

Jackie Henderson

From: Melynda Wilcox via Call.Click.Connect.
<CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2017 1:01 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #120990: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hello.
I am writing in regard to a coup

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- Name: Melynda Wilcox
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (703) 501-5087
- Email: melynda.wilcox@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello. I am writing in regard to a couple of items related to the 50-meter pool at Chinquapin. The first relates to a conversation with Jim Spengler at a AAA board meeting this week where he informed us that the \$4.5 million in the 2016-2017 budget that was allocated for the first phase of the new pool has been diverted to an economic development contingency fund. Up until this point when we've asked what would happen to those funds in light of the pool's removal from the budget, we were told that no decisions had been made. As the private sector partner, we had hoped that we might have some input into that decision and had even held out some unrealistic hope that the money could be used to improve overall aquatics or, at the very least, remain in the Parks and Recreation budget. It is disappointing once again to hear about these decisions after the fact. The interests of transparency in government are best served by keeping all parties informed of the decision-making process, and it is mystifying to me why city officials continue to choose to act in ways that defy any notion of a true partnership.

Second, I am hoping that you can answer an important question regarding the blue ribbon panel. What documents will be provided to the panel related to the condition of current aquatics facilities (2012 Councilman-Hunsaker study) and the feasibility for the 50-meter pool (2015 Hughes Group study)? In particular, will the panel be provided with the documents listed below as well as information about the process that was used to reduce the estimated cost of the pool by \$8 million, and the council's vote in 2016 to approve the project?

Thank you.

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/parks/AquaticsStudyExecutiveSummaryMay%202012.pdf>
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/parks/ChinquapinAquaticsFeasibility19Feb2015Memo.pdf>
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/parks/ChinquapinFeasibilityStudyMay2014.pdf>

- Expected Response Date: Monday, May 22

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From: Carol Downs via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 1:06 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #109404: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council November 10, 2016Dear Mayor Silberbe

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- Name: Carol Downs
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-0098
- Email: caroldowns2u@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: November 10, 2016

Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice-Mayor Wilson and City Council Members,

On behalf of the Alexandria Commission on Aging, I am pleased to inform you that the Commission is supporting the Resolution that directs the City Manager to form a working group to develop a Vision Zero action plan to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injury by 2028.

The recent death of a 90 year old woman while crossing Yoakum Parkway is a vivid example of the need to address this issue. Supporting Vision Zero as a comprehensive approach to eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries benefits not only seniors but ALL residents of Alexandria regardless of age.

Achieving the goal Vision Zero by 2028, requires a strong commitment from the City - one that includes a cross-disciplinary approach of education, engineering, enforcement and evaluation. The Commission is prepared to provide its expertise and support to supplement City staff and interdepartmental working groups to develop and implement the Plan. Notably, the Commission will make sure the community it serves - older residents - are part of the community engagement process and are represented in the Action Plan strategies.

We strongly urge Council to endorse Vision Zero, adopt the policy Resolution and direct staff to develop and execute a Vision Zero Plan.

Sincerely,

Carol Downs
Chair

Alexandria Commission on Aging

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, December 1

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From: Nancy Herrman <nancyherrman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:28 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: Property tax increase

Dear Ms Henderson,

I'm pretty upset by the huge tax increase imposed on real estate by the city council. It's really shocking that elected officials could be so thoughtless about how their spending antics would affect hard working, regular citizens.

I own a property at 1116 King Street, and my lease allows me to pass on any tax increase to my tenants, but that in no way lessens my outrage. If anything, it increases it: because unfortunately, the hardworking immigrants from South America, who operate a business there, will bear the burden.

Apparently council members think money grows on trees. Don't they realize that working people--real people with families to support--will suffer because of this?

I have never previously donated money or time to any Alexandria City political issues, but from now on I will do my best to see that every official who voted for the tax increase is defeated.

Sincerely,

Nancy Herrman

Jackie Henderson

From: Terry Rowe <tarrowe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Jackie Henderson
Subject: City Council Vote Tonight on Raising the Property Tax and Fees

Please share this with the city council.

I have no hope that you will reconsider your vote tonight - by all accounts you plan to vote on and pass the full increase in property taxes as well as raise fees on a number of services.

I understand budgets - I have one myself. I also understand that when I need to pay more for one thing I have to make a cut somewhere else - I DON'T go to my boss and tell her she has to pay me more money so I can pay my bills. Personally, I can absorb this BUT it will mean that the discretionary money I spend at neighborhood businesses will now be spent on services.

PLEASE reconsider this budget and your votes - all these raises will hurt many citizens in Alexandria.

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Terry Rowe

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From: Anne Monahan via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 1:54 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119090: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council As
41-year residents of Alexandri

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- Name: Anne Monahan
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- Phone Number: 703-836-7051
- Email: sojourneranne@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description:

As 41-year residents of Alexandria, we have long been concerned about the city's growing lack of affordable housing. The men and women who are at the heart of providing the services our city needs increasingly are being pushed out of affordable housing, often meaning long commutes to their workplaces here because they can no longer afford to live in the city.

As residents of Goodwin House, we are very pleased to support the Church of the Resurrection proposal to erect 120 units of affordable housing on it's property. The location, right on the Beauregard Corridor where so many affordable units are targeted for demolition, has excellent public transportation, important to working class people. The time to build this housing is NOW, with interest rates still low and the need for this housing painfully evident and growing daily. Construction costs inevitably will increase with each passing day. The land will cost the city nothing. This is a win-win situation.

We urge the City Council to include \$4.3 million dollars in the budget to help finance this very needed housing. It is an investment in the future growth of Alexandria, a place which welcomes all people to its community. Look forward to seeing you at the Saturday hearing.

The Rev. Anne Monahan
William J. Monahan
4800 Fillmore Ave. #727
Alexandria, VA 22311

- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 25

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Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 1:06 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click
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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #119082: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
Affordable housing has been identified by

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- Name: Nancy Carson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 540 729-4943
- Email: nancycarson1010@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Affordable housing has been identified by each member of Council as a priority. Options for low and moderate income residents are disappearing constantly. If the City is at all serious about housing, please provide the essential initial funding for the Resurrection low-income housing proposal. If the City rejects this golden opportunity, it will send the message that the Council is not serious about this population or the needs they meet for the city's business and government organizations. We all understand that funds are tight, but housing is tighter.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, April 25

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From: Allen Irwin via Call.Click.Connect.
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Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2017 10:19 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #118919: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers,

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- Name: Allen Irwin
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-374-9736
- Email: allen.irwin@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers,

As you consider a difficult budget situation, I encourage you to not shortchange capital investments in a similar manner as has occurred in past years, which has left you facing a large bill this year. In particular, I encourage you to fully fund the previous commitment to build a new pool at Chinguapin. As proposed in the City Managers budget, this is the third time that the aquatics community has been shortchanged on this pool.

o In 1985, the City built the wrong size pool and no school in Alexandria has been able to host an official meet in over 30 years.

o In 2008, \$25 million set aside for Chinguapin was taken because of the cost overrun on the TC Williams High School.

o And now in 2017, we have seen our approved funding once again disappear.

7,500 school kids will not have the opportunity to learn how to survive in the water without the pool space offered by the new pool, which is of even greater importance as the city moves towards improving the condition of Cameron Run and the Potomac.

The pool would benefit a wide range of Alexandria residents from toddlers to octogenarians. It offers city-wide services, unlike other fitness facilities in the City.

Thank you,
Allen Irwin

- Expected Response Date: Monday, April 24

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