

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
City Council Public Hearing
Tuesday, March 20, 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, Redella S. Pepper, and Paul C. Smedberg.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Congressman Beyer; State Senator Barker; State Senator Ebbin; State Delegate Herring; State Delegate Levine; Sheriff Lawhorne; Undersheriff Gleeson; Deputy Chief Pankey, Sheriff's Department; Captain Kelly, Sheriff's Department; Deputy Denardo, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Farner, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Ms. El Gawish, P&Z; Police Captain Andreas; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

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6 P.M. - Alexandria Transit Company Annual Stockholders Meeting.

City Council participated in the Alexandria Transit Company Annual Stockholders meeting.

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.

2. Closed Meeting.

6:15 p.m. - Consideration of a Closed Meeting to Discuss the Use or Investment of Public Resources where Bargaining is Involved and to Consult with Legal Counsel and Staff Regarding Actual or Pending Litigation.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson and seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried 7-0 City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss with legal counsel actual or probable litigation and specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice; specifically, the possible settle of a federal constitutional claim; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(7) and (8) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilman Smedberg, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously City Council reconvened in open session at 7:06 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, 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 the closed executive session previously circulated to members of Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilman Smedberg, and Councilwoman Pepper; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2818

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council has this 20th day of March 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.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that Ramsey Homes redevelopment is underway and deconstruction tours were held prior to demolition. Vice Mayor Wilson reported that there was a discussion about the calculation of workforce units in the Atkins project, which resulted in a decision to allow more units in the market rate building and the Committee was awaiting a final decision between CRC and ARHA.

Councilman Chapman reported that he attended the Ramsey Homes deconstruction tour, and the Resolution 830 workgroup scheduled a meeting with a facilitator to put together recommendations that will be presented to ARHA and City Council.

Quality of Life Committee (Mayor Silberberg and Vice Mayor Wilson)

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the Committee discussed the crime report, which showed an increase in assault numbers; wherein one of the main drivers was the juvenile detention center, which has made policy changes to address this issue. Also, Mr. Jinks discussed the staffing for the juvenile detention center for both local and non-local clients.

City/Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Silberberg and Vice Mayor Wilson)

Mayor Silberberg reported that there was a discussion about organizing visionaries sessions between the School Board and City Council and those sessions will be scheduled soon. Mayor Silberberg reported that these sessions are one of the recommendations of the Joint Facilities Work Group.

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that they received updates on Early Ed and after school programs. Vice Mayor stated that the subcommittee received feedback from the after school providers summit, and the Early Ed Fair would be returning this year. Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the School Board will be determining the process for the future of high school capacity.

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

Councilman Smedberg stated that the board approved the capital budget, and the business oversight committee received an update on the minority and small business owned contract operations.

Virginia Railway Express (VRE)(Councilman Smedberg)

Councilman Smedberg stated that the board received an update on positive train control from the CEO. Councilman Smedberg reported that the Lorton platform has been expanded and renovated. Councilman Smedberg stated the importance of the Gas Tax Bill to give VRE dedicated funding that they have not had before to plan for capital needs in the future.

Update on the Eco-City Steering Committee (Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Chapman)

Councilwoman Pepper reported that Environmental Policy Commission is working to update the Environmental Action Plan 2030, which was passed in 2009. Councilwoman Pepper stated that the action plan is a blue print for environmental stability, which will include 2 phases and will come before Council by June.

Councilman Chapman stated that people can access the meetings online and provide feedback through the Environmental Action Plan feedback form.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Jinks reported that the Nice Bridge Replacement Project is continuing with a new height plan that will accommodate tall ships. Mr. Jinks stated that the Police Department will begin passing out traffic safety cards at the site of traffic accidents and other sites. Mr. Jinks also reported that Money Magazine wrote an article highlighting Alexandria as the #1 travel destination.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER CONSENT CALENDAR (6-7)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

6. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2018.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 14, 2018 is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 3/20/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Consideration of Appointment of a General Schedule Representative to the City of Alexandria's Supplemental Retirement Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 14, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 3/20/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried by 7-0 by roll-call vote, City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

6. City Council received the monthly financial report (attachments 1 and 2).
7. City Council appointed the following individual to the City of Alexandria's Supplemental Retirement Plan Board:
Lynda Barbieri-Strain as a General Schedule Representative, with the effective dates of this term as April 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

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

Please note this items #8 and #9 was taken out of order.

8. Discussion of Federal Legislation Issues with Congressman Don Beyer.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 15, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 3/20/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the report from Congressman Beyer. Mayor Silberberg asked Congressman Beyer about the possibility of an infrastructure bill being passed in 2018, and he responded that various proposals have been made, but stated that he did not think a bill will be passed during the current session. Councilman Smedberg asked about the PRIA funding renewal and Congressman Beyer does think that one bill might pass which would impact PRIA.

9. Discussion of 2018 Virginia General Assembly Session with Alexandria Delegation Members.

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City Council received the report from the Alexandria Delegation Members. Mayor Silberberg and Councilwoman Pepper asked about the CSO project and the possibility of state funding being allotted toward the project in the future, and Senator Barker responded that he thought there was a good chance that the state would provide funding in the future. Senator Ebbin stated that as the state tax revenue continued to grow it would present a better opportunity for state funding.

10. Discussion of Policies and Practices Related to Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Warrants, Detainers, and other Related Policies.

City Council had a discussion with Sheriff Lawhorne about policies and procedures related to the Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) warrants and detainment and he responded to questions from Council.

11. For Information and Discussion
Rezoning #2018-0001
Text Amendment #2018-0002
Old Town North Arts and Cultural District
North Arts and Cultural District Overlay, which covers portions of N. Fairfax, Montgomery, Madison, First, N. Saint Asaph, N. Pitt, N. Royal, Third, and N. Washington Streets and Canal Center, more particularly shown in Figure 2.04 of the Old Town North Small Area Plan and depicted as "Required or Optional Retail or Arts and Cultural Uses"; Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add section 6 900 regarding Old Town North Arts and Cultural District.

City Council received a presentation and had a discussion with Mr. Farner and Ms. El Gawish about the Old Town North Arts and Cultural District.

12. Consideration of Receipt of FY 2018 Second Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 14, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 3/20/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Bailey and carried 6-0, City Council received the FY 2018 Second Quarter Capital Projects Status Report. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none. Absent, Councilmember Lovain.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Silberberg reported that she attended a tribute to Patsy Ticer organized by the Commission for Women on March 19 at the Masonic Temple.

2. Mayor Silberberg reported that the St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on Sunday, March 18, with Pat Troy and Bernadette Troy serving as Grand Marshals.

13. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated March 14, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 3/20/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Bailey and carried 6-0, City Council received the schedule. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilmember Lovain.

CLOSED MEETING CONTINUED (if needed)

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

This meeting was not needed.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO CONSIDER, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Bailey and carried 6-0, City Council adjourned the legislative meeting March 20, 2018 at 10:46 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilmember Lovain.

APPROVED BY:

ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR

ATTEST:

Alexis Lacy Deputy City Clerk