

**City of Alexandria  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council Legislative Meeting  
Council Chambers  
Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
7:00 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. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Sanders, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Sindiong, Acting Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Hayhurst, Complete Streets Coordinator, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Contreras, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Mohan, Planning and Zoning; Ms. Beach, Planning and Zoning; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Useem, Chief Performance Officer, Office of Performance and Accountability; Ms. Schrier, Office of Performance and Accountability; Ms. Garvey, Director, Community and Human Services; and Ms. Gilbert, Community and Human Services.

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. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2017. 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.

4. Introduction of New Alexandria Police Chief Michael L. Brown.

City Council introduced and welcomed incoming Police Chief Michael L. Brown.

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

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

Councilman Bailey said the Children Youth and Families Collaborative Commission met in December. He said the Schools reported that the opening of the John Adams pre-k center is being coordinated with the implementation of redistricting and the opening of the new west end school in 2018. He said they heard from Parks and Recreation who provided an update on the activities of the out of school time workgroup, which is comprised of representatives of Parks and Recreation, Campagna Center and ACPS, and they are launching a webpage on the programs and offerings, as well as a survey for those program components that parents deem important. Glenn Hopkins and Gwen Lewis were reappointed by City Council. It also received an update on the Uptown Workgroup, a coalition of City agencies and non-profits committed to youth initiatives in the Parker-Gray neighborhood. Councilman Bailey said spoke of the Charles Houston Advisory Council who will receive 501(c)3 funding to convert the game room at the Charles Houston Center into a teen center.

Councilman Chapman said they had a briefing by the new CFO at ACPS on capacity and where the Schools are heading. He said they also heard from a new committee on public engagement, who will look to do community events around equity and how they do services for all citizens. Councilman Chapman said they will look to implement a new recognition event, champions of children, who will recognize individuals and organizations who have contributed to the work of the children and youth master plan.

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

Mayor Silberberg said the City Schools Subcommittee meeting last night included the new School Board Chair and Vice Chair. She said there will be pre-school information sessions March 1 and 8, and it is a chance for the community to discuss pre-school. She said it is the first time ACPS, ALIVE, Child and Family Network Centers, Campagna and Creative Playschool have come together. Mayor Silberberg said it discussed the report on early care and education workgroup initial baseline report, and she encouraged the public to check it out. She said there has been discussion in schools among the children on inclusiveness and there seems to be apprehension and fear among children. She reiterated the importance of inclusiveness, noting that Council issued a statement on inclusiveness, and the School Board also issued its own statement on inclusiveness.

Vice Mayor Wilson said the Subcommittee received an update on the long-range educational facilities phase 2, and there is a kick-off meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> to start the public process of that. He said they also had discussion around Patrick Henry and the lessons to be taken from that process. Vice Mayor Wilson said they had a discussion around 1701 Beauregard and the acquisition of that. There are some open issues relating to the land use on that as well. One of the issues they discussed was the preparation of a milestone document and timetable to show what issues are still open and when they need to be resolved by. Vice

Mayor Wilson said they talked about one of the recommendations of the long-range educational facilities plan phase 1 was the adoption of a City wide transportation management plan for the schools. One of the recommendations was to adopt a TMP, as it does for any large employer, and how they manage the transportation of its employees. Vice Mayor Wilson said they had follow-up on after-school and early education and they had an update on the City broadband efforts and to take advantage of e-rate funding.

**\*Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority/City Redevelopment Committee (Councilman Chapman and Vice Mayor Wilson)**

Vice Mayor Wilson said the Committee met and had an interesting conversation around a few things, one of which is they are seeing some dramatic change in the tax credit market, which is the way they finance the affordable housing efforts. That's in large part to the expectations around corporate tax changes and other things, and that is changing the finances of these projects. Vice Mayor Wilson said Ramsey was delayed by a year, and that puts it in a later tax credit round, the costs are going to increase by \$700,000, and how that will be absorbed is still being worked out and there is a possibility that it will be back to talk about an increase to the loan. Vice Mayor Wilson said they also spoke about Resolution 830, and he and Councilman Chapman circulated to the redevelopment work group a draft of the process on how they look at Resolution 830, and that was well received by the Committee. He said if Council has any thoughts on the process, he asked that they let him and Councilman Chapman know.

Councilman Chapman said what they talked about was an earlier discussion about having a robust discussion on Resolution 830 and they are still at the early stages of figuring out how they find opportunity for everyone to have input on a huge signature piece of Council.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (5-6)**

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

5. Consideration of Designated General Services Administration (GSA) Central Business Areas.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 18, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 1/24/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Consideration of the Release of \$57,914 from Contingent Reserve for the Department of Community and Human Services to Support Oral Health Care for Indigent Residents.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 18, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 1/24/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Council removed items 5 and 6 from the consent calendar and considered them

under separate motions.

5. Consideration of Designated General Services Administration (GSA) Central Business Areas.

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There were comments from the City Council on the Central Business Areas.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Lovain, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adopted, for the purposes of Federal agency location decision making, the proposed boundaries for a Central Business Area in Alexandria, Virginia, as depicted in attachment 3 of the staff 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.

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Comments and questions were made by City Council on the funding for Neighborhood Health and the Dental Clinic and that they are working well together. Ms. Garvey, Director, Community and Human Services, responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Lovain, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the release of \$57,914 from the FY 2017 Contingent Reserves to the Department of Community and Human Services for subsidized oral health care provided by the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic. 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**

7. Consideration of an Update on the 2017 General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 23, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 1/24/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

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

**WHEREUPON**, a motion was made by Councilman Smedberg and seconded by Councilwoman Pepper, that City Council approve the legislative positions included in

attachment 2 of the staff report (recommended positions on bills of importance to the City) as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee.

**WHEREUPON**, an amendment was made by Vice Mayor Wilson to take no position on House Bill 1633, which provides for being guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor for driving while distracted and caused a series physical injury to a vulnerable road user.

After discussion, Vice Mayor Wilson withdrew his amendment.

The motion for adoption of the legislative positions 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.

8. Update on the Proposed FY 2017 to FY 2022 City Strategic Plan Prior to the Public Hearing and Adoption.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 18, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 1/24/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, along with Mr. Useem, Chief Performance Officer, Office of Performance and Accountability, Ms. Schrier, Office of Performance and Accountability, and Ms. Mohan, Planning and Zoning, made a presentation of the staff report and they responded to questions of City Council concerning specific items in the Plan. City Council made suggestions for wording for the plan, which will be adopted on January 28.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Bailey and carried unanimously, City Council received the revised Final Draft FY 2022 City Strategic Plan and set it for public hearing and adoption on January 28, 2017. 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.

9. Discussion of the Draft FY 2018 Interdepartmental Long Range Planning Work Program.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 18, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 1/24/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, along with Ms. Beach, Planning and Zoning, and Ms. Mohan, Planning and Zoning, made a presentation of the staff report and they responded to questions of City Council about the work program.

City Council provided preliminary feedback on the proposed planning priorities for FY 2018.

10. Consideration of a Resolution Endorsing the Vision Zero Concept and Instructing the City Manager to Develop an Action Plan for Future Consideration by Council. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 18, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 1/24/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Sanders, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, along with Mr. Hayhurst, Complete Streets Coordinator, Transportation and Environmental Services, Mr. Sindiong, Acting Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services, and Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, made a presentation of the staff report and they responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the Vision Zero resolution. 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. 2757

A RESOLUTION endorsing Vision Zero, for the City of Alexandria  
To achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on Alexandria streets by 2028

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are among the leading cause of deaths and injuries in the world, the United States, and the City; and

WHEREAS, death and injury on our streets is unacceptable and serious crashes are preventable; and

WHEREAS, traffic deaths and serious injuries in the United States have disproportionately impacted people of color, low-income households, older adults and youth, people with disabilities, people with limited English proficiency, and households with limited vehicle access; and

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily for maximum vehicular capacity and mobility, rather than the safe accommodation of all modes and users; and

WHEREAS, the city's Strategic Goals include protecting the safety, health and security of its residents, businesses, employees and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides a framework for reducing traffic deaths and serious injuries to zero, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero focuses on safety as a primary objective for our transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted an amendment to the Transportation Master Plan that includes a strategy to evaluate traffic deaths and develop a Vision Zero program that outlines

the framework, budget and staffing needed to work towards eliminating pedestrian and bicycle related deaths and serious injuries in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, successful Vision Zero programs are a result of both a complete government approach (i.e. interdepartmental, coordinated initiatives) and community support of Vision Zero objectives and action plan;

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

1. The City of Alexandria hereby adopts a goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2028; and endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving this goal.
  2. The City Council directs the City Manager to form an interdepartmental working group to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan for future consideration by Council, based upon a comprehensive analysis of traffic deaths and injuries in Alexandria, which would identify associated funding needed for the City to reach the goal of zero deaths and serious injuries by 2028.
  3. The City Council directs the City Manager to ensure that the Vision Zero Action Plan addresses the inequity in traffic deaths and serious injuries through a combination of equitable engineering, enforcement, education, and evaluation.
  4. The City Council directs the City Manager to engage the community in the development and implementation of a Vision Zero Action Plan.
  5. The City Council directs staff to provide an annual report on implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan including progress toward eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2028.
  6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
11. Oral Report on FY 2018 Major Budget Pressures: School Operating and School Capital Improvement Program.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation dated January 18, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 1/24/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget, made a presentation of the report on the major budget pressures, school operating and school CIP and he, along with Mr. Jinks, City Manager, responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council received the oral 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.

## ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Councilmember Lovain spoke of the articles he read this weekend about various ways cities, states and localities can help citizens combat possible deportation initiatives by the Federal government. He said that California and New York are subsidizing legal representation for their residents. Councilmember Lovain said an undocumented individual who has legal representation has a five times greater chance of defeating deportation than someone who is representing themselves. Councilmember Lovain said the thought occurred to him that perhaps there are ways to facilitate, coordinate and match up residents who may be facing these kinds of troubles with attorneys who would be willing and able to help them.

Mr. Banks, City Attorney, said his office works with the Department of Community and Human Services and immigration lawyers, and he will work to further expand their resources and list of lawyers who are able to do this type of work. He said he would expand the referral list for those in the community who need it.

Mayor Silberberg said that last week she attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors and she gets best practices from across the country. She said she attended a meeting on immigration reform, and it considered a proposed emergency resolution of the U.S. Conference of Mayors regarding immigration reform. They are calling on Congress and the Administration to continue programs that protect the temporary status of Dreamers, the young people who came to the country as children, as well as continuation of programs that protect families, to fix the broken immigration system.

2. Mayor Silberberg said the conversations at the U.S. Conference of Mayors ranged from aging in America, water, transportation, drug and substance abuse and mental health issues. She said the Mayor of New York has been supportive of the First Lady of New York City who initiated a program called Cities Thrive Coalition, to advocate for mental health reform, which she signed onto on behalf of the City. The most recent initiative was a letter to Congress asking them not to destroy the Affordable Care Act. In addition, they advocated for mental health reform and urged Congress to pass the Cures Act, which Congress passed and President Obama signed.

3. Mayor Silberberg noted that the Taco Bell proposal on the Saturday, January 28 docket has been deferred to the February 25 public hearing meeting.

Councilman Smedberg said that in the past, these things come up where the Mayors have signed on to things. He said there are times when it's been a little awkward, as there seems to be a commitment to do something. He said if there is anything that puts them in a position that they are expected to do something, they may want to have a process in place. He said they need to be careful when signing onto things.

Mr. Jinks, City Manager, said that when these type of resolutions come forward, the City staff vets them for consistency with City policy and for spending money.

4. Vice Mayor Wilson said that in 2013, Governor McDonnell convened a committee to look at the impacts of sequester and how the Commonwealth would react to the challenges of sequester. There has been a lot of talk about the transition of the new administration and the impacts. Vice Mayor Wilson said the sequester was \$1 trillion in cuts over a decade, and the



budget blueprints that are being talked about right now are \$1 trillion per year. This is dramatic and is a threat to the entire region. In a region that has one of the highest percentages of Federal employees, it is one of the most significant threats they face as a region, for job growth, the residential market, and rating downgrades across the region. Vice Mayor Wilson said that as they go into a budget process, there needs to be a whole new emergency plan that the City has to look at. He said the threat to the economy of this region hasn't been talked about enough, and they are very much in the cross-hairs. As it goes into the budget process, there needs to be an emergency plan to be looked at. The threat to the economy of the region hasn't been talked about enough and they have to come up with an emergency plan on how to address it.

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

None.

## **OTHER**

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

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 18, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 1/24/17, 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 adopted 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.

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

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council went into closed meeting 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 personnel 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 11:00 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 pertaining to the closed executive session. 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. 2758

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 24th day of January 2017, 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 legislative meeting of January 24, 2017, was adjourned at 11:01 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