

**City of Alexandria  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council Legislative Meeting  
Council Chambers  
Tuesday, April 25, 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. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Orr, City Manager's Office; Mr. Useem, Office of Performance and Accountability; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Mr. Reed, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Sanders, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services; Ms. Taylor, Director, Office of Finance; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning; Mr. Farner, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning; Ms. ElGawish, Planning and Zoning; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; and Ms. Wedeles, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

Recorded by: Jacqueline M. Henderson, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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City Council held hold a work session on the preliminary add/delete budget list discussion of the budget from 6:00 p.m. to 7:40 p.m., in the City Council Chambers.

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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 April 4, 2017

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilmember Lovain, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the legislative meeting minutes of April 4, 2017, with the corrections as noted by Mayor Silberberg on page four to correct the spelling of the word “filing” to “filling” and to remove the words “the Quality of Life committee” and replace it with “the City.” The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

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

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

Mayor Silberberg said one of the issues discussed at the meeting was the quality of their lunch program, noting that 60 percent of students in Alexandria City Public Schools receive free or reduced meals. She said the Subcommittee heard from the person in charge of the food program at the schools and she explained her plan of action. Mayor Silberberg said she would follow-up with the schools on the plan.

Vice Mayor Wilson said they also had an update on the early childhood efforts and continuing progress around the joint direction on early childhood and an update on after school and how they get to a place where they have real policy recommendations to consider and the timeline for that. They had an update on the area of shared services – Information Technology - and both IT Directors spoke on broadband, CRM and Call Click Connect and how they might jointly procure and utilize that together. Vice Mayor Wilson also spoke about the joint municipal facilities planning and that process and how there was some calendar discussion around the Schools adopting their CIP in the Fall and they expressed calendar concerns if they have the joint facilities effort underway that it might delay their CIP.

In response to a question from City Council, Mr. Jinks, City Manager, said he would provide a memo on the initiative on the snow day conversation/days off from school and getting children meals when there is no school.

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

Vice Mayor Wilson said they are hitting the stride in the long range facilities phase II, which looks at high school and early childhood capacity, noting that they had two community meetings last week at John Adams and T.C. Williams to talk about early ed and high school, and they had okay attendance at both but very good input and interesting ideas. Vice Mayor Wilson said staff will work together to winnow those down and the committee will meet to go through those ideas.

### **\* WMATA (Councilman Smedberg)**

Councilman Smedberg said the General Manager made an announcement last week about what the system needs and on moving forward in the future and was focused on funding. Councilman Smedberg said they had an all-day retreat a week ago and are working with the Boston Consulting Group to address and review a whole host of issues

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

Councilman Smedberg said VRE is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will have a ceremony at the June meeting in Fredericksburg, which was the first station to see a train. They are also monitoring the takeover and new management of CSX and the agreement is up for renewal.

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

Councilman Smedberg said that tomorrow night they have their second governance committee meeting, which is the committee that has been put together along with state legislators and they are working to put together a report that the legislature will use in relation to Metro governance. They will also meet with Ray LaHood at the next meeting on the work with the two governors and the mayor of the District of Columbia.

**\* Transportation Commission (Councilmember Lovain)**

Councilmember Lovain spoke of the Vision Zero Summit that took place March 31 at George Washington University and it was extraordinary, noting that Mayor Bowser gave the keynote, Dr. Gridlock chaired a panel and they had great representatives from the Alexandria government, including Hillary Orr, Yon Lambert and Carrie Sanders, along with Melissa McMahon.

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

Councilmember Lovain spoke of Bike to Work Day on May 19, noting that they will have pit stops at Market Square, Del Ray, Carlyle and the Mark Center and he encouraged citizens to participate.

**\* Sister Cities Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman said the Sister Cities Committee will meet with him to talk about alignment and logistics with future sister cities and to speak about the financials of the committee and fundraising possibilities. They are looking to reenergize how they work with the sister cities. He said one of the things the Caen Sister Cities Committee is doing is interviewing students to go to Caen, France for the summer as part of the exchange program. Councilman Chapman said that for next year he will talk to Council about the Sister Cities Committee to host the state convention, and it is one where Alexandria would like to talk about what it does with the sister cities.

**\* Council of Governments Public Safety and Human Services Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman said the Committee met and had a number of individuals come from the Manassas Park, the Prince William County Police and the Virginia Legal Aide Justice Center talk about some of the issues surrounding immigration and public safety that communities have been talking about over the past several months. He said a lot of the jurisdictions are operating differently but they are discussing how to make it clear on community safety policy and that they are continuing to keep trust with all the communities within their jurisdictions. Councilman Chapman said communities are trying to make sure that they are not losing touch with their own communities and keeping a straightforward and open

door with the communities so they understand the laws and where they can support them. He said one of the outcomes was that a number of jurisdictions wanted to improve the regional information sharing and how the jurisdictions interact with Federal agencies.

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (4)**

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

4. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Health for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program for Children.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 19, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 4; 4/25/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

4. City Council authorized staff to: 1. submit the grant application (due May 26, 2017) to the Virginia Department of Health for United States Department of Agriculture for continued funding and an estimated reimbursement amount of \$138,000 for program expenses; 2. affirmed that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and 3. execute all necessary documents that may be required.

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.

### **ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (5)**

5. Consideration of a Resolution to Assume a Pro-Rata Share of the Peumansend Creek Regional Jail (PCRJ) Authority's Virginia Retirement System Plan Assets and Liabilities. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 19, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 4/25/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the roll-call consent calendar, as follows:

5. City Council passed the resolution to assume a pro-rata share of the Peumansend Creek Regional Jail (PCRJ) Authority's Plan Assets and Liabilities as of June 30, 2017, as one

of several multiple successor employers, contingent upon concurrence of assumption of the PCRJ Authorities Plan Assets and Liabilities by the City of Richmond, Caroline County, Prince William County and Loudoun County.

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. 2766

WHEREAS, in 1996, the City of Alexandria, Prince William County, the City of Richmond, Loudoun County, Arlington County, and Caroline County joined to form a regional jail authority to alleviate crowding at each respective jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the formation of the Authority was enabled by Public Law 102-25 and 102-484 that conveyed 150 acres at Fort A.P. Hill from the U.S. Department of the Army to Caroline County on the condition that Caroline County and at least three other jurisdictions named in the legislation construct and operate a regional correctional facility on the site; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, County Manager or County Executive of the member jurisdictions forms the Authority and the Authority employs a Superintendent who is responsible for the operation of the Jail; and

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction pays the per diem charge for the number of guaranteed beds set forth in the Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2014, the Alexandria City Council approved a resolution authorizing the withdrawal of membership and participation in the Peumansend Creek Regional Jail Authority, in accordance with Section 5.9 of the Service Agreement, effective June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, all other member jurisdictions also withdrew membership and participation in the PCRJ Authority, and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria desires to hold current active employees and retirees of the PCRJ Authority who are plan members under the Virginia Retirement System (VRS), as well as separated PCRJ Authority employees with prior VRS service credit, harmless upon dissolution of the PCRJ Authority on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council along with the other participating jurisdictions can protect the VRS benefits of said employees, retirees and separated employees with prior VRS service credit by assuming the role of one of multiple successor employers, with the exception of Arlington County who does not participate in the VRS; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby agree to assume a pro-rata share of the Peumansend Creek Regional Jail (PCRJ) Authority's plan assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2017, as one of multiple successor employers contingent

upon concurrence of such assumption of the PCRJ Authority's plan assets and liabilities by the City of Richmond, City of Alexandria, Caroline County and Loudoun County; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that, in lieu of participating as a successor employer under VRS rules; Arlington County is requested to make an appropriate financial contribution to the VRS account of the PCRJ Authority, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Alexandria's representatives on the board of the PCRJ Authority are requested and authorized to approve such actions as may be necessary to implement this Resolution.

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

### **6. Oral Report on the 2017 Resident Survey Results.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 19, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 4/25/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Useem, Chief Performance Officer, presented the results of the 2017 annual resident survey and he responded to questions of City Council.

City Council received the results of the 2017 Alexandria resident survey.

### **7. Consideration of the Recommendation from Ad Hoc Veterans Commission Advisory Group.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 19, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 4/25/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Orr, Special Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office, along with Mr. Gurka, member of the Advisory Group, made a presentation of the staff report and they, along with Ms. Corazza, Mr. Gurka and Mr. Wensing, members of the Advisory Group, responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Bailey and carried unanimously, City Council received the report from the Ad Hoc Veterans Commission Advisory Group, with the removal of the recommendation for a box on the board and commission application. 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. Consideration of Receipt of the Draft Amendment to City Code Section 10-4-8 to Allow for the Provision of an Exemption to the Existing 72-hour On-Street Parking Rule and Indicate Next Steps.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 19, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 4/25/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, along with Mr. Reed, Urban Planner, Transportation and Environmental Services, made a presentation of the staff report and they responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, a motion was made by Councilman Chapman and seconded by Councilmember Lovain, that City Council receive the report on potentially amending the existing 72-hour on-street parking rule and directed the City Manager to docket the ordinance for first reading consideration at Council's May 9, 2017 legislative meeting.

**A SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Councilman Smedberg to table the matter. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-1 and was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, Councilman Smedberg.

9. Work Session on the Old Town North Small Area Plan Update.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation dated April 19, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 4/25/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Wasowski, member of the Planning Commission, along with Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, Ms. Sanders, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, Mr. Farner, Deputy, Ms. ElGawish, Planning and Zoning, and Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning, made a presentation of the Old Town North Small Area Plan and they responded to questions of City Council.

City Council held the work session on the Old Town North Small Area Plan update.

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(Councilmember Lovain left the meeting at this time – 9:45 p.m.)

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10. Oral Report on Cameron Run Park Public Planning Process to Identify Potential Alternative Future Use(s) of the Cameron Run Regional Park Site Update.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation dated April 19, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 4/25/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Browand, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, along with Ms. Wedeles, Acting Principal Planner, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, made a presentation of the staff report and they responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Bailey and carried unanimously, City Council received the oral report on the Cameron Run Park

public planning process and to accept the recommendation of staff to change the schedule on when this is to come to Council. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none. (Councilmember Lovain was absent.)

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

1. Mayor Silberberg said tomorrow is the Public Safety Valor Awards put on by the Chamber of Commerce.

2. Mayor Silberberg said Thursday morning is the Business Philanthropy Summit.

3. Mayor Silberberg said Saturday is the annual Earth Day event at the Lenny Harris Field.

4. Mayor Silberberg said the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Gala is Saturday night.

5. Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilman Smedberg spoke about initiation of a text amendment for tattoo parlors, noting that it is a struggle for a tattoo parlor to find a location in Alexandria.

There was discussion among City Council about the initiation of the text amendment and Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, responded to questions of City Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council moved under Section 11-802 of the City's Zoning Code to initiate a text amendment to remove tattoo parlors from amusement enterprises and classify them as personal service establishments, asked staff to do analysis and bring it back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none. (Councilmember Lovain was absent.)

6. Councilman Smedberg spoke about the June City Council meetings and his concern with having a lot of items coming to Council in the last few meetings in June and having items overlooked, being rushed and the workflow.

There was discussion among City Council about upcoming City Council meetings.

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

Mr. Jinks reported on the following: 1. tomorrow the COG Board will receive the report on the dedicated source of funding from the city and county managers and the report is embargoed and will be released tomorrow afternoon; 2. Library Week was earlier this month and the City Libraries won an award for their new logo pin; and 3. he passed out a copy of the Strategic Plan, which is produced in magazine format.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

11. Consideration of a Resolution to Affirm Alexandria's Commitment to Complete its



Corrective Actions on Combined Sewer Outfalls by 2027. [ROLL-CALL VOTE] THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN BY STAFF.

This item was removed from the docket.

## OTHER

### 12. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 19, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 4/25/17, 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 adopted the Council schedule, as follows: 1. received the updated City Council Schedule which includes: the Alexandria Commission on Aging Annual Awards Ceremony and Reception, which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vola Lawson Lobby; the Fawcett-Reeder House Grand Opening Event at 517 Prince Street on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.; and 2. approved the Council schedule. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none. (Councilmember Lovain was absent.)

## CLOSED MEETING

### 13. Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation With Legal Counsel Regarding Actual or Pending Litigation.

City Council did not go into closed meeting.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried 6-0, the legislative meeting of April 25, 2017, was adjourned at 10:54 p.m. The voting was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none. (Councilmember Lovain was absent.)

APPROVED BY:

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ALLISON SILBERBERG    MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson  
City Clerk and Clerk of Council