

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket

Saturday, March 15, 2014

9:30 AM

Council Chambers

City Council Public Hearing

OPENING

1 Calling the Roll.

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

2 Public Discussion Period.

[No more than 30 minutes. This period is restricted to items not listed on the docket.]

The following persons participated in the public discussion period:

(a) John Smucker, 108 North Quaker Lane, spoke in support of the City of Alexandria banning handguns and offered a resolution for Council to consider in support of the ban.

(b) Dino Drudi, 315 North West Street, stated that the boards and commissions of the City are fragmented, in particular those dealing with transportation issues, and the boards and commissions should be restructured to give one board the authority to hear all issues and deliver an appropriate balance, forwarding decisions to Council that will be upheld.

(c) Joyce Rawlings, 327 Wesmond Drive, spoke about the changes occurring throughout the City of Alexandria and how many families and citizens are not able to continue to live in the City of Alexandria. Ms. Rawlings requested that Council be mindful of helping individuals be able to stay and prosper in the City of Alexandria as they go through their budget deliberations.

(d) Poul Hertel, 1217 Michigan Street, spoke about the significant property tax increases he has experienced over the years. Mr. Hertel pointed out that there is no way that the senior citizen population has experienced an income growth that is equivalent to the tax increases and he inquired what all the money collected over the years has covered.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR (3-7)

Planning Commission

- 3 [SUP14-002](#) Special Use Permit #2014-0002
5380 Holmes Run Parkway - Day Care Center/Preschool
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a day care center (preschool) and a request for a parking reduction; zoned RC/High Density

- Apartment. Applicant: The Child and Family Network Centers represented by Lee Jackson
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0
- 4 [SUP14-004](#) Special Use Permit #2014-0004
5424 Eisenhower Avenue (Parcel Address: 5400 Eisenhower Avenue) - Dance Fitness Studio
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a private commercial school (dance fitness studio) and a request for a parking reduction; zoned OCH/Office Commercial High. Applicant: Sensazao LLC
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0
- 5 [SUP14-005](#) Special Use Permit #2014-0005
5000 Polk Avenue - James K. Polk Elementary School Sign
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to replace a freestanding school sign at a public elementary school; zoned R-12/Single Family and R-20/Single-Family. Applicant: Alexandria City Public Schools by William Finn
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 6-1
- 6 [TA14-001](#) Text Amendment #2014-0001
Modifications of Minimum Zoning Regulations
Public Hearing and Consideration of a text amendment to Section 11-416 of the Zoning Ordinance to clarify that requests for modification of minimum zoning regulations may be approved by the City Council as part of a special use permit application and to revise the standard for approving a modification of minimum landscape regulations. Staff: Department of Planning and Zoning
Planning Commission Action: Initiated and Recommend Approval 7-0
- 7 [DSUP13-017](#) Development Special Use Permit #2013-0017
1616 King St. - Hampton Inn
Public Hearing and Consideration of requests for an amendment to a previously approved special use permit and site plan (SUP #98-0039 and SIT #98-0007) to add additional guest rooms and special use permit approval for a reduction of loading and parking spaces; zoned KR/King Street Retail.
Applicant: MJS Corp by Duncan W. Blair, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommend Approval 7-0

[Items listed under the Action Consent Calendar may be approved by the City Council as a block unless a Member of Council removes an item or a member of the public wishes to speak to the item. Such items will be heard after Docket Item No. 7.]

END OF ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket items #3

and #7, which were considered under separate motions. The approval were as follows:

3. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation with an amendment to condition #6, stating, "the preschool shall devise a written policy that is subject to the approval of the City's Department of Community and Human Services and the Department of Social Services at the State level." (separate motion)
4. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
5. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
6. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
7. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation. (separate motion)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

Planning Commission (continued)

- 8 [SUP14-003](#) Special Use Permit #2014-0003
620 North Fayette Street - Bastille Restaurant
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request to operate a restaurant and a request for a parking reduction; zoned CRMU-H/Commercial Residential Mixed Use High. Applicant: Le Coq, LLC represented by Duncan Blair, attorney
Planning Commission Action: Recommended Approval as Amended 7-0
City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
- 9 [SUP13-084](#) Special Use Permit #2013-0084
1318 King Street - Automobile Sales
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for continued operation of a non-conforming automobile sales business; zoned KR/King Street Retail. Applicant: A & B Auto Finance Co. by Behrooz Raiszadeh
Planning Commission Action: Recommended Denial 7-0
City Council reversed the Planning Commission recommendation and approved the recommendation amending condition #19 to allow the applicant to remain on the property until October 2014, at which time the applicant must vacate the property. The applicant cannot request another extension.
- 10 [SUP13-085](#) Special Use Permit #2013-0085
1310 King Street - Automobile Sales
Public Hearing and Consideration of a request for continued operation of a

non-conforming automobile sales business; zoned KR/King Street Retail.

Applicant: Vafa Zarineh by Reza Sasani, agent

Planning Commission Action: Recommend Denial 7-0

City Council reversed the Planning Commission recommendation and approved the recommendation amending condition #18 to allow the applicant to remain on the property until October 2014, at which time the applicant must vacate the property. The applicant cannot request another extension.

OTHER

- 11 [14-2406](#) Public Hearing and Review of Decision to Remove Parking on King Street from West Cedar Street to Highland Place in Order to Install Bicycle Lanes and Associated Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements.
- City Council upheld the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services' decision to remove parking on King Street from West Cedar Street to Highland Place in order to install bicycle lanes and associated pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Council requested that staff, along with neighborhood input, examine and include the following modifications in the decision-making process:*
- inclusion of neighborhood signage designating the residential area and notifying that the speed limit is strictly enforced (west of Janney's Lane and King Street);*
 - inclusion of a traffic signal at Upland Place;*
 - inclusion of a crosswalk at Park Road or Carlisle Drive;*
 - installation of east/west speed board;*
 - inclusion of additional 25 mile per hour static speed limit signs along (work with the community for location);*
 - inclusion of buffers/markings to draw visual cues to the new markings for the bike lanes;*
 - separate truck route action as an ordinance to be approved by Council;*
 - additional pedestrian crossing at Upland Place/King Street to be designed by staff;*
 - inclusion of pedestrian crossing of Park Road at King Street;*
 - examine the feasibility of including parking at the dead end of Walnut Street and/or examine the feasibility of opening up the area to pedestrian/bicycle traffic;*
 - to continue working with the owners of the Masonic Temple on the feasibility of using the trail near it; and*
 - staff will work on collecting local data about the project for the 18 months from the completion of the project.*

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 12 [14-2509](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of a Proposed Amendment to Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation), Chapter 12 (Taxicabs and Other Vehicles For Hire), Division 2 (Certificates Of Public Convenience And Necessity) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as Amended. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council approved an ordinance for a proposed amendment to Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation), Chapter 12 (Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire), Division 2 (Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. (ORD. NO. 4860)*
- 13 [14-2503](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend

and reordain Sheet No. 064.02 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 509 North St. Asaph Street from, RM/Townhouse to CRMU/X Commercial, Residential, Mixed Use (Old Town North) with proffer in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2014-0001. (Implementing ordinance for the rezoning of the property for the Health Department project approved by City Council on February 22, 2014) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council approved an ordinance to amend and reordain Sheet No. 064.02 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 509 North St. Asaph Street from RM/Townhouse to CRMU/X Commercial, Residential, Mixed Use (Old Town North) with proffer in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2014-0001. (ORD. NO. 4861)

14 [14-2504](#)

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. 2014-0001 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (Implementing Ordinance for the Master Plan Amendment related to the Health Department Project approved by City Council on February 22, 2014) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council approved 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. 2014-0001 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (ORD. NO. 4862)

15 [14-2505](#)

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 Eisenhower East Small Area Plan Chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0006 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (Implementing Ordinance for the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan Amendment related to the Carlyle Plaza II project approved by City Council on February 22, 2014) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

City Council approved an ordinance 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 Eisenhower East Small Area Plan Chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0006 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (ORD. NO. 4863)

- 16 [14-2506](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 11-700 (Transportation Management special use permits) of Article XI (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. 2013-0009. (Implementing Ordinance for the text amendment related to new TMP regulations approved by City Council on February 22, 2014) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council approved an ordinance to amend and reordain Section 11-700 (Transportation Management Special Use Permits) of Article XI (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. 2013-0009. (ORD. NO. 4864)*
- 17 [14-2508](#) Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Article XIII (Environmental Management) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0014. (Implementing ordinance for the text amendment approved by City Council on February 22, 2014 regarding stormwater regulations) [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council approved an ordinance to amend and reordain Article XIII (Environmental Management) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0014. (ORD. NO. 4865)*

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

DEFERRAL/WITHDRAWAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Planning Commission (continued)

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 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.