

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
City Council Legislative Meeting
Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 29, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Allison Silberberg, Vice Mayor Justin M. Wilson and Members of Council Willie Bailey, 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; Police Captain Andreas; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Skrabak, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Fire Chief Dube; Acting Police Chief Huchler; Ms. Kelleher, Director, Office of Human Rights; Mr. DuVal, Deputy Director, Operations, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Hassan, Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Holmes, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Nichols, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. McPike, Director, General Services; Ms. Poillucci, Deputy Director, General Services; Ms. Garvey, Director, Office of Community and Human Services; Ms. Wixson, Community and Human Services; Mr. Duer, Community and Human Services; Ms. Tatum, Community and Human Services; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director; and Mr. Tiwari, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

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.

Work Session

2. 5:30 P.M. - Work Session for the City Legislative Package.

City Council held the work session with the City's Legislative Delegation to discuss the City's Legislative Package.

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2016.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of November 9, 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

*** VRE (Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg said VRE had a thorough update on the fourth line long bridge project, VRE as an organization, and is very important for rail and the east coast. They finalized budget issues and will be sending proposed budgets to the NVTC and the PRTC for approval. Councilman Smedberg said they put forward a slate of officers and he said he would be serving as chair next year, along with Arlington County Board Member Katie Cristol, who will serve as secretary.

*** WMATA (Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg said they have a big meeting coming up on Thursday to discuss various aspects of the budget, particularly the capital budget. The finance committee and the board has set up Finance Committee work sessions on the budget and that will be underway. They will also discuss tomorrow the proposed change in hours. They are in a situation with SafeTrack where it has to get the situation in good order and have expanded service over a decade ago and did a lot to plan for that. Mr. Weidefeld, the General Manager, is tackling the issue, which is that he and staff need more time for repairs to the rail line and it can't be done only on the weekends, but need the weekday as well. Councilman Smedberg said that will be hotly debated. He said they will have a discussion on that tomorrow, along with a discussion on the capital budget. Councilman Smedberg said Mr. Weidefeld would like to have an approved budget by March. Councilman Smedberg said he serves on the Governance Subcommittee and it has been working with the new General Manager and other folks to get the bylaws cleaned up. There were two issues that a jurisdictional veto came into play by the District but after discussion the District relented and voted for the proposal. He said the Capital Subcommittee is also working on various contracting and capital issues.

*** City Schools Subcommittee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Mayor Silberberg)**

Vice Mayor Wilson said the committee met last night and received updates on the long range educational facilities phase 2 and 3. Phase 2 is the secondary, middle school and high school and early childhood phase and phase 3 is looking at each of the school sites and looking at the zoning on the sites and the opportunities they have going forward. One of the conversations they had was working to align the long-range facilities process with what Council will approve later on the strategic facilities plan. Vice Mayor Wilson said it also discussed Patrick Henry, and there will be a community meeting tomorrow night, which is the final meeting of the group. The Planning Commission will consider the SUP on December 6 and Council would consider it later in December. Vice Mayor Wilson said there is a video that will be on the website that gives perspective on the project. Vice Mayor Wilson said they discussed

the potential purchase of 1701 Beauregard, and the School Board and Council discussions that need to happen on that. The Schools negotiated for an extension on the purchase option to December 23, and that would be when they need to make commitments associated with the acquisition. The City Manager previously provided Council two docket memos from the School Board's docket on the project and how they would envision funding and acquisition of it this year. He said that both he and Mayor Silberberg reiterated that they wished to have a discussion with the School Board and staff at the next Council legislative meeting. City Council will have to take action related to the appropriation ordinance around January 24, so it would be useful to have discussion on the perspective of the acquisition prior to the School Board making its decision. Vice Mayor Wilson said they also had an update regarding the after school efforts and the early childhood efforts and will provide a more extensive update on that in the future.

There was discussion among City Council about the request to have a meeting with the School Board in December.

Mayor Silberberg said they discussed Patrick Henry and they showed a video of what it would look like. She said she raised questions with regard to the process and how they switched from one plan to another.

*** Quality of Life Committee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Mayor Silberberg)**

Mayor Silberberg said the Committee has staff members from City departments report on how things are going – for example, Police, Schools, Housing, ARHA, Health Department and others. She said Mac Slover, with the Department of Recreation and Parks, spoke of the anti-bullying campaign, which former Mayor Bill Euille started. She said the bullying is not only targeted on children and youth, but also on workplace and cyber bullying. They also had a report from Phil Pugh on rental issues and code violations.

Vice Mayor Wilson said they had a presentation on the residential rental inspection program. He said they have a program where landlords have to apply through Code Administration to have their units inspected in order to remain in compliance with City Code. It only applied in 23 census tracts in the City. He said one of the challenges is the census tracts selected need updating, and the State code has clear criteria on how to choose the census tracts. One of the other challenges is with owners who are renting one unit and capturing those who rent multi-family units, but they don't do as good a job with individuals who are renting a single unit. Vice Mayor Wilson said he would put this in a memo, but it is probably time to look at the ordinance and update it, and then have a discussion on the areas that were chosen, and if they wish to continue the program, the awareness and communication to the property owners.

*** Visit Alexandria (Vice Mayor Wilson)**

Vice Mayor Wilson said the Visit Alexandria Board of Governors met and said the room revenue is up 5.1 percent, which coincided with the increase in supply of hotels. They have fully absorbed that increase in supply and still achieved a one percent growth in revenue for available rooms. The sales team at Visit Alexandria booked \$767,000 in bookings, which has \$1.2 million in economic impact. It had the health care convention and exhibitors summit in January and will have the health care professional network in Fall 2017.

*** City/ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

Vice Mayor Wilson said the City/ARHA committee met and they had a final discussion on Ramsey Homes. They had a lot of detailed discussion on the upcoming RFP properties, and they had a discussion around resolution 830. The request of the workgroup is around the modernization of the resolution, and the request was in line with the housing initiatives workgroup recommendation in 2006, and was that the staff was to come back with the framework of programs and properties that don't exist anymore, along with more substantive recommendations regarding modernization of resolution 830. He said the idea is to engage a whole series of applicable boards and commissions that work on the issues. Vice Mayor Wilson noted that it is a complex area of potential changes.

Councilman Chapman said one of the things they asked ARHA to do was an opportunity to educate the public on the moderation of their efforts and how they will be changing as an authority.

There was a discussion among City Council about resolution 830 and the potential modernization of the resolution.

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

Councilmember Lovain said he chairs the TPB and at the most recent meeting they gave approval of the amendment to the Constrained Long Range Plan, which is a Federal requirement for transportation projects. He said if that is not done, the Federal government can take away the funding. Councilmember Lovain said the amendments included the extension of the Metroway project to Crystal City, the 395 HOV/HOTLanes project and the D.C. bike lanes and several others. He said there were several members of the TPB who felt the need to symbolically vote against it because they felt they weren't doing enough as a region to address the mobility and congestion challenges. They have an effort underway to come up with a real regional long-range plan. They have started the process by looking at three scenarios. The long-range plan has \$250 billion in projects, what happens if they do nothing, and the third alternative was to ask every jurisdiction about its unfunded plan, and that would be an additional \$100 billion in projects. Some good things would result – transit ridership would increase, but congestion would still go up. One of the conclusions is that new capacity alone won't solve the transportation problems, and they have to look at telework and land use changes, focusing development around Metro stations, as well as when it looks at transportation projects, it has to look at what gives the most bang for the buck. Councilmember Lovain said they are trying to work up by next year a list of regionally significant projects to seek funding for.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CONSENT CALENDAR (5)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

5. Consideration of Approval of the City of Alexandria's Proposed FY 2023 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Project Funding Requests.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 11/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the consent calendar, as follows:

5. City Council: 1. approved the FY 2023 proposed transportation projects request as listed in attachment 1; and 2. authorized the City Manager to apply for these grants and enter into any necessary agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia to accept any of the grants.

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.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

6. Consideration of Adoption of the City's Legislative Package for the 2017 General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 11/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Caton, Legislative Director, made a presentation of the report.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilman Bailey and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the following items, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report, for inclusion in the City's Legislative Package for the 2017 General Assembly Session: items A.1 through A.7, B.1 through B.3, C.1 through C.6, and D.1 through D.16. 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.

7. Council Update: After-Action Report - 2016 Snow Emergencies, 2016-2017 Winter Implementation Plan.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 11/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. DuVall, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, and Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager, made a presentation of the report on snow emergencies and he, along with Ms. Collins, and Mr. Holmes, Transportation and Environmental Services, responded to questions of City Council.

City Council received the report.

8. City Council Presentation on Condition of City-owned Facilities.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation dated November 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 11/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. McPike, Director, General Services, made a presentation of the report on City-owned facilities and he responded to questions of City Council.

City Council received the report.

9. Update on Strategic Facility Planning Process.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 11/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. McPike, Director, General Services, made a presentation of the report on the strategic facility planning process and he responded to questions of City Council.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council received the presentation. 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.

10. Presentation on Emergency Services Trends and Opioid Use Trends.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation dated November 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 11/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Batey, chair, Social Services Advisory Board, introduced a video by the SSAB. Ms. Garvey, Director, Community and Human Services, made a presentation of the report on emergency services trends and opioid use trends, and she, along with Acting Police Chief Huchler, responded to questions of City Council.

City Council received the report.

11. Consideration of Adoption of the Statement on Inclusiveness.

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

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the statement on inclusiveness agreed to by the individual members of Council on November 19, 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 AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Silberberg spoke of an email she sent to Council on the idea of a Veterans Commission for the City, and she requested support from City Council on the creation of an Alexandria Veterans Commission.

There was discussion among City Council and Mr. Jinks, City Manager, about the creation of a Veterans Commission, a permanent group versus an ad-hoc group, any potential costs associated with the Commission, the make-up of the Commission, a possible sunset provision on the Commission, and the staff support for the Commission versus an outside organization,

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council asked the City Manager to bring back to City Council a resolution at the next legislative meeting on the idea of the creation of a Commission for Veterans. 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.

2. Mayor Silberberg said the Scottish Christmas Walk parade and events, put together by the Campagna Center, along with the boat parade of lights, is this coming weekend.

3. Mayor Silberberg thanked Cheryl Lawrence from the Recreation and Parks Department, and the staff, who helped put together an event at Market Square this past weekend welcoming Santa and Mrs. Claus.

4. Councilman Smedberg congratulated the people who put together the pop-up store at 116 King Street, noting that the store was packed with shoppers.

5. Vice Mayor Wilson said the City Manager sent Council notification on two capital projects that were being placed on hold due to challenges in the capital budget, and he asked the City Manager to address his decision and how to look forward to other capital projects over the next couple of weeks and months.

Mr. Jinks, City Manager, responded to the comments on capital projects, noting that in reviewing the capital projects, they had an enormous problem, noting that there was an increase from the Metro General Manager of \$90 million over six years, the School Superintendent has asked for an increase of \$200 million over ten years, and adding that they hadn't fully funded the Schools CIP, hundreds of millions in storm and sanitary sewer projects, and as a result, they need to start thinking of priorities. The budget guidance instructions was to prepare a CIP and whatever can't be funded then show a second band of CIP projects, so they will do a lot of prioritization. Mr. Jinks said they were also faced with the decision on whether to sign an engineering and architecture project for Chinguapin pool of \$1.4 million, and he decided to put that on hold until the CIP is proposed and pause it for a few months. Mr. Jinks said there was a smaller project in the wayfinding project, new entryway signs, \$25,000 for stone signs, but given what is being faced, it was put on hold. Mr. Jinks said that those are the first two and as it goes through the CIP they will be asking questions.

6. Councilman Chapman said he attended the National League of Cities conference and

picked up an award for the City's size for Top Digital Cities presented by the Digital Cities Survey. He said it is good to know that the staff is working hard to push them forward, and this is the 12th year the City has been in the top 10.

7. Councilmember Lovain said kudos to Councilman Chapman, as the *Washington Post* had a glowing article on his manumission project, which is a wonderful addition to the historical appreciation efforts in the City.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Jinks, City Manager, said that another major milestone was made yesterday on the Potomac Yard Metro Station, as the RFP was advertised by Metro and put out to the construction community, and they are going through a number of steps in the process, with offers due in May with the expectation of a contract award in the summer.

OTHER

12. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 23, 2016, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 11/29/16, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council received and approved the 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.

CLOSED MEETING

13. Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding Actual or Potential Litigation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council went into closed executive session to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding actual or pending litigation and the possible settlement thereof, specifically the litigation and possible settlement of certain environmental matters, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the *Code of Virginia*. 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened the meeting at 11:45 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution

previously circulated to City Council. 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. 2749

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 25th day of October 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.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, the regular meeting of November 29, 2016, was adjourned at 11:46 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:

ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council