

City of Alexandria
Tuesday, November 26, 2019 - 6:00 PM
City Council Legislative Meeting
Meeting Minutes

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. Collins, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Garvey, Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA); Mr. Browand, Division Chief, RPCA; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Mr. Taylor, Director, Finance; Mr. Duval, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Ms. North, Division Chief, T&ES; Mr. Lambert, Director, T&ES; Ms. Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES; Ms. Orlando, RPCA; Ms. Buttar, DCHS; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Dawson, Director, Libraries; Ms. Durham, RPCA; Ms. Mekibib, DCHS, Mr. Remick, DCHS; Ms. Taylor, Legislative Director; Police Captain Andreas; Mr. Barre, Information Technology Services; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Keia Waters, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

Work Session - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Work Session will be held in the Council Work Room)

City Council held a work session the State delegation members to discuss the priorities of the City's Legislative Package.

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and the Deputy 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, led by a youth audience member.

PROCLAMATIONS

3. Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring the Campagna Center's Annual Scottish Christmas Walk.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Jackson, 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.

4. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring November 28, 2019 as Del Ray Turkey Trot Day.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson 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.

ORAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

***City/Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

Mayor Wilson reported on the T.C Williams High School project and the potential for land use changes and co-location opportunities on the Minnie Howard site. He also reported on the superintendent's CIP plan, amendments to the fund balance, and ACPS transportation staffing and facility issues.

Councilman Chapman noted that the bus driver shortage is a regional issue and there is a growing partnership between ACPS and DASH to address transportation options.

***ARHA Redevelopment Committee (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Chapman)**

Mayor Wilson reported that the committee is still waiting to hear from HUD on the repositioning application. He noted that there was a conversation regarding zoning for housing tools to assist ARHA with the creation of additional affordable housing.

***Northern Virginia Transportation Association (NVTa) (Mayor Wilson)**

Mayor Wilson reported that the association accepted a clean audit and approved their legislative package. He noted the evaluation of the executive director, and the transition in leadership of the longtime chairman.

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

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported on the CTB approval of the 395 Commuter Choice Program and that the city received funding to enhance service on the AT1 and AT9. She also noted that the commission approved changes to the technical evaluation criteria for the future to consider long term projects.

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported on the I-66 program and the request from the Deputy Secretary of Transportation regarding amendments to the program, which would allow funding to go towards Long Bridge.

Councilman Aguirre expressed the need of the support and funding of the Long Bridge, I-66 and I-95 expansion for the benefit of the city and region.

Councilman Aguirre noted the legislative subcommittee had a discussion regarding the state and federal legislative priorities.

Councilman Aguirre updated Council on Chairman Dorsey stepping down from the finance subcommittee and appointed to a different subcommittee for WMATA.

***Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker)**

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported on the Commonwealth recommending the City consider using C-ROC funding for Long Bridge. She also reported on the recirculated communications survey regarding positive train control implementation, and the draft of the legislative package addressing funding.

***Eco-City Steering Committee (Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and Councilwoman Pepper)**

Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker reported on a conversation regarding the recently passed EAP and its implementation. She also announced the Eco Academy will begin spring 2020.

Councilwoman Pepper updated Council on the report from the retreat and possibly receiving quarterly or bi-annual reports from the committee.

***Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) (Councilman Aguirre and Councilwoman Jackson)**

Councilwoman Jackson reported on an event to be held in the Vola Lawson lobby on December 11, 2019 at 6 p.m. to celebrate CYFCC accomplishments.

Councilman Aguirre reported on the commission finalizing the theme for the upcoming Legacy Workshop, which will help guide some of the CYMP planning.

***COG Transportation Planning Board (Councilman Aguirre)**

Councilman Aguirre reported on the Street-Smart Public Education Campaign annual review and the Regional Travel survey update.

***Citizen Corps Council (Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Seifeldein)**

Councilwoman Jackson reported on a presentation regarding the new charter and affiliate updates.

***Update from COG Board of Directors (Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported on a discussion regarding the Regional Housing Initiative, and the concerns from the county executive of Montgomery County. She also reported on the large gap between the Urban Institutes numbers and the City's Housing Master Plan regarding the projected development of affordable housing units.

***Update from the Eisenhower Partnership Annual Meeting (Councilwoman Pepper and Councilwoman Jackson)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported on a visit to Building Momentum and many skills you can develop within the facility.

Councilwoman Jackson reported on the Eisenhower Partnership 25 Year Celebration. She also reported on the Building Momentum visit.

***Eisenhower East Design Review Board Update (Councilwoman Pepper)**

Councilwoman Pepper reported on an update of the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan, this plan will be presented to Council in January.

***Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group (Mayor Wilson and Councilman Aguirre)**

Mayor Wilson reported that they received the final regulatory permit required for the construction of the station from the US Army Corp. of Engineers. He announced the groundbreaking ceremony for the metro station will be on December 19, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the northwest entrance.

Councilman Aguirre commended staff on the hard work and congratulated the city on being able to move forward after this long process.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks gave an update on the Metrorail Station and the triple A rating from Moody's and Standard and Poor's. He noted that the report from Standard and Poor's stated the ratings are better than the United States Government, and these rating will be used for the bond sell in early December. Mr. Jinks reported on The Garden by Building Momentum space aimed to aid in team-building and skill development. Mr. Jinks reported on the Amazon HQ2 partnership with Arlington and the State on the creation on the Northern Virginia Regional Housing Partnership. Mr. Jinks also reported on the Governors of Housing Conference, where the partnership was recognized for Best Regional Partnership.

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

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

5. DCHS Workforce Development Center Work Session.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 20, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 5; 11/26/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Kate Garvey, Director of the Department of Human Services, Ms. Lesa Gilbert Director of the Center for Economic Support, Mr. Daniel Mekibib, Director of the Workforce Development Center and Mr. Dave Remick, Alexandria Workforce Development Center.

Council requested staff to look into adding presentation recommendations to the legislative package for federal review; and to look into the ability to track participant progress for beyond 24 months.

6. Consideration of a Phase II Dockless Mobility Pilot Program Draft Conditions for 2020.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 20, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6; 11/26/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Ms. Katye North, Division Chief, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, Ms. Vicki Caudullo, Mr. Yon Lambert, and Ms. Hillary OrPol, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, and Captain Jamie Bridgeman, Alexandria Police Department, gave a presentation and responded to questions from Council about the dockless mobility program and the proposed continuation of the pilot program.

Council requested staff to review program details regarding the following: sidewalk ridership throughout the city; police ability to enforce proposed regulations; cost of citations; helmet requirements; time restrictions on use of scooters; cost of parking spaces converted to scooter corrals; options for docked scooters; requirements for companies to supply scooters on the West End; limiting the number of companies or the number of scooters with in the city; and the economic impact of the scooters.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7. Consideration of a Resolution for a competitive grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the FY 2021 State of Good Repair Program (Primary Extension Grant Funding). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 20, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7; 11/26/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Seifeldein and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution for a competitive grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the FY 2021

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

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2916

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds of \$1,500,000 through the VDOT Primary Extension Program; and

WHEREAS, \$1,500,000 of these funds are requested to fund concrete rehabilitation for the following segments: Eastbound Duke Street from I-395 to South Walker Street, Westbound Duke Street from South Walker Street to I-395;

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

1. Hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$1,500,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Primary Extension Program.
2. Hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute project administration agreements for any approved revenue sharing projects.

This resolution shall be effective on the date and at the time of adoption.

8. Consideration of a Resolution to Extend the Term of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated November 20, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 11/26/19, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Seifeldein and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution to Extend the Term of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2917

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Potomac Yard Metrorail station is important to the economic and social health of Alexandria and to the immediately surrounding area, and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to ensure a continued forum for community input as the

Potomac Yard Metrorail station advances through design and construction, with full coordination with other City efforts,

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

1. The term of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Implementation Work Group (PYMIG) will hereby be extended by 365 days.
2. The term of operations will retroactively commence on June 27, 2019.
3. The PYMIG will include the following representatives:
 - a. Two members of City Council;
 - b. One representative from the Planning Commission;
 - c. One representative from the Transportation Commission;
 - d. One representative from the Environmental Policy Commission;
 - e. One representative from the Park and Recreation Commission;
 - f. One community representative from the neighborhoods east of the CSX tracks within the Potomac Yard Small Area Plan area;
 - g. One community representative from west of the CSX tracks within the Potomac Yard Small Area Plan area;
 - h. One representative from the Potomac Yard Civic Association;
 - i. One representative from the Potomac Greens Homeowners Association;
 - j. One representative from the Old Town Greens Townhome/ Condominium Association;
 - k. One at-large business representative with an interest in the project; and
 - l. Two at-large community members with an interest in the project.
4. The functions of the PYMIG shall be to:
 - a. Review and provide input on Environmental Impact Statement documents;
 - b. Provide input on project design;
 - c. Receive updates on funding issues related to the new Metrorail station;
 - d. Facilitate discussion of construction mitigation for community impacts during construction; and,
 - e. Attend and participate fully in all Work Group meetings, in addition to attending work sessions and public hearings of the City Council as needed. If unable to attend, members are encouraged to notify staff in advance and provide comments on meeting materials in a timely manner
5. Staff technical support will be provided by the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services and the Department of Project Implementation, as well as additional staff from other departments.
6. The Council representatives and community members of the PYMIG shall be appointed by the Mayor based on a call for nominations publicized through the City's eNews service, notices to Civic, community and business associations and the City website, and the other PYMIG representatives shall be appointed by the chairs of those bodies to be represented. Representatives from civic and homeowners' associations will be appointed by the Chair of the

respective associations.

7. Pursuant to City Code Section 2-4-8, the PYMIG shall meet on an ad hoc basis as needed for the period of 12 months. This term may be extended by council by ordinance or resolution for additional periods of up to 365 days each, not to exceed three years from the date of the initial meeting, if needed for completion of their stated tasks as defined herein, unless otherwise extended by City Council.

This resolution shall be effective on the date and at the time of adoption.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

***Other Orals**

1. **The Cities Thrive Mental Health Conference -NYC (Councilwoman Jackson)**

2. **Virginia Tech Innovation Campus Vision Update/Visit to Blacksburg Campus (Councilwoman Jackson)**

Councilwoman Jackson deferred her reports in the interest of time.

OTHER

Councilman Chapman noted that he will report to Council at a later date on the NLC Conference.

Councilman Aguirre briefly reported on World Remembrance Day Walk and William Ramsay Elementary School visit. He also noted that one of the three subcommittees for the Complete Count Committee has completed its work and potentially disbanding the final two and began implementation. Councilman Aguirre also noted his appreciation for the City providing outreach and hosting a Planning Meeting in Spanish.

Councilman Seifeldein reported that he will be introducing an amendment to the Human Rights code to include gender identity and transgender status.

9. **Consideration of City Council Schedule.**

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated September 25, 2019, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 23; 10/02/19, 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 November 2019 through June 2020 Council Schedule. 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.

Closed Meeting.

10. Consideration of a closed Executive Session to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council convened in closed executive session at 10:37 p.m., to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding actual the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved which if made public initially, the financial interest of the government unit would be adversely affected specifically, a loan for the purchase of a building to be used in part for affordable housing on the west end of the City; pursuant to Sections 2.2 3711(A)(6). 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker and carried 6-0, City Council reconvened in open session at 10:56 p.m. 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.

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0 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, and Councilman Seifeldein; Opposed, none; Absent, Councilwoman Pepper.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2918

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried 6-0, City Council

adjourned the regular meeting of November 26, 2019 at 10:58 p.m. 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.

APPROVED BY:

JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

Keia Waters, CMC, Deputy City Clerk