

**City of Alexandria  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council Legislative Meeting  
Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 7:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers**

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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. Anderson, Deputy City Attorney; Ms. Collins; Deputy City Manager; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Anderson, Deputy City Attorney; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. Martin, Division Chief, T&ES; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Mr. Farner, Deputy Director, P&Z; Ms. Beach, Division Chief, P&Z; Mr. Fields, Director, Code Enforcement; Mr. McMahan, Deputy Director, Code Enforcement; Mr. McCray, Assistant City Attorney; Ms. Carroll, Farmers Market Manager, General Services; Mr. Coleman, Deputy Director, General Services; Mr. Baker, CEO, DASH; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services; Police Captain Andreas; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Silberberg called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present except Councilman Chapman and Councilmember Lovain, who arrived during the executive session.

2. Closed Meeting.

6:00 P.M. - Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding a Discussion or Consideration of the Investment of Public Funds Where Competition or Bargaining is Involved.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried 5-0-2, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the use or investment of public resources where bargaining is involved where, if made public, the financial interests of the City would be adversely affected; specifically, the possible investment of public funds in support of two separate development projects, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(6) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman

Smedberg; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilman Chapman and Councilmember Lovain.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:05 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. 2790**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 26th day of September, 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.

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

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

Mayor Silberberg reported that the City/Schools Subcommittee discussed the pilot program with DASH that would provide free rides to high school students and she noted that approximately 200 students were currently using the bus services. Mayor Silberberg reported that the committee discussed issues regarding the proposed school at 1701 Beauregard Street and working with the neighboring building to address some of their concerns. Mayor Silberberg noted that many of their concerns have been worked out between the parties. Mayor Silberberg reported that the out-of-school time report was reviewed and will be available soon. Mayor Silberberg noted that there will be continuing efforts to perform outreach to families about the type of services that are available for students that augment the learning process.

Mayor Silberberg noted that there would also be efforts to eliminate some of the financial obstacles to help families obtain services.

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the committee discussed adopting a citywide Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) transportation management plan, expanding on the three TMPs established by the ordinance for transportation management. Vice Mayor Wilson noted that there will be a request for funding from the City to implement some of the recommendations from the plan. Vice Mayor Wilson also reported that there was some discussion about the parking in the Chinguapin loop and other plans to manage student parking around T.C. Williams High School. Vice Mayor Wilson also reported that at the next meeting, the committee will provide FY19 Budget guidance to ACPS. Vice Mayor Wilson noted that the committee received an update from the joint facilities group on the progress of their work.

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

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the Long Range Educational Facilities Workgroup received the upcoming draft chapters of the report, which included recommendations and additional chapters on high school and early education. Vice Mayor Wilson also reported that the Workgroup received information on current facility capacity and how additional capacity might be added in the future. Vice Mayor Wilson pointed out that the Alex Engage survey will be issued to the community and the group may receive additional recommendations from the Joint Facilities Workgroup regarding high school capacity.

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

Councilman Chapman reported that the Sister Cities Committee would be hosting several upcoming events, including a pianist from Helsingborg, Sweden will be here on October 21, a Dundee Thanksgiving dinner on November 23, and the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee members would be accepting a proclamation at the October 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting in preparation for Cider Week. Councilman Chapman also reported that over the summer the committee discussed financial policies and procedures followed by the volunteers under the City's umbrella and how the discussion could expand to other City boards and commissions in the future.

**\*COG-Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee (Councilman Chapman)**

Councilman Chapman reported that during the quarterly meeting, the Chair of the Police Subcommittee presented a report on the policing best practices and there was a discussion about juvenile justice in the various localities, with Senator George Barker presenting on the topic. Councilman Chapman stated that the committee received the Metropolitan Region 2016 Crime Report and he noted that this was the fourth year that crime has been down regionally.

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

Councilman Smedberg did not have a report at this time.

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

Councilman Smedberg reported that the preliminary budget for VRE was discussed at the meeting and the recommendations would be forwarded to two commissions for review, including NVTC.

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (4-5)**

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

4. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Amendment to Allow for the Appointment of Alternate Members to the Alexandria Board of Building Code Appeals.

(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. 4; 09/26/17 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. 4; 09/26/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

5. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance Eliminating the Alexandria Marketing Committee and Coordinating Council.

(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. 5; 09/26/17, 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. 2 of Item No. 5; 09/26/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

4. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on October 14, 2017.

5. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on October 14, 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.

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

### **6. Street Resurfacing Update.**

Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, and Ms. Martin, Division Chief, Transportation and Environmental Services gave a presentation about street resurfacing throughout the City and responded to questions from members of Council about strategic planning for resurfacing, funding, pavement condition inventory and performance measures for resurfacing, and current schedule for street resurfacing throughout the City.

City Council received the street resurfacing update from Transportation and Environmental Services.

### **7. Update on Small Area Plan Implementation.**

Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, Mr. Farner, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning, and Ms. Beach, Division Chief, Planning and Zoning, gave presentation on Small Area Plan implementation and responded to questions from Council about upcoming projects throughout the City, including the formation of implementation group, use of resources to fund the plans, areas that are slated for development under Small Area Plans, and how development is planned for the City.

City Council received the update on Small Area Plan implementation from Planning and Zoning.

### **8. Old Town Farmers Market Policy Discussion.**

Mr. Coleman, Deputy Director, General Services, and Ms. Carroll, Farmers Market Manager, General Services, gave a presentation on the current Old Town Farmers Market Policy and responded to questions from Council about vendor capacity, turnover of vendors, types of vendors included in the market demographics, expansion of the market to Tavern Square and North Royal Street.

City Council held the discussion on Old Town Farmers Market Policy with the General Services Department.

### **9. Discussion of DASH Fare Policy Initiatives.**

Mr. Baker, CEO, DASH, gave an update on program and initiatives that DASH will be implementing for the City, including free rides for T.C. Williams High School students and free rides for Metro Access passengers and DOT passengers. Mr. Baker responded to questions from Council about the initiatives.

City Council received the update on the DASH Fare Policy initiatives.

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

1. Mayor Silberberg reported that the City recently hosted the U.S. Coast Guard Tall Ship Eagle on September 4-8 on the City's Waterfront. Mayor Silberberg thanked everyone who made the ship's visit possible and she noted that the crew of the ship truly enjoyed their time here in the City of Alexandria.

2. Councilwoman Pepper reported that last night Visit Alexandria hosted their annual report presentation and distributed copies of the report to attendees. Councilwoman Pepper also pointed out that Visit Alexandria will be releasing a video of all the initiatives they have started soon and she noted that the guests at the event were able to experience the City of Alexandria using virtual reality devices. Councilwoman Pepper reported that the devices gave the user the experience of walking the streets of Alexandria.

3. Councilman Chapman also reported on the virtual reality headset debuted by Visit Alexandria and he stated that he hoped the use of the devices would increase tourism throughout the City.

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

City Manager Jinks gave a report on police staffing and how recruitment and retention in the Police Department has improved over the past three years, allowing the department to focus on different areas including community policing and traffic enforcement.

### **OTHER**

10. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 20, 2017, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 09/26/17, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 5-0-2, City Council: (1) received the City Council schedule for September 2017 to June 2018; and (2) approved the City Council schedule. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilmember Lovain and Councilman Smedberg.

### **CLOSED MEETING CONTINUED (IF NEEDED)**

11. 6:00 P.M. - Consideration of a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding a Discussion or Consideration of the Investment of Public Funds Where Competition or Bargaining is Involved.

This closed meeting was not needed.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO CONSIDER**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 5-0-2, City Council adjourned the

Regular Meeting of September 26, 2017 at 10:26 p.m. The vote as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilmember Lovain and Councilman Smedberg.

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APPROVED BY:

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ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk