# City of Alexandria City Council Legislative Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2019 6:00 PM Meeting Minutes

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Present: Mayor Justin M. Wilson, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Amy B. Jackson, Redella S. Pepper, and Mohamed E. Seifeldein.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Jinks, City Manager; Ms. Anderson, City Attorney; Ms. Triggs, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Mr. Cox, Division Chief, P&Z; Ms. Sample, Urban Planner, P&Z; Mr. Hricik, Fire Department; Fire Chief Dube; Mr. Lawrence, Special Assistant to the City Manager; Ms. McLean, City Manager's Office; Mr. Browand, Division Chief, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities; Ms. Taylor, Legislative Director; Ms K. Taylor, Director, Finance; Police Captain Andreas; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

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

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# 1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present.

## 2. Closed Meeting.

6:00 p.m - Consideration of a closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter and for consultation with legal counsel regarding actual or probable litigation about a specific legal matter.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council convened in closed executive session at 6:02 p.m., to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding actual or probable litigation where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body and personnel matters; specifically, the settlement of a lawsuit involving a worker's comp claim against the City and the performance of the three public appointees of the City Council; pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) and (7) of the Code of Virginia. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council reconvened in open session at 7:01 p.m. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the resolution regarding the closed executive session previously circulated to Council. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2884**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has this 14th day of May, 2019 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the City Attorney to enter into settlement agreements to resolve the litigation in the following case against the City: Zenobia Russ v. City of Alexandria. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

3. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council observed a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meetings of City Council:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2019:

The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2019;

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2019:

and The Special Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2019 (Budget Adoption).

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman

Chapman and carried unanimously, City Council approved the minutes of the following meetings of City Council: the regular meeting minutes of April 9, 2019, the public hearing meeting minutes of April 13, 2019, the regular meeting minutes of April 23, 2019, and the special meeting minutes of May 1, 2019 (Budget Adoption). The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

5. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

6. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Seifeldein, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

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**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed a proclamation for the City Clerk in honor of Municipal Clerk's Week. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

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7. Recognition of the Graduates of the City Academy.

City Council recognized the graduates of the City Academy.

8. Recognition of the Graduates of the Senior Academy.

City Council recognized the graduates of the Senior Academy.

9. Report on Federal Issues by Congressman Beyer

Congressman Beyer gave a report of Federal issues and potential impact on the City of Alexandria and responded to question from Council.

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

# \*Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilman Aguirre)

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that there was a public hearing held on the I-66 Commuter Choice project and she noted that the public comment period would be open until May 15 on the NVTC website.

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parked also reported that the Commission received a presentation from the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission on their scope and responsibilities.

# \*Visit Alexandria Board of Governors (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported that Visit Alexandria is preparing for the Metrorail Shutdown by providing information to restaurants, hotels, shops and other attractions, urging them to proactively prepare and train staff to be familiar with the transportation resources that will be available during that time and she noted that the information will be available on the Visit Alexandria website as well as the City's website.

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker stated that the Board reviewed the FY20 Operating Plan with strategies including a new advertising campaign launching in the fall of 2019, new strategy for attracting conferences and meeting, and the expansion of the King Street corridor initiative with six events at Waterfront Park.

# \*Council of Governments (COG) Region Forward Coalition (Councilman Seifeldein)

Councilman Seifeldein reported the Mr. Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning, gave presentation to the Coalition on the need for additional housing in the region highlighting five goals noting that by 2045 at least 115,000 units will be need in the region to meet the demand. Councilman Seifeldein noted that about 25,600 permits will need to issue annually to keep up with the demand and the region is falling short of that target. Councilman Seifeldein noted that the main impediment to meeting these target is the political will throughout the region.

#### \*COG Board of Directors (Mayor Wilson)

Mayor Wilson reported that the Board of Directors recognized the Foster Parents of the Year from the jurisdictions and he noted that Michael and Jennifer O'Hanisan, the Alexandria Foster Parents of the Year, were honored at the event.

Mayor Wilson reported that the Board approved the Work Program and Budget for the year and there was a discussion about the Potomac River Water Quality report and the sewer pollution and other pollution that affecting the river's water quality.

Mayor Wilson stated that there was a presentation on economic development collaboration in the region with a focus on the joint attraction of Amazon and Virginia Tech and how the region will move forward on that venture. Mayor Wilson also received a presentation on the homeless population in the region and the work that needs to continue to reduce homelessness.

#### ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

# REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER CONSENT CALENDAR (10-18)

# (Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

- 10. Receipt of the following resignations from Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
  - (a) Commission on Information Technology Sean Rough
  - (b) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission Kelly Spradley-Kurowski
  - (c) Sister Cities Committee Christopher Doorley
  - (d) Waterfront Commission
    Dennis Auld
    Roger Yoerges

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:**

- 11. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
  - (a) Beautification Commission
    - 1 Member who shall have expertise in the field of architecture or urban planning, or be a historian with architectural knowledge
  - (b) Citizen Corps Council1 Citizen Member
  - (c) Commission on Aging1 Commission for Women Representative
  - (d) Community Criminal Justice Board1 Director of the City's Court Services Unit
  - (e) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee1 Member to be nominated by the Masonic Fraternity

- (f) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
   1 At-Large Member of Alexandria Civic Association (OTCA)
   1 Planning District III representative
- (g) Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission1 Citizen Member appointed by City Council
- (h) Local Emergency Planning Committee
   1 Owner and Operator of a facility subject to the Federal Emergency Planning requirements of Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)
- (i) Park and Recreation Commission1 Member from Park Planning District I1 Member from Park Planning District II
- (j) Sister Cities Committee 1 Citizen Member
- (k) Waterfront Commission1 Representative from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

(A copy of the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11 (a-k); 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

# (Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

12. Consideration of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2019 Third Quarter Capital Projects Status Report Related to City Council Approved Capital Projects.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 8, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 12; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

13. Consideration of the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2019.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 8, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

14. Consideration of Grant Application for FY 2019 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 8, 2019, is on file in Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

15. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Education for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program for Children.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 8, 2019, is on file in Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

16. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Certified Local Government Grant Program to Support the Non-Invasive Survey of Two Cemeteries in Alexandria, Virginia.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 8, 2019, is on file in Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

# (Ordinances for Introduction)

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Landmark/Van Dorn chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2019-0001 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment (Implementation Ordinance for Master Plan Amendment No. 2019-0001 associated with Landmark Mall approved by City Council on April 13, 2019).

(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. 17; 05/14/19, 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, and is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 17; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

18. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section No. 2-181.1 (OUTDOOR DINING ENCLOSURE), Section No. 2-181.2 (OUTDOOR DINING FURNITURE), Section No. 2-181.3 (OUTLOT), Section No. 2-181.4 (PARCEL), and Section No. 2-181.5 (PARK) of Article No. II (DEFINITIONS) and Section No. 6-801 (PURPOSE), Section No. 6-805 (STANDARDS FOR OUTDOOR DINING), Section No. 6-806 (ADDITIONAL ENCROACHMENT REQUIREMENTS), Section and No. 6-807 CONTROLLING) of Article No. VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2019-0002 (Implementation Ordinance for Text Amendment No. 2018-0002 associated with the secured dining enclosures and practical updates for King Street outdoor dining approved by City Council on April 13, 2019).

(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. 18; 05/14/19, 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, and is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 18; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

#### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of item #16, which was considered under separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

- 10. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Sean Rough, Commission on Information Technology; (b) Kelly Spradley-Kurowski, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (c) Christopher Doorley, Sister Cities Committee; and (d) Dennis Auld and Roger Yoerges, Waterfront Commission.
- City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and 11. committees: (a) appointed Emily Freeland as the member who shall have expertise in the field of architecture or urban planning, or be a historian with architectural knowledge to the Beautification Commission; (b) reappointed Michelle McQueeney as the citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (c) appointed Katherine Seifu as the Commission for Women Representative to the Commission on Aging; (d) reappointed Michael Mackey as the director of the City's Court Services Unit representative to the Community Criminal Justice Board; (e) reappointed Tyler Vanice as the member to be nominated by the Masonic Fraternity to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (f) appointed Michael Hobbs as the member-at-large, which is a member of an Alexandria civic association and reappointed Steve Stuart as the representative from Planning District III to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission; (g) reappointed Melinda Barnes as a citizen member appointed by City Council to the Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission; (h) reappointed Kevin McGunnigle as the owner operator of a facility subject to the Federal Emergency Planning Requirements of Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) to the Local Emergency Planning Committee; (i) reappointed Gina Baum as the member from Planning District I and appointed Joey Farmery as the member from Planning District II of the Park and Recreation Commission; (k) reappointed Maureen Dugan as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee: and (I) appointed Danielle Romanetti as the representative from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce to the Waterfront Commission.
  - 12. City Council received the FY 2019 Third Quarter Capital Projects Status Report.
  - 13. City Council received the Monthly Financial Report.
- 14. City Council: (1) approved the submission of a grant application to the 2019 Port Security Grant Program, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$145,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.
- 15. City Council: (1) approved the submission of the grant application (due May 24, 2019) to the Virginia Department of Education for United States Department of Agriculture for

continued funding and an estimated reimbursement amount of \$100,000 for program expenses; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

- 17. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, May 18, 2019.
- 18. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

The vote was follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

16. Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Certified Local Government Grant Program to Support the Non-Invasive Survey of Two Cemeteries in Alexandria, Virginia.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 8, 2019, is on file in Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council authorized the City Manager to: (1) approved the application to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Certified Local Government Grant Program for a \$10,500 grant; (2) approved the acceptance of funds from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Certified Local Government Grant Program for \$10,500, if the grant is approved; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

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

19. Presentation by the Executive Director of the Washington Area Council of Governments Executive Director Chuck Bean.

(A copy of a presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

City Council received the report on the Washington Area Council of Governments from Executive Director Chuck Bean.

#### Please note: Item No. 20 is a Public Hearing item.

20. BAR #2018-00410 & BAR #2018-00411
Public hearing and consideration of an appeal of the Board of Architectural Review's (BAR) February 6, 2019 decision to approve a Permit to Partially Demolish & Capsulate and a Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 619 South Lee

Street.

Applicant: Vowell LLC c/o Michael Harrington

Appellant: Various appellants

(A copy of the appeal is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 20; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Mr. Cox, Division Chief, Planning and Zoning, gave a presentation on the appeal and responded to questions from Council about the project.

The following persons participated in the public hearing on this item:

- 1. Robert Adams, 510 South Fairfax Street, representing the Board of Architectural Review, explained the decision of the Board and responded to questions from Council.
- 2. John Thorpe Richards, Jr., representing the Historic Alexandria Foundation, spoke in support of the appeal and responded to questions from Council about the project and the reason for the appeal.

City Attorney Anderson gave an explanation of the Open Space Land Act and responded to questions from Council about the Act.

- 3. Robert Montague, 1007 King Street, President of the NOVA Conservation Council, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 4. Katy Cannady, 20 East Oak Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 5. Yvonne Callahan, 735 South Lee Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 6. Gebe Martinez Johnson, 309 North Royal Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
- 7. Elizabeth McCall, 537 South Fairfax Street, representing the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, spoke in support of the appeal.
- 8. John Dumsick, 306 East Custis Avenue, spoke in support of the appeal and responded to questions from Council.
  - 9. Poul Hertel, 3716 Carriage House Court, Fairfax, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 10. Gail Rothrock, 209 Duke Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
- 11. Danny Smith, 401 South Lee Street, representing the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 12. Elizabeth F. Jones, 5904 Mt. Eagle Drive, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 13. Bert Ely, 200 South Pitt Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 14. Elaine Johnston, 831 South Fairfax Street, spoke in support of the appeal.

- 15. Michael Hobbs, 419 Cameron Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
- 16. Lauren Stack, 220 South Lee Street, requested that the appeal be denied and the BAR decision be upheld.
- 17. John Kester, 313 N. St. Asaph Street, spoke in support of the appeal and responded to questions from Council.
- 18. Scott Eshom, 600 South Lee Street, spoke in support of the BAR decision and requested that the appeal be denied.
  - 19. Gary Korn, 732 South Lee Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 20. Dylan Colligan, 815 King Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
- 21. Steve Milone, 907 Prince Street, representing Old Town Civic Association, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 22. Martha Harris, 613 Melrose Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 23. Robert Pringle, 216 Wolfe Street, spoke in the support of the appeal.
  - 24. Sherry Hulfish Browne, 6211 Florence Lane, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 25. Hal Hardaway, 311 South Union Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 26. Rebecca Squires, 313 Queen Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 27. Matthew Feely, 308 Wolfe Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 28. Maureen Cooney, 1104 W. Abingdon Drive, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 29. Dr. Mary Palmer, 315 South Lee Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
- 30. Scott Shaw, 219 South Pitt Street, spoke in support of the BAR decision and requested that the BAR appeal be denied.
- 31. Lyles Carr, 614 West Braddock Road, spoke in support of the BAR decision and requested that the BAR appeal be denied.
- 32. Susan Ginsburg, 429 South Lee Street, former owner of the house, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 33. Boyd Walker, 1307 King Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
  - 34. Robert Ray, 400 Prince Street, spoke in support of the appeal.
- 35. Lee Quill, 9 West Walnut Street, architect on the project, requested the appeal be denied and responded to questions from Council.

36. Duncan Blair, 520 King Street, attorney for the applicant, requested the appeal be denied and responded to questions from Council.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council closed the public hearing. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried unanimously, City Council affirmed the decisions of the Board of Architectural Review for approval of the Permit to Demolish/Capsulate and Certificate of Appropriateness.

A motion to amend was made by Councilwoman Pepper to uphold the decision of the Board of Architectural Review and reject the permit to demolish/capsulate the hyphen. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The vote on the main motion was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, Councilwoman Pepper, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

21. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 3-2-192 to Provide a Performance Based Partial Real Estate Tax Abatement to Induce Economic Development at 5001 Eisenhower Avenue.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 8, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 21; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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. 2 of Item No. 21; 05/14/19, 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, and is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 3 of Item No. 21; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman Seifeldein and carried 6-0, City Council approved ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on May 18, 2019. The vote was follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Pepper/

22. Consideration of a Resolution to Temporarily Reduce the Parking Fees Collected at City Parking Facilities During the Metro Platform Improvement Project. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 8, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 22; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and carried by roll-call vote 6-0, City Council adopted a resolution to approve the reduced parking fees after 5pm at City lots and garages for the duration of the Platform Improvement Project. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Pepper.

The resolution reads as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2885**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.03(k) of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for the parking or storage of vehicles at parking lots, garages or facilities provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, all Metro stations in Alexandria will be closed during Summer 2019 as part of the Platform Improvement Project, which will have significant impacts to commuting choices for employees, residents, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to mitigate these impacts and manage an increased demand in parking, the City Council wishes to encourage people who drive to park off-street instead of on-street and in residential areas; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Old Town Area Parking Study (OTAPS) and Work Group included encouraging long term visitors to use the garages and off-street surface lots when parking; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation from the OTAPS Work Group included reducing rates at city parking facilities in the evenings and on weekends; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to authorize the City Manager to proceed with all steps necessary to temporarily change the rates charged at applicable City parking facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

That the rate at the Courthouse garage located at 111 South Pitt Street be changed to a maximum flat rate of \$1 per entry for periods after 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday, and all day Saturday, Sunday, and City holidays.

That the rate at the following garages and surface parking lots be changed to a maximum flat rate of \$2 per entry for periods after 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday, and all day Saturday, Sunday, and City holidays:

Market Square garage (108 North Royal Street)

N. Union Street garage (220 North Union Street)

Thompson's Alley garage (10 Thompson's Alley)

Cameron/St. Asaph surface lot (517 Cameron Street)

South Henry Street surface lot (116 South Henry Street) Union Station surface lot (110 Callahan Drive)

That no changes shall be made to the existing hourly and maximum rates charged prior to 5:00 PM Monday-Friday.

That the change to rates is only approved for the duration of Metrorail station closures in Alexandria associated with the WMATA Platform Improvement Project, which is currently scheduled to start Friday, May 24, 2019 (Memorial Day weekend) and end on September 8, 2019. The temporary parking rates are intended to be in effect for the duration of Metrorail closures associated with the Platform Improvement Project, regardless of the currently projected schedule.

- 5. That the City Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to affix the seal of the City to such documents as may be necessary or convenient implement this Resolution; and
- 6. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.
- 23. Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Project Update

City Council cancelled this item.

24. WMATA Summer Platform Improvement Project Update

City Council deferred this report until Saturday, May 18, 2019 public hearing meeting.

## **CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS**

25. Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force1 Parent Representative

City Council requested that the City Clerk re-advertise this vacancy.

 Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
 1 Representative of the City's small business community, including retail, restaurant, or hospitality sector

City Council requested that the City Clerk re-advertise this vacancy.

27. Commission for Women

4 Citizen Members

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME: ENDORSEMENT:

Winoka Clements Michelle Dirst Lateisha Garrett Geraldine Kalim

Erin Lee Brian Morreale Maribel Ramos Jodie Rubenstein

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 27; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Lateisha Garrett, Brian Morreale, waived the residency requirement and reappointed Maribel Ramos and appointed Geraldine Kalim as the four citizen members to the Commission for Women. The vote was as follows:

Wilson Garrett, Kalim, Morreale, Rubenstein Bennett-Parker Garrett, Kalim, Morreale, Ramos Dirst, Garrett, Morreale, Ramos Aguirre Chapman Garrett, Kalim, Lee, Morreale Jackson Garrett, Kalim, Morreale, Ramos Garrett, Morreale, Ramos, Rubenstein Pepper

Seifeldein Garrett, Lee, Morreale, Ramos

#### 28. Community Criminal Justice Board

1 Citizen Member

City Council requested the City Clerk re-advertise this vacancy.

#### 29. **Environmental Policy Commission**

1 Citizen At-Large Member

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME: **ENDORSEMENT:** 

Leslie Jones Ashley Tatge Hilary Tomeny

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 29; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and ballots tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Leslie Jones as the citizen at-large member to the Environmental Policy Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson Jones Bennett-Parker Jones Aguirre Jones Chapman Jones -

Jackson - Jones Pepper - Jones Seifeldein - Jones

#### 30. Waterfront Commission

1 Citizen Representative who resides east of Washington Street and south of King Street

(The following persons volunteered for appointment to the above Commission)

NAME: ENDORSEMENT:

Kleber Masterson, Jr. Louise Roseman

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 30; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed, and the ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Kleber Masterson, Jr. as the citizen representative who resides east of Washington Street and south of King Street to the Waterfront Commission. The vote was as follows:

Wilson - Roseman
Bennett-Parker - Roseman
Aguirre - Masterson
Chapman - Masterson
Jackson - Roseman
Pepper - Masterson
Seifeldein - Masterson

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

None.

#### **OTHER**

31. Consideration of City Council Schedule.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated May 8, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 31; 05/14/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried 6-0, City Council received and approved the updated May 2019 to June 2019 City Council Schedule which includes the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Fire Station 203 on Saturday, June 22 at 8:30 a.m., 2801 Cameron Mills Road. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman

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# **Closed Meeting (if needed)**

32. Consideration of a closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter and for consultation with legal counsel regarding actual or probable litigation about a specific legal matter.

This meeting was not needed.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and carried 6-0, the regular meeting of May 14, 2019 was adjourned at 1:18 a.m. The vote was as follows: Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Pepper.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk