

**City of Alexandria  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council Legislative Meeting  
Council Chambers  
Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Allison Silberberg, Vice Mayor Justin M. Wilson and Members of Council Willie Bailey, John Taylor Chapman, Timothy B. Lovain, 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. Taylor, Director, Office of Finance; Mr. Caton, Legislative Director; and Mr. Skrabak, Transportation and Environmental 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. (Councilmembers Chapman, Lovain and Pepper arrived after the calling of the roll.)

2. Closed Meeting.

6:00 P.M. - Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding a Personnel Matter and for Consideration of the Acquisition of Land for a Public Purpose and the Investment of Public Funds Where Competition or Bargaining is Involved.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried 4-0, City Council went into closed meeting to discuss the recruitment and appointment of a Council appointee, to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and to discuss the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, specifically, the process by which the replacement for an appointee of Council who has announced the intent to retire will be recruited and appointed, the acquisition of real property in support of a transportation infrastructure project. and to discuss the possible investment of public resources to support two specific economic development opportunities, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(1), (3) and (6) of the *Code of Virginia*. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none. (Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain and Councilwoman Pepper were absent for the vote but joined Council in closed meeting.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:15 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 that was previously circulated. 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. 2761

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 28th 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.

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2017; and  
The Special Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2017.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of February 14, 2017 and the special meeting minutes of February 21, 2017, with a note of correction from Mayor Silberberg in the February 14 minutes to correct the spelling of the name of Jim Currie. 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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Mayor Silberberg noted that Ms. Henderson, City Clerk and Clerk of Council, has submitted her intent to retire effective June 30, 2017.

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

### **\* COG Public Safety Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman noted that the Public Safety Committee met and they did a broad overview of what the committee's main priorities will be in the different human services and public safety areas. They will look at priorities for the region. During the meeting, a key point of conversation was immigration policies that had just come out of the White House and how those affected local communities. One of the highlights of the meeting was to hear the public safety report from Chief Dube, who was representing the City but is chair of the Fire Chief's Committee, and he spoke of the regional opioid and substance abuse summit that is coming up March 9, which will feature D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and Governors Hogan and McAuliffe to speak of the opioid addiction problem.

### **\* VML Federal Advocacy Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman said the Committee was put together by VML, and the Committee met to organize themselves and to direct VML staff to connect them with Federal representatives. He said they will meet during the National League of Cities Conference. He said he will have more to report in the future on the Committee.

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

Mayor Silberberg said the Subcommittee met and had a good discussion. She said they have never done this before as a city, but there is a preschool information fair March 1 and March 8, and this is a way for folks to figure out all the different preschool programs in the City. Mayor Silberberg said it is a collaboration between the City, ALIVE, ACPS, Child and Family Network Centers, Creative Playschool, and the Campagna Center.

Vice Mayor Wilson said the Subcommittee had a discussion around the long-range educational facilities phase 2, high school and preschool, and there is a committee meeting coming up, with an idea to close out phase 2 by the time Council recesses in June. Vice Mayor Wilson said they will also be reconfirming enrollment growth and methodologies. They had an update on the Parker-Gray stadium upgrades that are being contemplated by the Schools, and it will probably come to council in the Fall as a land use application. Some of that is budget dependent. Vice Mayor Wilson said there was discussion on the Patrick Henry budget transfers and the overall budget and the types of communication opportunities they have in the future to prevent some of the surprises that have occurred. There was a conversation about Beauregard and continuing the process of having that considered. Building on both of those, they had discussions on a useful process, which is to put together a roadmap for how to govern how they do redevelopment projects for the schools. Vice Mayor Wilson said they had an update on where they stand on the joint effort for after school and are making a fair amount of progress on that. He said the joint fleet services RFP also went out this week, so they are soliciting for joint fleet services plan. He said they talked about the potential school enrollment impacts of some of the public housing redevelopments to make sure the Schools are involved in that conversation with ARHA.

### **\* VRE (Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg said the VRE approved and is moving forward in conjunction with the State and the host railroads for grants and project coordination for the Long Bridge and Fourth Track project, and they did not have a formal presentation but will soon have something that will look at service expansion to Broad Run/Gainesville/Haymarket. Councilman Smedberg said they had a report from the DRPT on VRE on the economic value and what the service means to the region, and the number of miles of highways that would need to exist if VRE did not exist. He said he would make the report available.

**\* METRO (Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg said that at the last meeting, it had a long Finance Committee meeting where it discussed aspects of the budget that they had further refinement on from the General Manager, finance staff and the CFO. The picture is not great. They as an organization and a region need to have serious discussions on how to move forward to make METRO financially sustainable. There are tough choices ahead and they are building consensus on the budget and hope to have something at the end of March. Councilman Smedberg said he would keep Council and the City Manager updated. There will be a special safety committee meeting on March 13 in connection with the EPTA meeting in Washington. They are finalizing a date for an all-day board retreat in April or May. Councilman Smedberg said they are moving forward on annual reviews for the general manager, inspector general and clerk of the board.

Mayor Silberberg said Metrorail Surge #13 will run from March 4 to April 9 and it will have a huge impact on Alexandria. She said she will be at a press conference on Wednesday with General Manager Mr. Wiedefeld at the Huntington Metro Station.

**\* Library Board (Councilman Bailey)**

Councilman Bailey said that for the Library Board, by March the staff will have completely integrated the Law Library's holdings into the on-line catalogue, and there are approximately 20,000 items that had to be catalogued. He said that visits to the Law Library have increased by 48 percent over the past year.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (5-6)**

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

5. Consideration of a Grant Application for up to \$18,000 to the American Council of Learned Societies for the Creation of a Website Focused on Archaeology and Historic Store Ledgers.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 22, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 2/28/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Consideration of Appointment of Representatives and Alternates to the City of Alexandria's Supplemental Retirement Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 22, 2017, is on file in the

Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 2/28/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adopted the consent calendar, as follows:

5. City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1. approve the application to the American Council of Learned Societies for a grant of up to \$18,000; 2. approved the acceptance of funds from ACLS for up to \$18,000, if the grant is approved; and 3. authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

6. City Council appointed the following individuals to the City of Alexandria's Supplemental Retirement Plan Board: Nathan Imm as a General Schedule representative; Philip Caldwell as a General Schedule Alternate; Charles Curia as a Medic/Fire Marshal Representative; and Nancy McFadden as a Medic/Fire Marshal Alternative.

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 a Final Update on the 2017 General Assembly Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 27, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 2/28/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Caton, Legislative Director, made a presentation of the staff report. Members of the General Assembly: Senator Barker, Senator Saslaw, Senator Ebbin, Delegate Herring and Delegate Levine, also spoke about issues of importance to them and the City, and they responded to questions and comments of City Council.

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

8. Proposed Amendments to the City's Debt-related Financial Policies.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 22, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 2/28/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Taylor, Director, Office of Finance, made a presentation of the staff report and she responded to questions of City Council.

City Council received the report on the debt-related policies.

9. Consideration of a Proposal to Reinstate the City's Parking Adjudication Office in City Hall.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 22, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 2/28/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Taylor, Director, Office of Finance, made a presentation of the staff report and she, along with Mr. Banks, City Attorney, responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council allocated \$40,000 from FY 2017 contingent reserves to reestablish a parking adjudication office. 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 said that before the meeting tonight, she attended the retirement party for Fran Bromberg in the Office of Historic Alexandria, noting that Ms. Bromberg has been with the City for almost 26 years.

2. Councilwoman Pepper noted that there are several people eligible for retirement in the Office of Historic Alexandria and it is sad as all of the workers have been extraordinary.

3. Mayor Silberberg said the OAR annual breakfast is tomorrow morning in Crystal City, and OAR does a tremendous job for those getting out of prison and helping them transition into society.

4. Mayor Silberberg said tomorrow night is a budget work session and the schedule of budget meetings is on the City's website.

5. Mayor Silberberg said this coming weekend is the St. Patrick's Day parade and there is a whole host of events related to that. She said Saturday morning is the dog show related to the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Market Square.

6. Mayor Silberberg said Senior Services will have its annual gala on Saturday night, March 4.

7. Mayor Silberberg said March 11 will be the Best Bib and Tucker Ball at Gadsby's Tavern to benefit the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society.

8. Councilman Chapman thanked staff for the Black Historic Month program this past Sunday, recognizing three individuals who served the City in the Park and Recreation Department: Lucky Elliott, Jackie Mason and Traverse Gray.

9. Councilman Bailey said he attended the Black History Event and the three individuals recognized worked for the City and coached recreational sports for 40 plus years.

10. Councilman Smedberg said mention was made earlier in the evening about the financial disclosure forms, and he said he had concern of the Council's forms being so readily available on the City's website because of the personal information on the forms.

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

None.

#### **OTHER**

10. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated February 22, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 2/28/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council: 1. received the updated Council schedule which includes the Volunteer Appreciation Day which is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Market Square; and 2. 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 CONTINUED (IF NEEDED)**

11. Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding a Personnel Matter and for Consideration of the Acquisition of Land for a Public Purpose and the Investment of Public Funds Where Competition or Bargaining is Involved.

The continuation of the closed meeting was not needed.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, the legislative meeting of February 28, 2017, was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

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ALLISON SILBERBERG      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson  
City Clerk and Clerk of Council