

City of Alexandria

*301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314*



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

[14-3886](#)

6:00 P.M. to 6:15 P.M.: Work Session with DASH and the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Transit Company.

City Council held the work session with the DASH Board and held the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Transit Company.

1 Calling the Roll.

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

2 Closed Meeting.

[14-3833](#)

6:15 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting to Discuss a Personnel Matter and for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice.

City Council convened in closed meeting to discuss the appointment and/or process for appointing a specific public officer, and to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation, and to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters, specifically the process for recruiting, selecting and appointing a specific appointee of the City Council, and litigation and/or settlement of a certain pending legal matter involving a City employee, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) and (7) of the Code of Virginia.

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:

[14-3860](#)

The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2015;
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2015; and
The Special Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2015.

City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of March 10, 2015, the public hearing meeting minutes of March 14, 2015, and the special meeting minutes of March 17, 2015.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

*** Mayor's Campaign to End Bullying (Mayor Euille)**

*** Mayor's Workgroup on the Uninsured (Mayor Euille)**

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

*** Quality of Life Committee (Councilman Wilson and Mayor Euille)**

*** Transportation Planning Board (Councilmember Lovain)**

*** Alexandria Gang Task Force (Vice Mayor Silberberg)**

*** Library Board (Vice Mayor Silberberg)**

City Council gave their reports.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER (five min.)

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-7)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

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| 5 | <u>14-3829</u> | Consideration of Appointment of Alternates to the City of Alexandria's Supplemental Retirement Board. |
| 6 | <u>14-3821</u> | Consideration of the Appointment of a Management Representative and Alternate to the City of Alexandria Supplemental Retirement Board and Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board. |
| 7 | <u>14-3780</u> | Consideration of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Justice for \$362,561 to Fund a Strategic Prosecution Initiative in Alexandria. |

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, as follows:

5. City Council appointed the following individual to the City of Alexandria's Supplemental Retirement Plan Board: Charles Curia as a Medic/Fire Marshal alternate.

6. City Council replaced the following management representative on the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and the Supplemental Retirement Board: Tom Gates, former Deputy City Manager, with Jack Browand, Division Chief of Public Relations, Special events and Waterfront Operations for Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; and City Council appointed the following individual to the newly vacant management alternate representative on the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and the Supplemental Retirement Board: Tatania Cross, Deputy Director, Planning, Construction and Facilities, Department of General Services.

7. City Council: 1. approved the submission of the \$362,561 grant application due March 26, 2015 for the funding of a Strategic Prosecution Initiative in Alexandria; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be

required.

WORK SESSION

- 8 [14-3625](#) Work Session: Eisenhower West Small Area Plan Including Discussion of the Industrial Study
- City Council held the work session on the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan.*

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION

None.

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

1. Mayor Euille said the budget process is underway and last week, Council set the advertised tax rate of a zero rate increase to the current tax rate and that is good news. He said they have challenges to maintain a balanced budget and to find ways to narrow the gap between the City Manager's draft budget and the request of the Schools plus to address fire station 210 and other items.

2. Mayor Euille said that at a recent public hearing, several speakers spoke of the need to encourage and find a way for barging for the Robinson South terminal as opposed to trucking, and it was a reaction to a public relations campaign on the part of EYA development firm. He said he called one of the principal partners of the company Friday night to alert him to the concerns, and had a follow-up phone call with another partner of EYA and encouraged him to attend the Waterfront Monitoring Group meeting on Tuesday night. As a result of that, apologies were made on behalf of the EYA firm and they had meetings with staff and there should be news relative to a solution for dealing with the work at Robinson Terminal South and the hauling.

3. Mayor Euille said Council was apprised at a meeting last week that a letter from Norfolk Southern indicated that they will be making some changes to their operations at the transloading facility on Eisenhower Avenue and as a result for concerns relative to safety and quality of life, a letter went out today to the chairman of the board expressing and stressing the City's concerns and asking for a meeting. He said he also placed a call yesterday to the chairman of the board at Norfolk Southern and he received return call and Norfolk Southern was very receptive to having a meeting so they can have an understanding of the needs, why they are doing what they are doing and hopefully encourage them to back down. Letters have also gone to the Governor and the Congressional Delegation seeking support as well.

4. Mayor Euille said they had talked about the draft EIS of Potomac Yard timetable and Council would like to make that decision late April and no later than May 12. They received news from the Federal Transit Administration, and the matter is before the WMATA Board this Thursday evening.

5. Mayor Euille said Prince Charles was in the area recently and he extended an invitation to the British Embassy to invite him to Alexandria, but he was unable to visit, as the schedule was very tight.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

OTHER

- 9 [14-3832](#) Consideration of the City Council Schedule.

City Council: 1. received the revised Council calendar, which includes: a second budget work session with the School Board on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the School Board meeting room, 1340 Braddock Place. Preceding the work session at 6:00 p.m., there will be a plaque unveiling and reception in recognition that the Alexandria Public School Systems headquarters office building is now located on the site of the former Parker Gray High School; to postpone the Council work session on Ft. Ward Park, which was scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m., to a date in May or June, with staff to come back with a new date; and the dedication of the Ruth Lodato Park at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.; and 2. approved the calendar.

Closed Meeting Continued (If Needed)

- 10 [14-3857](#) Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting to Discuss a Personnel Matter and for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice.

At 9:45 p.m., City Council reconvened in closed meeting to discuss the appointment and/or process for appointing a specific public officer, and to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation, and to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters, specifically the process for recruiting, selecting and appointing a specific appointee of the City Council, and litigation and/or settlement of a certain pending legal matter involving a City employee, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) and (7) of the Code of Virginia. (RES. NO. 2668)

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 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.