

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Saturday, November 16, 2013

9:30 AM

Council Chambers

City Council Public Hearing

OPENING

1 Calling the Roll.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Silberberg and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present except for Mayor Euille and Councilman Chapman, who were absent.

[14-2145](#)

Roll Call Card

2 Public Discussion Period.

The following persons spoke:

1. Kathleen Schloeder, 2501 St. John Place, chair, Alexandria Library Board, spoke about the concern of the board that the pace of the project for the water damage at Beatley Library has seemed slow. She said they heard from General Services yesterday that they hoped to get a lot of the work done before Thanksgiving. She said the building has suffered more damage in the October rains and they have had to close part of it. She said the Library has requested capital funds for FY15 in order to renovate the first floor of the Burke Library. She said they have collected over 3,000 surveys for a needs assessment and have had focus groups with parents, business groups and young professionals.

2. Eileen Bradley, 4705 West Braddock Road, president, Friends of Beatley Library, spoke about the progress that has been made and the sense of urgency that seems to be attached to remediate some of the problems at Beatley. She said they had serious flooding the week of October 7, flooding because of an HVAC breakdown on July 14, and on October 23 they had major flooding because of valves not being closed and they had flooding from water dropping from the ceiling. She said they believe there are diagnostic problems, and they have recommended to the Library Board and others that a facilities assessment be undertaken and have offered to cost-share.

3. Hazel Brown, 2255 Sweetbriar Drive, said she is a displaced injured worker of the City. She said she was injured on her job and it took seven months for the insurance administrators to locate her case. Ms. Brown said she was not able to walk, developed a permanent disability, and her insurance carrier has been late consistently with her checks - either they forgot or they have gone on vacation. She pleaded with City Council for her settlement so that she can lead some type of normal standard of life. She said it is not right for her, at 63 years old, to have to suffer through this. She said she understood that it is the City Council that has denied her settlement, and she had to get a lawyer to represent her to even get medical attention and she begged for help.

4. Conrad Adams, 2255 Sweetbriar Drive, spoke in support of Ms. Brown.

5. Gary Carr, 216 Aspen Street, submitted an article by the Alexandria Times regarding Lenny Harris and the letter he wrote to the editor regarding the condition of the field. Mr. Carr recited the address given by President Abraham Lincoln 150 years ago this week in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

6. Miles Holtzman, 204 Oronoco Street, president, Old Dominion Boat Club, said Council will hold a public hearing on November 19 to consider taking their property by

eminent domain, and they understand the City plans to begin the evening with a presentation that will synopsise the City's side of things before the public comment section begins, and that the ODBC won't be able to have equal time. Mr. Holtzman said it seemed that basic fairness would call for them to be able to receive the same consideration.

7. Philip Matyas, 219 N. Pitt Street, said that a few months ago the Mayor asked him to provide some notes regarding parking in the historic district. He gave an update regarding what he said they should implement as policy from St. Asaph Street going east to the river and from Princess Street on the north to Duke Street on the south, and that is resident only parking from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., as the residents and property owners cannot find reasonable parking within a block of their house. He asked that Council put forth a resolution to provide parking for residents only in that area.

8. Jerald Willingham, 701 N. Pegram Street, spoke in opposition to the wall that is to be built at Van Dorn Street and I-395 by VDOT.

9. Emily Brown, 701 N. Pegram Street, spoke about the VDOT proposal to remove all the trees along Van Dorn Street and put up noise walls, which they do not need or want.

10. William Rougle, 5428 Barrister Place, spoke in opposition to the VDOT sound walls at Van Dorn Street and I-395, noting that with the new sound analysis VDOT has completed, that they have the opportunity to look at it, examine it and have a meeting with VDOT to discuss it. He said Council should be involved because of the economic impact it will have on the neighborhood and because of the visual attractiveness.

11. Leslie Zupan, 1309 Queen Street, said that in 2008, Jefferson Houston School was accredited by the Commonwealth of Virginia and it made annual yearly progress under No Child Left Behind, and in the five subsequent years, the test scores have dropped dramatically and it has gone from success to failure. She said the demographics of that school are the same today with failure as they were with success five years ago, and there was greater poverty, as shown by the reduced and free lunch program, in 2008 when it was fully accredited. The children and their socio-economic circumstances are not the cause of the academic failure at Jefferson Houston School. Ms. Zupan spoke to the enrollment projection provided to the School Board and they predicted an enrollment of 386 children in 2015 at the new Jefferson Houston School, and it was built for 800 students. She said that 2015 will be the first year the school is occupied, if the school is not accredited at that time, then the last shred of the notion that the building was the cause of the problem and that the new building is the solution will be discredited.

12. Kathleen Burns, 1036 N. Pelham Street, spoke to the sound wall at Van Dorn Street and I-395 and noted that VDOT continues to ignore the wishes of the citizens and lack accountability. She said that at recent hearings, VDOT refused to make public the private sound wall testing results and would release them on November 22, followed by the mailing out of letters and asking a limited number of residents to vote. She said the process lacks transparency and honesty. She said the trees will be removed and the part and role the trees play in removing Co2 from the air will be minimized. She said it is unconscionable to try and make a decision where the citizens have been given no access to the records and reports and on who can and cannot vote. Ms. Burns encouraged Council to get involved in the decision.

13. Sharon Annear, 1118 N. Howard Street, thanked staff for assisting the Inman

family with getting notice in the newspaper on the passing of Marlee Inman Clarke, noting that she was the first elected Republican woman of Alexandria and the first woman vice mayor in the history of the City. Ms. Annear said an item not in the State legislative package today from Senator Ebbin is about changing the election of Council from three years to four year terms, and there is interest in staggered terms, as well as salary increases. Ms. Annear asked what the item would be coming forward if it comes forward. She said she is opposed to four year or staggered terms.

14. Shirley Downs, 1007 N. Vail Street, spoke against the VDOT proposed sound wall at Van Dorn Street and I-395 and the residents who are next door but the only people that are allowed to vote are within the first 500 feet and who are impacted enough by the noise, as determined by VDOT. Ms. Downs asked that the votes be pushed off until January, there is only a one-year contract for the trees, the auxiliary lane takes not only the 12 feet but a pull off lane that would be 9-14 feet in addition, and that VDOT look at other kinds of noise walls.

15. Jennifer Pugh, 1209 N. Van Don Street, said that as former chair of the Beautification Commission, she has a lot of interest in what the City looks like. She spoke in opposition to the sound wall at Van Dorn Street and I-395, noting that they are ugly, the trees are to be cut down, which reduces the tree canopy, and if people don't vote, it is considered a yes vote. She urged Council to delay this so they can get more community activism on it.

16. Scott Stephens, 1209 N. Van Dorn Street, spoke to the VDOT sound wall at Van Dorn Street and I-395, noting that if they start putting up the barriers, he asked what kind of welcome that would be for people coming into Alexandria. He asked about the aesthetics, the noise and who gets to vote, noting that renters would determine the value of the property, and it should be up to the owner of the property. He asked who would maintain the newly planted trees, noting that they would take a long time to grow.

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Public Discussion (after items)

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 [14-2064](#)

Public Hearing on the Proposed City Legislative Package, Including the Proposed Charter Amendment, For the 2014 General Assembly Session.

City Council closed the public hearing, noting that the final adoption will be November 26, 2013.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)**Planning Commission (continued)**

- 4 [SUP13-066](#) Special Use Permit #2013-0066
5723 Edsall Road (Parcel Address: 5725 Edsall Road) - Leah Bakery
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a bakery; zoned
CG/Commercial General. Applicant: Mulugeta Alemayehu Wereta
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
- 5 [DSUP12-031](#) Master Plan Amendment #2013-0003
Rezoning #2013-0004
Development Special Use Permit #2012-0031
800 & 820 Slater's Lane - Slater's Lane Residences
Public Hearing and Consideration of requests for A) an amendment to the
Northeast Small Area Plan chapter of the Master Plan for a height increase; B)
rezoning to amend the existing proffers; and C) a development special use
permit and site plan with modifications to construct a residential building with
a parking reduction to allow tandem parking spaces and an increase to the
floor area ratio in exchange for affordable housing pursuant to section 7-700;
zoned RC/High Density Apartment. Applicant: CIAM-Slaters, LLC
represented by Duncan W. Blair, attorney
Planning Commission Action: MPA #2013-0003 Adopted Resolution 4-3;
REZ #2013-0004 Recommend Approval 4-3; DSUP #2012-0031 Recommend
Approval 4-3

**THIS ITEM IS BEING DEFERRED AT THE REQUEST OF
THE APPLICANT**

This item was deferred.
- 6 [SUP13-063](#) Special Use Permit #2013-0063
615-E S. Pickett Street (Parcel Address: 504 S. Van Dorn Street) - Auto
Repair Shop
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a light automobile
repair business; zoned CG/ Commercial General. Applicant: Anas Al-Hadidi
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 7 [14-2099](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to Amend
the Charter of the Alexandria Commission on Information Technology to
Revise the Composition and Organization of the Commission; to Alter the

Functions of Commission; and to Provide for Administrative and Logistical Support. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance to amend the Charter of the Alexandria Commission on Information Technology to Revise the Composition and Organization of the Commission; to Alter the Functions of Commission; and to Provide for Administrative and Logistical Support (ORD. NO. 4840)

8 [14-2025](#)

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage 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 Old Town North chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0004 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (Implementation Ordinance for the Master Plan Amendment for the 700 North Washington Street Project approved by the City Council on October 19, 2013) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance for the Old Town North chapter of Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0004 for property at 700 N. Washington Street (ORD. NO. 4841.)

9 [14-2028](#)

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 054.04 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and District Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 700 and 710 North Washington Street from CD-X/Commercial Downtown (Old Town North) Zone to CRMU-X/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Old Town North) Zone in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Rezoning No. 2013-0003. (Implementation Ordinance for the Map Amendment for the 700 North Washington Street Project approved by City Council on October 19, 2013) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance for rezoning the property at 700 and 710 North Washington Street. (ORD. NO. 4842)

10 [14-2061](#)

Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 4-802 (Permitted Uses) of Section 4-800 (OC/Office Commercial Zone), Section 4-902 (Permitted Uses) of Section 4-900 (OCM(50)/Office Commercial Medium (50) Zone), Section 4-1002 (Permitted Uses) of Section 4-1000 (OCM(100)/Office Commercial Medium (100) Zone) and Section 4-1102 (Permitted Uses) of Section 4-1100 (OCH/Office Commercial High) all of Article IV (Commercial, Office, and Industrial Zones) and Sections 5-102 (Permitted Uses) and 5-103 (Special Uses) of Section 5-100 (CRMU-L/commercial Residential Mixed Use (Low)), Sections 5-202 (Permitted Uses) and 5-203 (Special Uses) of Section 5-200

(CRMU-M/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Medium)), Sections 5-302 (Permitted Uses) and 5-303 (Special Uses) of Section 5-300 (CRMU-H/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (High)), and Section 5-402 (Permitted Uses) of Section 5-400 (CRMU-X/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Old Town North) Zone) all of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) all of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0010 (Implementing Ordinance for the Text Amendment to add public school and social service uses to the Commercial and mixed use zones approved by the City Council on October 19, 2013) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance for an amendment to text amendment No. 2013-0010, the implementing ordinance for the text amendment to add public school and social service uses to the Commercial and mixed use zones. (ORD. NO. 4843)

11 [14-2063](#)

Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 11-500 (Special Use Permits) of Division B (Development Approvals) of Article IX (Development Approvals and Procedures) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0008 (Implementing Ordinance for the Text Amendment to address Visitor and Guest permits in the Residential Parking Permit Program approved by the City Council on October 19, 2013) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council adopted the ordinance for the implementation of the Text Amendment to address visitor and guest permits in the Residential Parking Permit Program. (ORD. NO. 4844)

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR (12-14)

Planning Commission (continued)

12 [14-2129](#)

Special Use Permit #2013-0069
251 W. Glebe Road (Parcel Address: 221 W. Glebe Road) - El Cuscatleco Restaurant
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for an amendment to an existing special use permit (SUP #2012-0028) to allow live entertainment; zoned CDD #12 / Coordinated Development District. Applicant: Fossal, Inc. represented by Nicholas Gehrig, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Deferred without objection

13 [14-2130](#)

Text Amendment #2013-0011
Townhome Requirements
A) Initiation of a text amendment; B) Public Hearing and Consideration of a text amendment to Section 1-400(B)(3)(d) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow

small, rear loaded garage townhouse development to include a drive aisle as part of the lot. Staff: Department of Planning and Zoning
Planning Commission Action: Deferred without objection

14 [14-2131](#)

Text Amendment #2013-0012

Townhome Requirements

A) Initiation of a text amendment; B) Public Hearing and Consideration of a text amendment to Section 7-1600 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow more than eight townhouses in a row with a special use permit in all zones that allow townhouses and to remove the restriction on the length of the townhouse structure. Staff: Department of Planning and Zoning
Planning Commission Action: Deferred without objection

City Council noted the deferrals.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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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.