

**City of Alexandria  
City Council Legislative Meeting  
Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes**

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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. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Useem, Chief Performance Officer; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Ms. Miliaras, Urban Planner, P&Z; Mr. Cox, Division Chief, P&Z; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Henty, Assistant Director, OMB; Mr. Wicks, Budget Analyst, OMB; Ms. Mclean, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Lambert, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Mr. Skrabak, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Bevis-Carver, Civil Engineer, T&ES; Mr. Sharma, Division Chief, T&ES; Police Captain Andreas; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services, and Mr. Lloyd.

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

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**Add/Delete Work Session**

City Council held a work session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to discuss the preliminary add/delete list.

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1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Silberberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of 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 Meetings of City Council:

The Special Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2018; and the Special Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2018.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the special meeting minutes of March 12, 2018 and the special meeting minutes of March 14, 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.

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

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

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that at the committee received an update on the Ramsey Homes Redevelopment, noting that the redevelopment is on track with redevelopment activity to start shortly. Vice Mayor Wilson also reported that committee will receive the recommendations of the Resolution 830 Work Group in early May, with those recommendations coming to the ARHA Board and City Council at a later date. Vice Mayor Wilson noted that ARHA and CRC has not completed the business terms for the Andrew Adkins site and he stated that still working to resolve the terms.

Councilman Chapman reported that the Resolution 830 will Work Group will hold its final work session on April 26 at the Alexandria Renew Enterprises Headquarters and they will be sending a recommendation from that meeting to Council for consideration.

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

Mayor Silberberg stated that the City and the Schools are still working to align the budgeting calendars. Mayor Silberberg also reported that the Visioning session for the schools and City Council will happen on May 19 instead of May 6. Mayor Silberberg noted that Patrick Henry is on target to open in January 2019.

Vice Mayor Wilson reported that the Long Range Educational Facilities-Early Ed/High School chapters were discussed, noting they received twenty responses with helpful feedback and there will be a report forthcoming with that information for both the School Board and City Council. Vice Mayor Wilson also reported that there was discussion on the implementation of the transportation management plan for the schools and have been working with the transportation staff on vehicle counts and identifying alternate transportation sources in the schools. Vice Mayor Wilson noted that the content of the upcoming Visioning sessions was discussed and how those sessions and information can be productive for implementing the Joint Facilities recommendations. Vice Mayor Wilson stated that there was discussion to create a matrix that detailed the responsibilities for the properties that the City and schools share.

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

Councilmember Lovain reported that the Transportation Planning Board discussed Visualize 2045, the long-range transportation plan for the region, and there will be public

forums to present survey results around the region. Councilmember Lovain noted that there was an update on the upcoming Bike to Work Day, pointing out that the City's holds the event on Market Square. Councilmember Lovain also reported that an update on incident response around the region from the Council of Governments.

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

Councilman Smedberg reported that the State came to an agreement on the funding proposal for transit and the bill gave NVTC new oversight and reporting responsibilities as it relates to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the Commission will be discussion those responsibilities at its upcoming strategic retreat. Councilman Smedberg reported that NVTC was moving ahead with the final list of projects related to I-66.

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

Councilman Smedberg noted that WMATA would receive \$154 million from Virginia to fund Metro, as well as contributions from Maryland and the District of Columbia. Councilman Smedberg also reported that David Mayer was hired to be the executive director of the Metrorail Safety Commission, to address the safety issues from Federal Transit Administration. Councilman Smedberg also gave an overview of the how the funding from the State might affect projects in the localities.

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

Councilman Smedberg reported that VRE has dedicated funding in the amount of \$15 million spread among various planning districts.

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

Councilman Chapman reported that the Sister Cities Committee hosted the Annual State Cities Committee meeting on April 14 here in the City of Alexandria. Councilman Chapman noted that the City would be celebrating 50 years of being a sister city with Helsingborg, Sweden and he pointed out the Committee is working on an event to highlight the occasion.

**ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Jinks reported that Dr. Eleanor Breen has been hired as the City's Archaeologist and she is the third archaeologist for the City. Mr. Jinks reported that the City of Alexandria has been ranked #4 as a City with successful women, tied with San Francisco. Mr. Jinks reported that Governor Northam nominated four areas in the City as Opportunity Zones under the new Federal Tax laws. Mr. Jinks noted that the four areas are Arlandria, Landmark Mall and two areas in the Beauregard neighborhood and he pointed out that these new opportunity zones would allow investors to avoid capital gains taxes or to defer the taxes by investing in these areas.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

4. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Alcohol and Beverage Control Authority for Underage Drinking Prevention Initiatives Carried Out by the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 4; 04/24/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

5. Consideration of an Application to the Virginia Department of Social Services' Domestic Violence Services for Underserved Populations Grant.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 04/24/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

6. Consideration of the Appointment of a Management Representative Alternate to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Board and Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 04/24/18, 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 unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

4. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of an application to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control (VA ABC) Control Authority for funding in the amount of \$10,000 to be used to support underage drinking prevention initiatives for Alexandria youth; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

5. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application to Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) for one-time funding in the amount of \$59,824 to be used to provide core services and volunteer support for victims of domestic violence; (2) approved an increase of one grant funded, part-time Outreach Education Specialist (0.75 FTE); and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary document that may be required.

6. City Council replaced Management Representative Alternate James Davis on the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and on the Supplemental Retirement Board with Sharon Vaughn Roach, Director, Center of Operations, at DCHS.

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

### 7. Presentation of the 2017 Annual Report from First Night Alexandria

(A copy of the annual report is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 04/24/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Pallansch, representing the Board of First Night Alexandria Annual Report for 2017 and responded to questions from City Council.

City Council received the presentation of the 2017 Annual Report from First Night Alexandria.

### 8. Adoption of the Combined Sewer System Long Term Control Plan Update.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 04/24/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager, gave a brief update on the process for the combined sewer system long term control plan update and she responded to questions from Council about the Plan and communication efforts moving forward.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council took the following action related to the Long Term Control Plan Update (LTCPU) for the Combined Sewer System: (1) Approved the LTCPU with the Unified Tunnel Option (also referred to as Option B+) following the 30-day public comment period which ended on April 23, 2018; (2) recognized the Ad Hoc Combined Sewer Plan Stakeholder Group and thanked them for their efforts in providing valuable input during the development of the plan update and their outreach to the civic groups they represented; and (3) authorized the City Manager to make any appropriate technical or non-substantive changes and submit the Final LTCPU document to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. 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.

### 9. Consideration of an Agreement with Alexandria Renew Enterprises to Transfer Ownership of the City's Four Combined Sewer Outfalls to Alexandria Renew Enterprises.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 04/24/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by record.)

Deputy City Attorney Anderson gave a summary of the agreement being considered by Council and review of the transfer of the outfalls to Alexandria Renew Enterprises. Deputy City Attorney reviewed the process for approval and she, along with Ms. Pallansch, Alexandria Renew Enterprises, responded to questions from Council about the City's participation in the project and collaboration with Alexandria Renew.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an Outfall Transfer Agreement outlining the process and terms by which the City will transfer the ownership of the Combined Sewer Outfalls (CSOs) to Alexandria Renew Enterprises consistent with the terms outlined in the agreement. 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.

10. Discussion and Potential Initiation of a Text Amendment for the Consolidation of the Old and Historic Alexandria District (OHAD) and Parker-Gray District (P-G) Boards of Architectural Review.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 04/24/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Planning and Zoning, gave a presentation on the formation of the two Boards of Architectural Review and an explanation of the recommendation for consolidation of the Boards and she, along with Mr. Cox, Division Chief, Planning and Zoning, and Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, responded to questions from Council about the process for community engagement and community input on the proposed consolidation.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson and carried 5-1, City Council initiated a Text Amendment to the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance as it relates to joining the Boards of Architectural Review. The vote was as follows: In favor, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, Mayor Silberberg.

11. Consideration of the 2018 Alexandria Resident Survey Results.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 04/24/18, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Useem, Chief Performance Office and Mr. Walworth, Performance Analyst Fellow, gave a presentation to Council explaining the Resident survey results and responded to questions from Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council received the results of the 2018 Alexandria Resident Survey. The vote was as follows: Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson, Councilman Bailey, Councilman Chapman, Councilmember Lovain, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Smedberg; Opposed, none.

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

1. Mayor Silberberg spoke about the need to protect internet access and she noted that action was taken by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) last year that would limit internet access. Mayor Silberberg reported that cities across the country have been



supporting net neutrality and she requested that Alexandria join those cities by passing a resolution that she drafted in support of net neutrality. Mayor Silberberg pointed out that net neutrality allowed all data on the internet to be treated equally and internet providers should not slow down or block certain websites or charge additional fees to access different content, noting the 2015 Open Order categorizing the internet as a public utility and the FCC tools for enforcement. Mayor Silberberg also noted that she signed a letter urging the FCC to uphold net neutrality prior to the FCC ruling to remove the protection. Mayor Silberberg requested that the resolution be docketed from consideration at the next legislative meeting.

Vice Mayor Wilson suggested that the Commission on Information Technology review the resolution prior to Council consideration and provide Council with a recommendation.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Smedberg and carried unanimously, City Council requested that the Commission on Information Technology review the resolution and provide a recommendation for Council consideration. 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.

2. Mayor Silberberg reported that SpringtoACTion will be held tomorrow and she thanked everyone who would be participating in the event.

3. Mayor Silberberg reported that the practice for the Congressional Baseball team would be held tomorrow at Simpson Field, but would be postponed until Thursday morning if there is rain.

## **OTHER**

12. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 18, 2018, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 04/24/18, 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: (1) received the updated City Council Schedule which includes: the 2018 Excellence in Aging Awards Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., in the Vola Lawson Lobby; the installation ceremony of a plaque for Mrs. Patsy Ticer on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at 9 a.m., in the Market Square Lobby; and the Warwick Pool Dedication and Opening Celebration, which is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., at 3301 Landover Street; and (2) approved the City Council schedule with the change to the Joint Work Session with the School Board, removing the May 5th Session to May 19th. 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.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

13. Consideration of a Closed Executive Session for consultation with legal counsel regarding actual or probable litigation.

This meeting was not needed.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, the regular meeting of April 24, 2018 was adjourned at 9:28 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.

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APPROVED BY:

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**ALLISON SILBERBERG      MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC      City Clerk