

**City of Alexandria  
Meeting Minutes  
City Council Public Hearing  
Tuesday, January 23, 2018  
Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor Allison Silberberg, Vice Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Members of Council Willie F. Bailey, Sr., John Taylor Chapman, Timothy B. Lovain, and Redella S. Pepper.

Absent: Paul C. Smedberg.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Ms. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Caton, Consultant; Ms. Taylor, Legislative Director; Mr. Moritz, Director Planning & Zoning; Ms. McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. Goldberg, Senior Environmental Specialist, Transportation & Environmental Services; Mr. Thayer, Citizen Representative; Fire Chief Dube; Assistant Fire Chief Povlitz; Mr. Bosse, Administrative Division Chief, Department of Fire and EMS; Mr. Duval, Deputy Director, Transportation & Environmental Services; Mr. Lambert, Director, Department of Transportation & Environmental Services; Police Captain Andreas; Ms. Bryan, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Alexis Lacy, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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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 except Councilman Chapman and Councilwoman Pepper who arrived during executive session, and Councilman Smedberg who had an excused absence.

2. Closed Meeting.

6:00 p.m. - Consideration of a Closed Meeting to Discuss the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson and seconded by Councilman Lovain and carried 4-0-3, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss or consider the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the City and to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the resolution of probable environmental litigation; specifically, the possible improvement projects; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711 (A)(3) and (7) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, and Councilmember Lovain; Opposed, none. Absent: Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Smedberg.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 5-2, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:01 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none. Absent: Councilman Chapman and Councilman Smedberg.

**WHEREUPON**, motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Bailey and carried by a 5-2 roll call vote, City Council adopted the resolution pertaining the closed executive session previously circulated to members of Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none. Absent: Councilman Chapman and Councilman Smedberg.

The resolution reads as follows:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2811**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 23rd day of January, 2018 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 participated in a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **City of Alexandria Employee Choir Performance in Recognition of Black History Month.**

The City of Alexandria Employee Choir performed a selection of songs in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Black History Month.

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

#### **\*ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that there was an update to Council regarding the Andrew Adkins redevelopment. Vice Mayor Wilson mentioned preparation for the upcoming work session occurring the following week with ARHA and the Planning Commission, which will have a focus on the redevelopment projects to come beyond Adkins. Vice Mayor Wilson reported that there were updates on the Ramsey Homes redevelopment beginning soon and other topics related to the RFP process.

Councilman Chapman reported that he and Vice Mayor Wilson planned to attend the Braddock Area Implementation Group meeting later in the week to hear feedback about the process and to ensure the community groups are involved in the process.

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

Mayor Silberberg reported that Patrick Henry Elementary School is being rebuilt and the construction is on-time. Mayor Silberberg also noted that the West End school is being remodeled on the inside, and is on schedule as well. Mayor Silberberg stated that the annual report was released and the child care subsidy process has been reduced to 30 days. Mayor Silberberg mentioned that Council met Dr. Greg Hutchings, the new Superintendent for ACPS this weekend, and he will take office at the end of July, and the new COO has been brought on as well.

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that there was discussion about how the waiting list for early childhood programs is maintained. Vice Mayor Wilson mentioned that there will be an after-school providers forum on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Vice Mayor Wilson stated that there was discussion concerning the maintenance in the schools and trying to have better transparency about the maintenance plans available to the public.

### **\*Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Wilson)**

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the revenue from lodging is down by 1.5 % per available room but that the revenue city-wide for lodging was up by 1.3 %, which is mirroring both regional and national trends due to room supply. Vice Mayor also reported that the 2018 visitors guide is available; and he noted that Visit Alexandria is working on an activation strategy that will be a part of the FY 2019 budget process to respond to the increase in competition along the river, and take advantage of the public spaces on the waterfront. Additionally, Vice Mayor Wilson reported that Visit Alexandria will be working with St. Mary's Church on increasing tourism since the church is now a minor basilica.

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

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the committee is in the final stages of finalizing the 2017 crime statistics, which so far shows decreases in all Part 1 crimes except aggravated assault and Part 2 crimes showed increases due to proactive policing efforts. Vice Mayor Wilson also stated that the fatal overdose rate is lower than the state average and there is a community conversation scheduled on this issue for February 28, 2018.

Mayor Silberberg reported that Attorney General Mark Herring met with the committee and stated that one of the reasons for increases in overdoses last fall was due to heroin laced with fentanyl, and authorities have worked to let the community know. Mayor Silberberg also described how the City is providing free Narcan and education to the community to help improve the overdose statistics.

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

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

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

Councilman Smedberg was absent from the meeting.

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

Councilmember Lovain reported that the main action item from the commission was approval of the work plan, which included five city planning studies and five transportation funding opportunities. Councilmember Lovain also stated that there was a discussion about the implementation of transportation programs such as the Vision Zero Action Plan, Pedestrian Bicycle Plan, motor coach facility, and regional projects.

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

Councilmember Lovain reported that there were a number of projects discussed to implement a broader Master Plan for projects that are fully developed. Councilmember Lovain noted that there were non-motorized projects including a plan to improve access to metro rail stations as well as a national capital bicycle trail.

### **\*Update from the Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors (Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported that the board adopted the 2018 legislative priorities, which included support for federal funding for Metro, expanding infrastructure investments in several areas, and a policy to preserve air and water quality. Councilwoman Pepper also stated that the board elected Matt Letourneau as the new Chair, and received a presentation from the COG Transportation staff.

Councilmember Lovain noted that half of all traffic problems are caused by non-recurring incidents, which makes finding solutions for those incidents a priority to improving traffic.

Mayor Silberberg reported that the vote for dedicated revenue was held in December 2017 and the vast majority of the board voted in favor of it; however, there was much discussion about the topic.

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

City Manager Jinks reported about the City being selected as one of 20 finalists in the search for a second Amazon Headquarters. Mr. Jinks stated that Potomac Yard coupled with Crystal City, and Eisenhower Avenue were two of the Alexandria sites being considered along with other sites in Northern Virginia. Mr. Jinks reported that Amazon stated it will be working with candidates to dive deeper into the individual proposals and expect to make a decision in 2018.

Mr. Moritz and Ms. McIlvaine gave a presentation to City Council about the Andrew Adkins redevelopment project. Mr. Moritz reported that ARHA and CRC shared a conceptual site plan with the community and with Council, which has been refined to 60 onsite replacement units and 60 off site replacement units. Also, Mr. Moritz discussed the financial models that were developed to shine a light on financial sustainability long-term and the proceeds that ARHA would receive from the units with the deepest levels of affordability possible. Mr. Moritz also provided a description of the site plan with information regarding the number of units both on and offsite, and the willingness of ARHA to accept vouchers for the market rate building for

families earning 80% of the median income. Mr. Moritz noted that the refined concept plan is being designed and will be shared with the community in the future. Mr. Moritz stated that all project design, architecture, design of open space, and a plan for relocating existing residents and acquiring the offsite redevelopment units will be coming forth soon. Mr. Moritz stated that staff has planned to bring the rezoning plan and possible Master Plan amendment before Council in June.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER CONSENT CALENDAR (5-10)**

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

5. Consideration of a Renewal Grant to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for an Aggressive Driving/DUI Interdiction Program in FY 2019.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 1/23/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Consideration for a New Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety in FY 2019.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 1/23/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Consideration for a New Grant to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for a Program to Reduce Aggressive Driving and Speeding in FY 2019.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 1/23/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

8. Consideration of Appointment of Viewers for VAC #2017-0009 (1600 North Frazier Street); VAC #2017-0011 (1615 North Frost Street); and VAC #2017-0012 (4001 Lawrence Avenue).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 18, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 1/23/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

9. Consideration of Appointment of Viewers for VAC #2017-0010 (4905 Maury Lane).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 18, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 1/23/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Consideration of Appointment of Viewers for VAC #2017-0008 (2410 and 2460 Mill Road).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 18, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 1/23/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

5. City Council: (1) approved the grant application to the Virginia 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.

6. City Council: (1) approved the grant applications to the Virginia DMV in the amount of \$5,000, which will provide funds to the Police Department to operate a pedestrian and bicycle safety program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

7. City Council: (1) approved the grant application the Virginia DMV in the amount of \$20,000, which will provide the funds to the Police to operate aggressive driving and speeding enforcement in the City; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

8. City Council received the three viewers appointed by Mayor Silberberg and will have the City Clerk notify them of their appointment and responsibilities. Mayor Silberberg selected the following viewers:

David Kaplan  
John LaValle  
Ann Tucker (chair)

9. City Council received the three viewers appointed by Mayor Silberberg and will have the City Clerk notify them of their appointment and responsibilities. Mayor Silberberg selected the following viewers:

Jason Dechant  
Shelli Vasser Gilliam (chair)  
John Humphrey

10. City Council received the three viewers appointed by Mayor Silberberg and will have the City Clerk notify them of their appointment and responsibilities. Mayor Silberberg selected the following viewers:

Raighne Delaney  
Jeannette Ankoma-Sey (chair)  
Dan Solomon

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none.

Absent: Councilman Smedberg.

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

### **11. Update on the 2018 General Assembly Session.**

Mr. Caton, Consultant and Ms. Taylor, Legislative Director, provided an update to Council on the 2018 General Assembly Session and responded to questions from Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Lovain and carried unanimously City Council approved the legislative positions subject to the removal of HB 640 and HB 256 to ask the legislative committee to look at recommendations on those two pieces of legislation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none. Absent: Councilman Smedberg.

### **12. National Airport Aircraft Noise Update.**

Ms. Goldberg, Senior Environmental Specialist, Transportation & Environmental Services and Mr. Thayer, Citizen Representative, provided City Council with an update.

### **13. Consideration of a Grant Application to the FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Funding for Firefighter Training Classes.**

Fire Chief Dube, Assistant Fire Chief Povlitz, and Mr. Bosse, Administrative Division Chief, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, responded to questions from Council regarding a grant application for firefighter training classes.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper, and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) approved the submission of a grant application to the federal government for \$900,000 for paramedic training and firefighter training classes; 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; Opposed, none. Absent: Councilman Smedberg.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **14. Consideration of a Resolution for a Competitive Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Primary Extension Improvement Program Funding.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 1/23/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried 6-0 by roll-call vote, City Council (1) adopted the attached resolution (attachment) to apply for a Primary Extensions Improvement Program funding allocation for \$1,000,000 from the

Virginia Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of City-maintained primary route extensions; and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit the resolution and enter into any agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia that may be required to receive these funds should the requested allocation be approved. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none. Absent: Councilman Smedberg.

The resolution reads as follows:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2812**

### **RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) PRIMARY EXTENSION GRANT FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds of \$1,000,000 through the VDOT Primary Extension Program; and

**WHEREAS**, \$1,000,000 of these funds are requested to fund the resurfacing of sections of Duke St. E/W from Somerville St. to 0.1 miles east of S. Walker St.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$1,000,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Primary Extension Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute project administration agreements for any approved revenue sharing projects.

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

1. Mayor Silberberg reported that she will be attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting, beginning on January 24, 2018, in Washington D.C. Mayor Silberberg reported that there will be a discussion about inclusiveness and equity at the meeting, which will be a continuation of the discussion from the meeting at Gracie Mansion in New York City, where a statement was released following the discussion with prominent civil rights leaders.
2. Councilman Bailey thanked the Council members for attending the renaming ceremony of the recreation center for Leonard Chick Armstrong, and he thanked the Naming Committee for their support. Councilman Bailey also reported about the service of Leonard Chick Armstrong and the turnout at the ceremony.
3. Mayor Silberberg reported that there was a ceremony at T.C. Williams High School where a number of athletes and coaches were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame by ACPS.

### **OTHER**

15. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated January 17, 2018, is on file in the



Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 1/23/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper City Council received and approved the schedule. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none. Absent: Councilman Smedberg.

**CONTINUATION OF CLOSED MEETING (if needed)**

16. Consideration of a Closed Meeting to Discuss the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property.

This 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 unanimously, City Council adjourned the legislative meeting January 23, 2018 at 9:11 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none. Absent: Councilman Smedberg.

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APPROVED BY:

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ALLISON SILBERBERG    MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Alexis Lacy, Deputy City Clerk