

**City of Alexandria**  
**City Council Legislative Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**

\*\*\*\*\*

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; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Fire Chief Dube; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. McLlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Keeler, Division Chief, Office of Housing; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Mr. Page, Real Estate Assessor; Mr. Bandy, Assistant Real Estate Assessor; Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director, City Manager's Office; Police Capt. Andreas; Mr. Hossain, 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 the members of Council were present, with Vice Mayor Wilson arriving at 7:04 p.m.

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 Meetings of City Council:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2017; and  
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2017.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of January 24, 2017 and the public hearing meeting minutes of January 28, 2017. 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.

4. Introduction of the New DASH General Manager Josh Baker.

City Council introduced and welcomed the new DASH General Manager Josh Baker.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring March 11, 2017 as Cherry Blossom Ball Day.

(A copy of the proclamation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

6. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of February as George Washington Birthday Celebration Month.

(A copy of the proclamation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Lovain, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

7. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of March as Irish American Heritage Month and March 4, 2017 as St. Patrick's Day Parade Day.

(A copy of the proclamation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. 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.

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

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 13, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7(a); 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Caton, Legislative Director, gave an update on the General Assembly Session and responded to questions from Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the legislative positions included in Attachment 2 (Recommended Positions on Bills on Importance to the City), as recommended by Council's Legislative Subcommittee; and (2) supported Senate budget amendments that would: (a) increase State funding for Project Discovery (and oppose a House amendment that would reduce such funding), and (b) increase State payments for teacher salaries by 2 percent in FY18. 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**

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

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the Quality of Life Committee had a follow-up discussion on traffic safety as it relates to the VISION ZERO project and the communication component related to traffic enforcement called High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) and the greater role that enforcement will play in the initiative. Vice Mayor Wilson stated that conversations with the new police chief will focus on opportunities for expanding enforcement and visibility.

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the Commonwealth's Attorney noted the increasing difficulty his office is having in gaining witness cooperation, particularly in high profile cases. Vice Mayor Wilson noted that the Commonwealth's Attorney pointed out some programmatic options that other jurisdictions use that might help with witness cooperation that his office is reviewing.

Vice Mayor Wilson stated that there was a presentation on opioid treatment and the responsiveness and challenges the program is experiencing because of increased need. Vice Mayor Wilson also stated that there would need to be some conversations during the budgeting process that might help address these challenges.

Mayor Silberberg noted that the City of Alexandria has an advanced and proactive approach to opioid treatment and strives to reach as many people in need as possible.

### **\*Alexandria Long Range Educational Facilities (Vice Mayor Wilson)**

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the first meeting of the second phase of the Long Range Education Facilities Work Group to address school capacity issues was focused on Early Education and High Schools. Vice Mayor Wilson noted that the two issues are very different issues that require different approaches, with the early education portion desiring to integrate the significant amount of work already done by the group into the capacity conversation and the high school portion will be more extensive. Both phases will have a stakeholders/community engagement session in April to gain input from the community. Vice Mayor Wilson stated that the goal of the group is to have a phase two plan to Council for

consideration by June, no later than September.

Vice Mayor Wilson noted that the work group also would like to validate the enrollment projection methodology they have been using for the past several years.

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

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the Work Group received an update on the 106 Process/Historic Preservation process for Ramsey Homes and he noted that a mitigation report will be forthcoming very soon detailing the historic preservation plan for the property. Vice Mayor Wilson noted that Council would be considering a loan request later on the docket for the Ramsey Homes project.

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that there was a community meeting for the RFP process for the remaining properties in the ARHA portfolio, with the focus of the meeting being the redevelopment of the Adkins property.

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the work group had a detailed conversation on the replacement units that ARHA is required to bring forth with each plan and how these units will be sequenced. Vice Mayor Wilson noted that the hope was to have these units in place before they are needed and that they meet the requirements of Resolution 830. ARHA is in the process of acquiring more properties and there was an emphasis from the group that City staff be included in the discussion.

Vice Mayor Wilson stated that the group discussed the process for modernization of Resolution 830 (the commitment for one for one replacement of public housing units) and they noted the desire to include non-public housing, affordable housing units acquired by the City, and the affordable housing units created from nonprofits and through preservation goals. Vice Mayor Wilson pointed out that the work group reached a consensus on the framework for this effort and staff was directed to work together to finalize the community engagement process for the final framework.

**\*Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg mentioned the ceremony held at the Braddock Road station for those who assisted in saving a passenger at that station.

Councilman Smedberg reported that the Virginia General Assembly passed the safety commission resolution required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for funding the system. Councilman Smedberg noted that the FTA would be withholding 5% of the funding until the Maryland General Assembly passed the resolution.

Councilman Smedberg reported that the WMATA Board is planning to have a strategic planning retreat in a couple of months.

Councilman Smedberg reported that the current work of the SafeTrack initiative is having a major impact on the City with no service on the blue line from Rosslyn to the Pentagon. Councilman Smedberg noted that the Back to Good Program is also working to get

WMATA's fiscal management, safety, station improvements and other maintenance "back to good" for the system.

Councilman Smedberg stated that there was a lengthy budget discussion at the board meeting with the revisions to the budget for WMATA coming from the General Manager and the board is working toward a compromise.

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

Councilman Smedberg reported that it was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for the system. Councilman Smedberg stated that VRE was seeking to expand into portions of western Fairfax and Prince William County, mainly the vicinity of Broad Run and Gainesville.

Councilman Smedberg stated that he was elected chairman at the last meeting.

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

Councilman Smedberg stated that the Commission discussed budget, transportation and transit issues at the monthly meeting held in Richmond.

**\*Council of Governments Region Forward Committee (Councilmember Lovain)**

Councilmember Lovain reported that there was a presentation about Global Cities Initiative and how to get more exports out of the Metropolitan region. Councilmember Lovain also reported on a study conducted by American University that was an ongoing analysis of millennials in the Metropolitan region, noting that housing affordability was a big concern for millennials, especially those wanting to live in Alexandria.

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

Councilmember Lovain reported that the TPB focused on the ongoing effort to develop a regional transportation plan that includes future projects as well as those that are currently funded. Councilmember Lovain stated that State and local Departments of Transportation were worried that there will be a new set of metrics to be met for approval of projects.

**\*Northern Virginia Regional Commission (Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Bailey)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported that the Commission held two meetings, the monthly meeting and a retreat. Councilwoman Pepper stated that at the monthly meeting Alan Cohen from Audi USA spoke about electric cars and how the public and private sectors need to work together to accommodate the impending need for car charging stations, as the need will increase in the near future. Councilwoman Pepper also noted that Volkswagen has a significant settlement against them for an emission violation that many jurisdictions, including those in Northern Virginia, are working to obtaining funding from to setup charging stations. Councilwoman Pepper also stated that Dr. Scott Ralls, president of Northern Virginia Community College, spoke at the retreat about training for the technology jobs that in the region and how the college is working to help students get the necessary certifications to fill these jobs.

Councilman Bailey reported that Dr. Ralls stated that Northern Virginia Community College is offering college courses for high school students to take advantage of the technology training.

Councilwoman Pepper distributed booklets on Virginia law and safety tips that she received at a previous NVRC meeting.

**\*Commission on Aging (Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported that the new General Manager of DASH was introduced at the last meeting of the Commission on Aging. Councilwoman Pepper also reported that many of the suggestions from the Commission on Aging were incorporated in the City's recently approved Strategic Plan and that there were discussions about maintaining the services provided by the Office of Adult Services.

Councilwoman Pepper stated that the Senior Services Gala would be held on March 4, 2017 from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center.

**\*COG - Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper stated that at the January 21 meeting there was a discussion about the possible changes to environmental policies with the new administration. Councilwoman Pepper reported that Lisa Heinzerling, law professor from Georgetown, presented on the types of policy changes that may emerge from the new administration and how to address the changes. Councilwoman Pepper noted that there was also a discussion on electric cars and the Army Corps of Engineers presented information on coastal storm risk management study.

**\*INOVA Alexandria Hospital (Councilman Bailey and Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Bailey stated that there was an opioid treatment update at the work group meeting and he wanted to alert his colleagues about the public health issue opioid addiction was presenting to the community. Councilman Bailey stated that there would be more discussion about ways to increase treatment numbers and ways to make the program better.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CONSENT CALENDAR (8-15)**

**(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

8. Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
  - (a) Beautification Commission  
Cynthia Spoehr
  - (b) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee  
Michael Carrasco

- (c) Citizen Corps Council  
Anthony Barone
- (d) Commission for the Arts  
Betsy Henningan
- (e) Commission on Employment  
Iris Henley
- (f) Commission on HIV/AIDS  
Farima Camara  
Kannessia Jordan
- (g) Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
Robert Pasternack
- (h) Community Services Board  
Susan Thompson
- (i) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
Dennis Hensley  
Tom Soule
- (j) Public Health Advisory Commission  
Meredith Taylor

(A copy of the above resignations are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8(a-j); 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria-Can Sister City Committee  
2 Citizen Members
- (b) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee  
1 Representative of the City's Small Business Community, Including the Retail, Restaurant or Hospitality Sectors
- (c) Beautification Commission  
1 Citizen Member
- (d) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission  
1 Member Who Shall Be an ACPS Member, Identified by the Superintendent
- (e) Citizen Corps Council  
1 Representative of the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross
- (f) Community Services Board



1 Consumer Representative (Current or Former Direct Recipient of Public or Private Mental Health, Intellectual Disability, or Substance Abuse Treatment Rehabilitation Services) or Family Members (Immediate Family Member or the Principal Caregiver Who is Not Paid) of Consumer

- (g) Emergency Medical Services Council  
1 Citizen Member
- (h) Environmental Policy Commission  
1 Member from the Field of Urban Planning
- (i) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
1 Representative from the George Washington Masonic Memorial
- (j) Human Rights Commission  
1 Representative from the Commission on Persons with Disabilities
- (k) Public Health Advisory Commission  
1 Representative from the Neighborhood Health, Inc. Board of Directors,  
Nominated by the Board
- (l) Public Records Advisory Commission  
4 Citizen Members
- (m) Social Services Advisory Board  
1 Client Member
- (n) Virginia Railway Express  
1 Alternate City Council Representative
- (o) Waterfront Commission  
1 Park Planning District III Representative
- (p) Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
1 Citizen Member

(A copy of the above appointments are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9 (a-p); 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

10. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2016.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 8, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)



11. Consideration of a Renewal Grant to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for an Aggressive Driving/DUI Interdiction Program in FY 2018.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 8, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

12. Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between INOVA Alexandria Hospital and the City of Alexandria for FY 2017 and FY 2018.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 8, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

13. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Stormwater Local Assistance Fund for Up to \$670,000 for Lucky Run Stream Restoration.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 8, 2017, is on file in the Office of City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

#### **(Ordinances for Introduction)**

14. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Support of the City Government for Fiscal Year 2017.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 8, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 14; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 3 of Item No. 14; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

15. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Owners of the Property Located at 119 King Street to Construct and Maintain an Encroachment into the Public Sidewalk Right-of-way at That Location for a Retractable Awning.

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 05/12/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each Member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 15; 05/12/15, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket items #12 and #13, which were considered under separate motions. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

8. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Cynthia Spoehr, Beautification Commission; (b) Michael Carrasco, Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (c) Anthony Barone, Citizen Corps Council; (d) Betsy Henningan, Commission for the Arts; (e) Iris Henley, Commission on Employment; (f) Farima Camara and Kannessia Jordan, Commission on HIV/AIDS; (g) Robert Pasternack, Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (h) Susan Thompson, Community Services Board; (i) Dennis Hensley and Tom Soule, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; and (j) Meridith Taylor, Public Health Advisory Commission.

9. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) appointed Patrick Egan and Christan Johnson as the two citizen members to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) appointed Matthew McCarthy as the one representative of the City's small business community, including the retail, restaurant or hospitality sectors to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (c) appointed Dana Holmstrand as the one citizen member to the Beautification Commission; (d) appointed Julie Crawford as the one member who shall be an ACPS member, identified by the Superintendent, to the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (e) appointed Stephen Hornbeck as the representative of the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross to the Citizen Corps Council; (f) appointed Amy Syeda as the consumer (current or former direct recipient of public or private mental health, intellectual disability, or substance abuse treatment rehabilitation services) or family members (immediate family member or the principal caregiver who is not paid) of consumer to the Community Services Board; (g) reappointed Ellen McHugh as the citizen member to the Emergency Medical Services Council; (h) reappointed Jessica Lassetter as the member from the field of urban planning to the Environmental Policy Commission; (i) appointed Shawn Eyer as the representative from the George Washington Masonic Memorial to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (j) reappointed Tom Sachs as the representative from the Commission on Persons with Disabilities to the Human Rights Commission; (k) appointed Keith Hearle as the representative from the Neighborhood Health, Inc., Board of Directors, nominated by the Board, to the Public Health Advisory Committee; (l) appointed Monica St. Dennis, Emily Earl, John Hocker, and Jennifer Walsh as the four citizen members to the Public Records Advisory Commission; (m) appointed Mary Johnson as the client member to the Social Services Advisory Board; (n) appointed Councilmember Timothy Lovain as the alternate City Council representative to the Virginia Railway Express (term coincides with term on Council); (o) appointed Frank Cole as the Park Planning District III representative to the Waterfront Commission; and (p) appointed Katie Filous as the citizen member to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

10. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.

11. City Council: (1) approved the grant application to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the amount of \$30,375, which will provide funds to the Police Department to operate a DUI/aggressive driving interdiction program in the City; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

14. City Council passed the proposed ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on February 25, 2017.

15. City Council passed the proposed ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on February 25, 2017.

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.

12. Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between INOVA Alexandria Hospital and the City of Alexandria for FY 2017 and FY 2018.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 8, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Vice Mayor Wilson thanked INOVA Alexandria Hospital and City staff for bringing this agreement for consideration and he stated that the relationship between the City and the hospital continues to evolve in a positive manner. The agreement assigns a niche for the City's investment and provides some accountability for the investment.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the Memorandum of Agreement between INOVA Alexandria Hospital and the City of Alexandria; and (2) authorized the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). 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.

13. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Stormwater Local Assistance Fund for Up to \$670,000 for Lucky Run Stream Restoration.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 8, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No 13; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Vice Mayor Wilson stated that the property for stormwater work is on private property and he expressed concerns to his colleagues and to staff about how the public investment will be protected by working with the land owner, how it will impact the forthcoming stormwater utility fee, and the need for a policy for public/private partnerships on this matter.

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

and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the submission of the \$670,000 grant application to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality due February 17, 2017 to restore Lucky Run and generate pollution reduction credits towards meeting the City's Chesapeake Bay water quality compliance mandates; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required. 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.

\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Silberberg thanked the protesters in the audience for coming and she stated that their concerns regarding sanctuary cities are noted. Mayor Silberberg pointed out that Alexandria, while not a sanctuary city, is an inclusive city and she read from the City's inclusive statement.

\*\*\*\*\*

## CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

16. Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force  
1 Citizen Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Steven Berbeco  
Steven Jansen  
Fidel Medina  
Jennifer O'Brien  
Avishek Panth  
Kristopher Smith  
Sosina Woldesenbet

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council waived the residency requirement and reappointed Steven Janson as the citizen member to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force. The vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	Jansen
Wilson	-	Medina
Bailey	-	Jansen
Chapman	-	Jansen
Lovain	-	Jansen
Pepper	-	Jansen
Smedberg	-	Jansen

17. Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority  
1 Citizen Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Anitra Androh  
Matthew Duckery  
Anthony Lowe  
Christy Zeitz

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Anitra Androh as the citizen member to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	Androh
Wilson	-	Androh
Bailey	-	Androh
Chapman	-	Androh
Lovain	-	Androh
Pepper	-	Androh
Smedberg	-	Androh

18. Alexandria Transportation Commission  
1 Citizen Member That Resides East of Quaker Lane and Shall Be a Resident of the City Possessing Qualification in Land Use, Transportation and/or Municipal Finance

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Christopher Coy  
Jerry King  
Barbara Marvin

Kendra Martello  
Judy Coleman

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Jerry King as the citizen member that resides east of Quaker Lane and shall be a resident of the City possessing qualifications in land use, transportation and/or municipal finance to the Alexandria Transportation Commission. The

vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	King
Wilson	-	King
Bailey	-	King
Chapman	-	King
Lovain	-	King
Pepper	-	King
Smedberg	-	King

19. Board of Zoning Appeals  
2 Citizen Members

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Jonathan Buono  
William Kruse  
Joseph Montanye  
Daniel Poretz

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Jonathan Buono and appointed Daniel Poretz as the two citizen members to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	Buono, Poretz
Wilson	-	Buono, Poretz
Bailey	-	Buono, Poretz
Chapman	-	Buono, Poretz
Lovain	-	Buono, Poretz
Pepper	-	Buono, Poretz
Smedberg	-	Buono, Poretz

20. Commission for the Arts  
1 Member Who Shall Have Expertise in the Arts, Including, But Not Limited To, Arts Educators, Professional Practitioners of Various Art Disciplines and Professional Administrators Working the Arts

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Sara Lavan  
Katherine Markoski

Allison Shearer  
Regan Spurlock

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Sara Lavan as the one member who shall have expertise in the arts, including, but not limited to, arts educators, professional practitioners of various art disciplines and professional administrators working the arts to the Commission for the Arts. The vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	Lavan
Wilson	-	Lavan
Bailey	-	Markoski
Chapman	-	Markoski
Lovain	-	Lavan
Pepper	-	Spurlock
Smedberg	-	Lavan

21. Commission on Aging  
1 Citizen Member (60+ Years of Age or Older)

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME: ENDORSED BY:

Frances Hazlewood  
Patrick Killeen

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Patrick Killeen as the citizen member (60+ years of age or older) to the Commission on Aging. The vote was follows:

Silberberg	-	Killeen
Wilson	-	Killeen
Bailey	-	Killeen
Chapman	-	Killeen
Lovain	-	Killeen
Pepper	-	Killeen
Smedberg	-	Killeen

22. Commission on HIV/AIDS  
1 Member From and Representing an HIV/AIDS Service Organization Which



Provides Services in the City to the Minority Community

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Andrew Torre

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council waived the residency requirement and appointed Andrew Torre as the member from and representing an HIV/AIDS service organization which provides services in the City to the minority community to the Commission on HIV/AIDS. The vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	Torre
Wilson	-	Torre
Bailey	-	Torre
Chapman	-	Torre
Lovain	-	Torre
Pepper	-	Torre
Smedberg	-	Torre

23. Environmental Policy Commission  
1 Citizen Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Ricardo Alfaro  
Jordan Eccles  
James Freeman  
Emily Hammond  
Reid Sherman

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 23; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Reid Sherman as the citizen member to the Environmental Policy Commission. The vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	Hammond
Wilson	-	Sherman

Bailey	-	Alfaro
Chapman	-	Alfaro
Lovain	-	Sherman
Pepper	-	Sherman
Smedberg	-	Sherman

24. Library Board  
2 Citizen Members

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:	ENDORSED BY:
Katie Duffy	
Trudi Hahn	Patricia Evans
Glenn Kantz	
Kathleen Schloeder	Helen Desfosses
	Charles Ziegler
	William Wisniewski
	Anne Caputo
	Patricia Evans

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 24; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Trudi Hahn and reappointed Kathleen Schloeder as the two citizen members to the Library Board. The vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	Hahn, Schloeder
Wilson	-	Hahn, Schloeder
Bailey	-	Hahn, Schloeder
Chapman	-	Hahn, Schloeder
Lovain	-	Hahn, Schloeder
Pepper	-	Hahn, Schloeder
Smedberg	-	Hahn, Schloeder

25. Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority  
1 Citizen Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:	ENDORSED BY:
Bethany Fisher	
Kristin Gilbertson	
Scott Price	
Elizabeth Walker	

Ryan Werner

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 25; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Scott Price as the citizen member to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. The vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	Price
Wilson	-	Price
Bailey	-	Price
Chapman	-	Price
Lovain	-	Price
Pepper	-	Price
Smedberg	-	Price

26. Planning Commission  
3 Citizen Members

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:

ENDORSED BY:

Lyndsey Ciouatre  
Doug Hibshman  
Martin Jennings  
Melinda Lyle  
Nathan Macek  
Vicente Mantero  
Darwin Mesadieu  
Joy Pochatila  
Patricia Sanders  
Natalie Talis  
Christopher Traci  
Maria Wasowski

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 26; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Melinda Lyle, Nathan Macek, and Maria Wasowski as the three citizen members to the Planning Commission. The vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	Lyle, Macek, Wasowski
Wilson	-	Lyle, Macek, Wasowski

Bailey	-	Lyle, Macek, Wasowski
Chapman	-	Lyle, Macek, Wasowski
Lovain	-	Lyle, Macek, Wasowski
Pepper	-	Lyle, Macek, Wasowski
Smedberg	-	Lyle, Macek, Wasowski

27. Public Health Advisory Commission

1 Citizen Member Who Shall Be a Health Professional and at the Time of Appointment Derive, or Within the Previous Five Years Derived, Their Principal Income from Providing Health Care, Health Services or Health Related Activities

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:	ENDORSED BY:
-------	--------------

Cheryl Davis  
 Lauren Dodds  
 Dana Hines  
 Katie Horton  
 Erica McBride  
 Katya Wanzer

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 27; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Katya Wanzer as the citizen member who shall be a health professional and at the time of appointment, or within the previous five years derived, their principal income from providing health care, health services or health related activities to the Public Health Advisory Commission. The vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	Wanzer
Wilson	-	Wanzer
Bailey	-	Wanzer
Chapman	-	Wanzer
Lovain	-	Horton
Pepper	-	Wanzer
Smedberg	-	Wanzer

28. Urban Design Advisory Committee

1 Representative of the Old Town North Business Community

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME:	ENDORSED BY:
-------	--------------

Stephen Kulinski  
 Daniel Straub

(Material pertaining to the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 28; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council waived the residency requirement and reappointed Stephen Kulinski as the representative of the Old Town North business community to the Urban Design Advisory Committee. The vote was as follows:

Silberberg	-	Kulinski
Wilson	-	Kulinski
Bailey	-	Kulinski
Chapman	-	Kulinski
Lovain	-	Kulinski
Pepper	-	Kulinski
Smedberg	-	Kulinski

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

29. Presentation by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) of \$6.0 Million to the City for Repayment of the City's Prior Glebe Park Loan to ARHA.

Mr. Priest, CEO of ARHA, and members from the ARHA Board, presented City Council with a check for the loan repayment for the Glebe Park loan from the City.

30. Consideration of the Calendar Year 2017 Real Property Assessments.

(A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 30; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Taylor, Director, Finance, Mr. Page, Real Estate Assessor, and Mr. Bandy, Assistant Real Estate Assessor, gave a presentation on real property assessment for calendar year 2017 and responded to questions from Council.

City Council received the report.

31. Oral Report of FY 2018 Revenue Overview.

(A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 31; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget, gave a presentation on FY2018 revenue overview and responded to questions from Council.

City Council received the report.

32. Consideration of a Request from the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) to Increase the Amount of the City Loan for the Redevelopment of Ramsey Homes to \$2 Million.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 8, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 32; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved a permanent loan to Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) of up to \$2.0 million for the redevelopment of Ramsey Homes which is to be funded from proceeds of ARHA's planned repayment of the City's \$5.0 million 2008 Glebe Park loan. 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.

33. Consideration of the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation's Plan to refinance and Renovate Lacy Court Apartments and to Support its Application for Competitive Tax Credits and Approval of a Resolution Designating Lacy Court Apartments sites a Revitalization Area. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 8, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 33; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council: (1) approved the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation's (AHDC) plan to refinance and renovate Lacy Court Apartments utilizing competitive tax credits; (2) approved a partial release of \$4.9 million in debt and accrued interest secured by an existing City loan in exchange for the City receiving an equity position through a future right of first option; (3) approved repayment of \$500,000 by AHDC when the renovation is complete; (4) approved provision of a grant of \$150,000 from the City to AHDC to fund a pilot rental subsidy program to create deep affordability for five units; (5) approved a resolution designating the Lacy Court Apartments sites a Revitalization Area pursuant to Section 36-55.30:2A of the Virginia Code (RES. NO. 2759); and (6) authorized the City Manager to execute documents related to the tax credit application and the refinancing plan. 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. 2759**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 36-55.30:2.A of the Code of the Virginia of 1950, as amended, the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, desires to designate the Site which will include the proposed Lacy Court Apartments as the area (the "Area") described on Exhibit A attached hereto, as a revitalization area;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Area will include a project to refinance and rehabilitate existing rental housing affordable to households at a range of incomes, from 30 to 60% of the Area Median Income, thereby creating a mixed income community within an amenity-rich neighborhood (Del Ray) that has seen a significant amount of commercial and market rate residential redevelopment over the past decade.

**WHEREAS**, the Area, if not rehabilitated, is likely to deteriorate by reason that the buildings are subject to obsolescence due to the property's age and condition, and private enterprise and investment are not reasonably expected, without assistance, to preserve and rehabilitate decent, safe and sanitary housing and supporting facilities that will meet the needs of low and moderate income persons and families in such area and induce other persons and families to live within such area and thereby create a desirable economic mix of residents in such area.

**WHEREAS**, the affordable housing preservation and rehabilitation proposed in this Area would not be economically feasible without the provision of federal low income housing tax credits and significant City investment at advantageous rates and terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rehabilitation will continue to provide a critical source of affordable housing for current and future low and moderate income residents at a range of incomes whose tenancy and local employment is essential to the Area's future economic development and sustainability, as well as to the City's strategic plan goal of maintaining neighborhoods that are diverse, inclusive and true mixed income communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY DETERMINED** as follows:

- (1) The Area is blighted, deteriorated, deteriorating or, if not rehabilitated, likely to deteriorate by reason that the buildings are obsolescent; and
- (2) private enterprise and investment are not reasonably expected, without assistance, to produce the rehabilitation of decent, safe and sanitary housing and supporting facilities that will meet the needs of low and moderate income persons and families in the Area and will induce other persons and families to live within the Area and thereby create a desirable economic mix residents in the Area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 36-55.30:2.A of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended, the Area is hereby designated as a revitalization area.

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

(1) Mayor Silberberg reported that the Sheriff's Department recently hosted an event that brought together many different City entities and organizations including the Department of Community and Human Services, Northern Virginia Community College, Neighborhood Health, Legal Services of Northern Virginia and other nonprofits and companies, to help the inmates find opportunities as they transition back into society.

(2) Mayor Silberberg reported that Jim Curry, a resident of the Alexandria portion of Fairfax County, donated an historic newspaper from 1812 to the Office of Historic Alexandria



(OHA) and Mr. Mallamo, Director, of OHA, will be placing the copy of the Alexandria Herald in the City's special collections.

(3) Mayor Silberberg thanked the staff of the Library Services, particularly Patricia Walker, who helped the North Ridge Citizens' Association preserve their records dating back to the 1940s and she noted that the records are now part of the Alexandria Library system. Mayor Silberberg noted that the North Ridge Citizens' Association also thanked the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Fire Department for their help with the fire station.

(4) Mayor Silberberg noted that the libraries are accepting books to either be added to the collection for circulation or to be sold at the annual book sale to raise money for support of the libraries throughout the City.

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

None.

## **OTHER**

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

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 8, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 34; 02/14/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the updated Council Schedule which includes: the 37th Annual Salute to Women Awards which is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (600 Dulaney Street), and (2) approved the 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.

### **35. Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding a Personnel Matter.**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council convened in closed executive session at 10:07 p.m., to discuss the recruitment and appointment of a Council appointee; specifically, the process by which the replacement for an appointee of Council (who has announced the intent to retire) will be recruited and appointed; pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia. 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, City Council reconvened the meeting at 10:27 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 pertaining to the closed 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. 2760**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 14th day of February 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.

\*\*\*\*\*

**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 February 14, 2017 was adjourned at 10:28 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.

\*\*\*\*\*

APPROVED BY:

---

ALLISON SILBERBERG    MAYOR

ATTEST:

---

Gloria Sitton, Deputy City Clerk