executive session.

Closed Meeting.

2. 6:00 P.M. - Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Discussion of the Use of Public Resources Where Bargaining is Involved.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried 5-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss the use or investment of public resources where bargaining is involved where, if made public, the financial interests of the City would be adversely affected; specifically, negotiations

regarding a utility agreement and City informational infrastructure; and the possible investment of public funds through incentives for economic development pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(6) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman Bailey and Councilman Chapman. (Councilman Bailey and Councilman Chapman arrived during the executive session.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the Executive Session. The vote 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. 2714

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 29th day of March 2016, 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.

Other

6:45 P.M. - Alexandria Transit Company Annual Stockholders Meeting.

The Alexandria Transit Company held its Annual Stockholders Meeting with City Council.

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2016;

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2016;
The Special Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2016; and
The Special Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2016.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings: the Regular Meeting minutes of March 8, 2016; the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of March 12, 2016; the Special Public Hearing Meeting minutes of March 14, 2016; and the Special Meeting minutes of March 15, 2016. The vote 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

City Council gave reports on the following:

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

Councilmember Lovain reported that the 395 HOV/HOT Lanes project was discussed at the recent Transportation Planning Board (TPB) meeting and he noted that there were questions about whether Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) would be able to supply adequate specificity on the transit payment and the transit/transportation demand management plan in time for TPB to make a decision. Councilmember Lovain stated that in response to the questions, VDOT included a clause in the resolution voted on by TPB that it would identify an annual transit contribution by October 1 and that contribution would be escalated annually.

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

Councilmember Lovain reported that the Commission endorsed the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan, which will come before Council for consideration. Councilmember Lovain also reported that the Commission reviewed comments on the proposed transportation budget for the year.

*** Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (Councilmember Lovain)**

Councilmember Lovain reported that there was a discussion on the trading of water quality credits as a way to improve the Chesapeake Bay and honor the City's commitment to that effort and he noted that he would like to work more with Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, on the City using the credits.

*** Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman reported that the Alexandria Gang Prevention Task Force will be working with regional partners to put together various prevention projects, including an athletic competition targeting at-risk youth. Councilman Chapman stated that this event is slated to be held at Four Mile Run Park in either late spring or late summer.

Mayor Silberberg reported that the Gang Prevention Task Force will be collecting professional clothing and neckties for the youth to use. Mayor Silberberg stated that Joe Regotti, Gang Prevention and Intervention Coordinator, could be contacted for more information on how to make donations.

*** Environmental Policy Commission (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman noted that the Environmental Policy Commission (EPC) discussed the moving of Earth Day celebrations and notifying the community of the move. Councilman Chapman reported that the EPC received a review from staff of the Fitzgerald Square project and addressed any environmental concerns with the possible changes. Councilman Chapman also reported that the staff gave a briefing on the updates to the City's Eco-City Plan that will be coming to Council for consideration.

*** Eisenhower East Design Review Board (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman reported that JM Zell Partners put forth their plan for the Carlyle Plaza II and the Eisenhower East Design Review Board discussed how the proposed project would fit into what is envisioned for the Carlyle area. Councilman Chapman noted that the Board is soliciting comments from the community on the Plan, which includes a building that is 335 feet tall and 370 housing units. Councilman Chapman also reported that he would be leaving information and proposals on the worksite/plan in the work room for review if anyone is interested.

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

Councilman Chapman reported that the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission discussed its annual goal at its recent meeting and focused on the connection of families with stable housing accommodations. Councilman Chapman also reported that the Commission discussed networking with other organizations and committees doing work in the arena of housing and how the Commission could enhance and support those efforts.

Councilman Bailey reported that staff gave a presentation on the continuing work of implementing the Children, Youth and Families Master Plan.

*** Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg gave an update on the proposed Gainesville/Haymarket Extension, noting that there are studies occurring and VRE is working with the railroads. Councilman Smedberg noted that this proposed project would offer a much needed transit option for the area.

*** Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg reported that he, Councilmember Lovain and City staff would be attending the Metro Summit tomorrow, to discuss the future of the system and he noted that Paul Wederfeld, General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, would be

the keynote speaker.

*** Metro (Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg reported that Mr. Wederfeld, General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), has made some staff changes to the organization at the mid-level and senior level, following an overall assessment of the organization.

Councilman Smedberg reported that WMATA has implemented a forgiveness program policy, allowing passengers a period of fifteen minutes to leave or enter a station following an incident without being charged. Councilman Smedberg noted that there will be more information forthcoming about this policy change.

Councilman Smedberg noted that he would be serving on the Capital Funding and Planning Committee for WMATA and he would be serving as the Vice Chair of the Governance Committee for WMATA.

***Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (Mayor Silberberg)**

Mayor Silberberg reported that she has been asked to serve on the Finance Committee for the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER
CONSENT CALENDAR (5-6)**

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

5. Consideration of a Budget Transfer of \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Monies to Rebuilding Together Alexandria and \$30,000 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program Deliverable Fees to Support the Alexandria Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Receipt of the Viewers Report for Vacation of Public Right-of-Way at 418 West Braddock Road.

(A copy of the Viewers' Report dated February 18, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. City Council: (1) approved a budget transfer of \$350,000 from the Home Rehabilitation Loan Program - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to support Rebuilding Together Alexandria's (RTA) Alexandria Neighborhood Stabilization Program (ANSP); (2) authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to an existing loan agreement with RTA to allocate up to \$350,000 to CDBG funds to be used for ANSP property acquisitions with all sales proceeds to be repaid to the City upon sales of the acquired homes; and (3) authorized the use of \$30,000 In NSP program deliverable revenues to fund interest payments related to ANSP acquisitions made by RTA using a line of credit.

6. City Council received the viewers' report for a vacation of public right-of-way at 418 West Braddock Road.

The vote 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 (7-7.1)

7. Consideration of a Resolution for Re-concurrence of the Locally Preferred Alternative for the West End Transitway. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7.1. Consideration of a Resolution to Reconstitute the Ad Hoc Underground Transmission Line Working Group (UTLWG) to Consider a Dominion Virginia Power Proposed Transmission Line Between the Glebe Substation and Pepco's Potomac River Substation [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7.1; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council removed docket items 7 and 7.1 from the roll-call consent calendar and consider them under separate motions.

7. Consideration of a Resolution for Re-concurrence of the Locally Preferred Alternative for the West End Transitway. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES), along with Mr. Fye, Principal Planner, T&ES, gave a presentation of the West End Transitway. Mr. Lambert, Mr. Fye, and Mr. Robinson, Division Chief, T&ES, responded to questions from

Council about the West End Transitway, including questions about use of rights-of-way throughout the corridor, tree canopy preservation, funding for the project, and future steps for the transitway as it relates to small area plans for the area.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution for re-concurrence of the Locally Preferred Alternative for the West End Transitway and added a clause stating the following, “WHEREAS, the AA and Environmental Documentation effort and Transitway corridor planning effort proposes a net increase in the number of trees and tree canopy along the corridor, and in particular, along sections proposed for dedicated transit lanes.” The vote 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. 2715

RESOLUTION OF RE-CONCURRENCE FOR THE WEST END TRANSITWAY LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (LPA) APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 17, 2012.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alexandria adopted the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the West End Transitway on November 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the adopted LPA is defined as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in dedicated lanes where practicable between the Van Dorn Metro and the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, the Alternatives Analysis (AA) further analyzed the LPA and Environmental Documentation, a requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), included in this effort have incorporated technical and policy guidance from multiple City Council approved plans including the Comprehensive Transportation Master Plan (2008), Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan (2009), Complete Streets Policy (2011), Transitway Corridor Feasibility Study (2012), and Beauregard Small Area Plan (2012); and

WHEREAS, this effort has refined the LPA (also referred to as the Build Alternative) through additional Conceptual Engineering; and

WHEREAS, this effort has considered the key issues which were requested to be brought to resolution during a subsequent planning effort: 1) LPA maintains access to Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) from North Beauregard Street with stations at Fillmore Avenue and Braddock Road and includes significant pedestrian safety improvements at each station; 2) No action is required at this time regarding potential conversion of the West End Transitway from BRT to streetcar.

WHEREAS, the AA and environmental documentation effort has involved significant coordination with and incorporated guidance from local, regional, state, and federal officials; and

WHEREAS, the AA and environmental documentation effort has substantively sought, vetted, and incorporated feedback from public and local stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the AA and Environmental Documentation effort and Transitway corridor planning effort proposes a net increase in the number of trees and tree canopy along the corridor, and in particular, along sections proposed for dedicated transit lanes; and

WHEREAS, the AA and environmental documentation effort has received and incorporated specific input from the City Council established Policy Advisory Group (PAG); and

WHEREAS, the AA and environmental documentation effort has evaluated and provided acceptable concepts addressing specific areas of concern such as: bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety, property impacts, parking impacts, stormwater impacts, operational feasibility, engineering feasibility, plan and policy compliance; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2015 the Policy Advisory Group voted to recommend that the City advance the refined LPA (also referred to as the Build Alternative) forward toward operation through project development which includes completion of the project Environmental Document, commitment of funding, and completion of work activity including design, engineering, phasing, permitting, financial planning, bidding, and construction leading to the initiation of service; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2016 the Transportation Commission held a public hearing and moved to endorse the proposal for the West End Transitway, including the recommendations of the Policy Advisory Group, in support of advancement to the design phase.

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

That the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia:

1. Accepts the recommendations of the Policy Advisory Group and Transportation Commission.
2. Re-concurs the November 17, 2012 action identifying the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the West End Transitway as Bus Rapid Transit in dedicated lanes where practicable between Van Dorn Metro and the Pentagon.
- 7.1. Consideration of a Resolution to Reconstitute the Ad Hoc Underground Transmission Line Working Group (UTLWG) to Consider a Dominion Virginia Power Proposed Transmission Line Between the Glebe Substation and Pepco's Potomac River Substation [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7.1; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Lambert, Director, T&ES, responded to questions from Council about the composition of the work group and the proposed studies from Virginia Dominion Power about

the need for transmission line in Alexandria.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved a resolution for the reconstitution of the Ad Hoc Underground Transmission Line Working Group (UTLWG), with an amendment to 2(j) stating the following, "a City of Alexandria representative from the Four Mile Run Joint Task Force," and authorized the City Manager to reconstitute the Ad Hoc UTLWG with membership outlined in the accompanying memorandum. The vote was 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. 2716

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2014, Dominion Virginia Power (hereafter "DVP") met with City Council and presented its proposal to improve the reliability and capacity of its electrical system by connecting it with the PEPCO system at the Potomac River Generating Station (hereafter "PRGS") site; and

WHEREAS, DVP already has approval from Pennsylvania New Jersey Maryland (hereafter "PJM"), the multi-state electrical grid manager, for this \$165 million project and wants to submit the proposal near the third quarter of 2016 to the Virginia State Corporation Commission (hereafter "SCC") for their subsequent approval; and

WHEREAS, the DVP proposal would involve the construction of an underground 230kV line from the Dominion substation on South Glebe Road in Arlington to an expanded PEPCO substation to be constructed on the west side parking lot of the current PRGS site, where a PEPCO substation is currently located; and

WHEREAS, DVP claims that in order to improve overall electrical grid reliability and capacity it would need to connect these two substations with an underground 230kV transmission line along a route that has yet to be determined (similar to the existing transmission line along the Route 1 corridor).

WHEREAS, the City Council in response to the initial proposal presented by Dominion in June 2014, established an Ad Hoc Underground Transmission Line and Substation Working Group (UTLWG). The UTLWG met numerous times in 2014 and finalized a Working Group Recommendations Memo on December 30, 2014 which was shared with City Council on January 22, 2015 in advance of a to-be-determined future Council meeting and public hearing. Subsequently, Dominion postponed the project prior to finalizing an alternative and filing with the State Corporation Commission (SCC). Dominion recently notified City staff of their decision to resume the project with a new schedule and filing set for summer of 2016.

WHEREAS, the role of the UTLWG is expected to change as the project moves towards the Virginia State Corporation Commission managed process which must consider issuance of a certificate of public convenience and the necessity for approval to construct and operate the proposed 230 kV transmission line. Although the City does not have authority to determine major electrical utility routing as State Code grants this authority to the SCC pursuant to an

official legal process that is not controlled by the City; the City will continue to maintain an active role and closely review the Dominion filing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, that:

- 1) The Ad Hoc Underground Transmission Line Working Group is hereby reconstituted; and
- 2) The ULTWG is comprised of ten (10) members, each that have been appointed by the City Manager, who is hereby authorized to make such appointments, as follows:
 - a. A representative from the North Old Town Independent Citizen Civic Association;
 - b. A representative from the Del Ray Citizens Association;
 - c. A representative from the North East Citizens Association;
 - d. A representative from the Arlandria Civic Association;
 - e. A representative from the Lynhaven Civic Association;
 - f. A representative from the Potomac Yard Homeowners Association;
 - g. A representative from the Environmental Policy Commission;
 - h. A representative from the City of Alexandria Parks and Recreation Commission;
 - i. A representative from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce;
 - j. A City of Alexandria representative from the Four Mile Run Joint Task Force;
- 3) This ULTWG shall be staffed by T&ES with other City staff resources to be brought in as needed;
- 4) The ULTWG charter would expire at the completion of the SCC approval process;
- 5) This Resolution shall become effective as of the date and time of its adoption; and
- 6) That the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the foregoing.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

8. Consideration of the Final Update on the 2016 General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Caton, Legislative Director, gave the final update of the 2016 General Assembly session and responded to questions from Council.

State Senator Adam Ebbin, State Senator George Barker, State Delegate Charniele Herring and State Delegate Mark Levine gave Council summaries of the session, highlighting legislation they hope would make an impact on the Commonwealth of Virginia. The delegation responded to questions and comments from Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman

Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council received the final report on the 2016 General Assembly Session. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

9. Consideration of the Receipt of the MGM Readiness Task Force Recommendations.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager, along with Patricia Washington, President and CEO, Visit Alexandria, Tom Kaiden, COO, Visit Alexandria and Mr. Lambert, Director, T&ES, gave a presentation on the MGM project in National Harbor and how Visit Alexandria has been working with the developer and Prince Georges County to access the opportunities and risks that Alexandria will encounter when the MGM resort is completed.

Council inquired about programming/entertainment along the Waterfront, wayfinding initiatives from National Harbor, retail training for small businesses in the City, trolley extension (hours and to other areas of the City), lights along King Street, and the potential for jobs and hiring of Alexandrians.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council received the MGM Readiness Task Force Report. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

10. Oral Update on Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation dated March 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Farner, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning, Ms. Farmer, Principal Planner, T&ES and Mr. Kacambaras, Project Coordinator, Department of Project Implementation gave a presentation on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project, including station design and construction planning, staging and access to the project, and they, along with Mr. Bernstein, Acting Director, Department of Project Implementation, responded to questions from Council.

City Council received the update on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project.

11. Oral Update on the Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center Project.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation dated March 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. McPike, Director, General Services, and Mr. Browand, Division Chief, Recreation,

Parks and Cultural Affairs, gave a presentation on the proposed Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center project and reviewed the concept plans. Mr. McPike and Mr. Browand responded to questions from Council about parking, use of synthetic turf, construction on site with the current school building in use,

City Council received the update on the Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center Project.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

12. Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an Ad Hoc Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Implementation Advisory Group. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) approved the resolution establishing an Ad Hoc Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Implementation Advisory Group; (2) requested that the chairs of the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee, Environmental Policy Commission, Park & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, and Transportation Commission nominate a representative to serve on the Advisory Group; and (3) authorized the City Manager to appoint the nine at-large representatives through a nomination process. The vote 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. 2717

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Landmark Van Dorn Corridor Plan in 2009 and the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan in 2015;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to continue to gain the advice of community members representing a variety of interests in the implementation of the Landmark Van Dorn and Eisenhower West Plans;

WHEREAS, both Plans recommend the formation of an advisory group, and City Council wishes to establish, an Ad Hoc Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Implementation Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Implementation 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 Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Implementation Advisory Group ("Advisory Group") whose mission is to advise City staff on the infrastructure and funding plan and related follow up studies as outlined in the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan and Landmark Van Dorn Corridor Plan.

1. That the Advisory Group shall consist of fourteen members representing a diversity of interests in the area, with experience in areas of importance to the Plans. The composition of the group shall be as follows:

Resident Representatives (5)

At-Large, Residents	5
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City Commissions and Committees (5)

Planning Commission	1
Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee	1
Park & Recreation Commission	1
Transportation Commission	1
Environmental Policy Commission	1

Business Representatives (4)

At-Large, Business/Developer	4
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TOTAL:	14
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2. That the Chair of the above named commissions and committees will nominate someone to represent each of their respective groups to serve on the Advisory Group.
3. That the remaining nine 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/condo and community and business associations, and the City's website. The City Manager will make selections for the at-large member positions based on the applicant's areas of expertise and experience.
4. That the City Manager shall appoint 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.
5. That the function of the Advisory Group shall be to review, discuss, and develop guidance to City staff with regard to the action items identified in the Eisenhower West and Landmark Van Dorn Plans, including an infrastructure and funding plan and other relevant studies, as well as monitoring development to ensure that public amenities are provided.

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. 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 and/or the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, as dictated by available staff resources and the nature of the work, with an interdepartmental team assigned to ensure adequate coverage of all relevant topic areas.
8. That pursuant to City Code Section 2-4-8, the Advisory Group shall meet on an ad hoc basis as needed for the period of 12 months, with up to an additional 24 months if needed for completion of their stated tasks as defined herein, unless otherwise extended by City Council.

OTHER

13. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 03/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the updated schedule which includes: the Four Mile Run Ribbon Cutting ceremony which is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., at 4131 Mount Vernon Avenue; and (2) approved the City Council schedule. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

Closed Meeting Continued (if needed)

14. Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Discussion of the Use of Public Resources Where Bargaining is Involved.

The closed meeting was not needed.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED, upon, motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, the regular meeting of March 29, 2016 was adjourned at 12:06 a.m. The vote 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:

ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, Deputy City Clerk