

City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314*



Action Docket - Final

Saturday, October 13, 2012

9:30 AM

Council Chamber

City Council Public Hearing

City Council Will Attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Fire Station 210 and Impound Lot at 8:15 a.m.

City Council attended the ground-breaking.

OPENING

1 Calling the Roll.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Euille, and the City Clerk called the roll. All the members of Council were present.

2 Public Discussion Period.

(a) Gary Carr, 216 Aspen Street, spoke of the need for running tracks in Alexandria. He said to help with the problem of childhood obesity, they should build running tracks at their schools, as every child and adult can participate. He asked Council to consider: 1. Enhance limited inventory they have; 2. Apply short term improvements to the track at George Washington Middle School; and 3. Review the running track situation City-wide toward long-term solutions. He asked Council to explore safety lights at their current running tracks or constructing running areas in the fields that currently have lights. He said on the track at GW, the track is a hollow shell and there are things that can be done in the short-term that should be addressed. He asked Council to revisit the running track suitability study, which was done in 2008, but it didn't work as they didn't address the situation.

(b) Grant Withers, 401 Holland Lane, Apt. 221, said he had heard that no one had proposed emailing out the tax bills. He also said he heard that the Eisenhower Connector, which hasn't been completed, might have roadblocks associated with Council.

(c) Poul Hertel, 1217 Michigan Court, spoke of the Potomac North plan that was adopted on May 10, 2010 which talks about sites for the Potomac Yard Metro but is vague, saying only that three of the eight initial stations alternatives remain under consideration and could proceed to the environmental analysis phase of the feasibility process. He said he has been told that the City has not committed itself to any one option, yet on June 3, 2010, the City signed the memorandum of understanding with the developer requiring them to contribute only if option B is chosen. He said that when the developer contributions are touted, they are endorsing option B. He said it is clear that the Metro location of option B lies in a scenic easement under the George Washington Memorial Parkway, and neither the staff report nor the small area plan report that. He said he felt deceived by the decision to put the Metro on option B.

(d) Dino Drudi, 315 N. West Street, shared with Council a new report on rethinking rapid growth in a finite world. The report challenges the idea that development and population growth are good things and specifically says that their economy has an unhealthy reliance on population growth and development. The way that local governments have chosen to achieve growth has had tremendously negative effects on the well-being of the public. Mr. Drudi said Councilman Fannon points out that the

City's budget has grown considerably more than population growth plus inflation, and it is hard to find something in the City's budget that is a real improvement that wasn't there five or ten years ago. He said one of the points the research paper makes is that population density disproportionately drives the demand for public services.

(e) Michael Hobbs, 419 Cameron Street, speaking for the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, said they are interested in the City's new initiative, What's New Alexandria, to examine how Alexandria's citizens and residents may participate more effectively in the City's public policy process. He said they caution that there could be no greater need for coherent, inclusive and transparent public process than when improving that public process, strengthening the quality of the public engagement is the very purpose of the undertaking. It is more important that at the end of the inquiry, the public will feel that the process has been open, honest and truly responsive and has not been merely an exercise designed to lead to an ordained conclusion but that it has been a genuine partnership between the City's elected and appointed officials and the public to strengthen the quality and effectiveness of their interaction in the public policy process. Mr. Hobbs said that over three years ago, the Federation of Civic Associations submitted an appeal that the City should conduct a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of citizen participation in the process by which public policies and plans are proposed, considered and adopted. He said that as an initial contribution to the new initiative, they would like to submit that paper again for the record and for Council's consideration.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission

END OF ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

None

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

- 3** [13-0711](#) Public Hearing to Obtain Citizens Input on the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
City Council held the public hearing to obtain citizens input on the City's proposed fiscal year 2014 Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- [13-0559](#) Public Hearing and Consideration of the Acceptance of the Design Proposal for Public Art for the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial.
City Council closed the public hearing and approved the artist and design proposal for the Contrabands and Freedmens Cemetery Memorial, as recommended by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.
- 5** [13-0724](#) Public Hearing and Consideration of a Request to Adopt a Public Art Policy for the City of Alexandria.
City Council closed the public hearing and docketed the final decision to the October

23 meeting, with a request from staff to complete the details for the following: that the private funding of this be at \$.30 a foot with a cap of \$75,000, and by implication, the smaller development is not exempt, it applies to those developments that come under the development SUP, and to identify a little more clearly when discussion takes place under what circumstances art on a development meets the requirements and when they expect that there will be a contribution.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

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- 6 [DSUP12-13](#) Development Special Use Permit #2012-0013
Coordinated Sign SUP #2012-0057
Encroachment #2012-0002
2900 Main Line Boulevard - Potomac Yard Landbay G, Block H (Giant)
Public Hearing and Consideration of requests for: (A) an amendment to a previously approved development special use permit (DSUP#2007-0022) and site plan to construct a mixed-use building to include retail (grocery store) and multifamily residential units, with special use permit requests for a parking reduction and bonus density for provision of affordable housing pursuant to Section 7-700, and a modification request for vision clearance and setbacks; (B) an amendment to previously approved SUP#2008-0090 for a coordinated sign program; and (C) a request for an encroachment into the public right-of-way; zoned CDD#10/Coordinated Development District #10. Applicant: LBG Parcel H, LLC represented by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 5-0

City Council approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with an addition on page 28, condition #9i, to read "parking garages shall maintain suitable hours of operation to accommodate the shared parking plan and will be part of the parking management plan and reviewed on a timely basis to ensure efficiency of the plan."
- 7 [SUP12-054](#) Special Use Permit #2012-0054
2000 Mount Vernon Avenue - Evening Star Cafe
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to increase outdoor dining and a request for a parking reduction at an existing restaurant; zoned CL/Commercial Low.
Applicant: Majestic Grill, Inc. DBA Evening Star Cafe and Planet Wine
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 5-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
- 8 [DSUP12-03](#) Development Special Use Permit #2012-0003
Development Special Use Permit #2012-0023
Transportation Management Plan SUP #2012-0064
Transportation Management Plan SUP #2012-0065
2200 & 2250 Mill Road - ATA Blocks 19 & 20 Amendment

Public hearing and consideration of requests for: an amendment to a previously approved (DSUP#2007-0017) development special use permit, with site plan, to bifurcate conditions of approval for Blocks 19 and 20 for the construction of office and residential buildings; and an amendment to a previously approved special use permit transportation management plan (SUP TMP#2008-0091) to bifurcate conditions of approval for Blocks 19 and 20; zoned CDD#2/Coordinated Development District #2.

Applicant: LSREF2 Clover Property 12, LLC represented by Duncan Blair, attorney

Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 5-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation, with an amendment to condition 113 to restore the condition back to the language approved by City Council previously.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 9 [13-0721](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance Authorizing the Owners of the Property Located at 401 East Braddock Road (Parcel Addresses: 401, 405 East Braddock Road; 515 Mount Vernon Avenue) to Construct and Maintain an Encroachment For an Ornamental Wall, Raised Planters and Planting Beds in a Portion of the Public Right of Way at That Location. (Project Name: Yates Corner) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council adopted the ordinance to authorize the owners of 401 East Braddock Road, 401, 405 East Braddock Road, 515 Mount Vernon Avenue to construct and maintain an encroachment for an ornamental wall, raised planters and planting beds in a portion of the public right-of-way at that location. (ORD. NO. 4775)*
- 10 [13-0723](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance Authorizing the United States General Services Administration (GSA) to Construct and Maintain an Encroachment for a Perimeter Security Line Consisting of Hardened Garden Fences, Retractable and Non-retractable Bollards and Security Booths Within the Public Access Easement for the Public Right of Ways Known as Jamieson Avenue, Courthouse Square South, and Elizabeth Lane All Adjacent to the Albert V. Bryan United States Federal Courthouse. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council adopted the ordinance authorizing the GSA to construct and maintain an encroachment for a perimeter security line within the public access easement for the public right-of-ways known as Jamieson Avenue, Courthouse Square South, and Elizabeth Lane, all adjacent to the Albert V. Bryan United States Federal Courthouse. (ORD. NO. 4776)*

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission (continued)

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Note: The action docket is a summary of Council's meeting deliberations prepared largely for staff follow-up. Formal minutes of the meeting, when approved by Council, become the official record of the meeting and of Council decisions made at the meeting.