

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

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, with the exception of Councilman Smedberg, who was absent.

[14-4490](#)

Roll Call Card

2 Closed Meeting.

[14-4441](#)

6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Consideration of Convening a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice Regarding the Investment of Public Funds Where Bargaining is Involved, and for Consultation with Legal Counsel on Specific Legal Issues.

City Council convened in closed executive session to consult with staff and legal counsel regarding threatened or pending litigation and to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters, specifically the resolution of pending litigation involving a City employee pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of the Virginia. (RES. NO. 2687)

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:

[14-4453](#)

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2015; and
The Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2015.

City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2015 and the public hearing meeting minutes of September 12, 2015.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

*** Report on Council of Governments (COG) (Mayor Euille)**

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

*** Report on City Schools Subcommittee (Mayor Euille and Councilman Wilson)**

*** Report on the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group (Mayor Euille and Councilman Wilson)**

*** Report on COG Chesapeake Bay and Water Quality Committee
(Councilmember Lovain)**

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

*** Report on Alexandria Transportation Commission (Councilmember Lovain)**

*** Report on the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (Councilwoman Pepper)**

City Council gave their reports.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-9)

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

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| 5 | <u>14-4307</u> | Consideration of Approval of the City of Alexandria's Proposed FY 2017 Transportation Project List Request for Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) 70 Percent Funds. |
| 6 | <u>14-4425</u> | Consideration of a Request to Accept a Memorial Gift from the Founders Park Community Association for Placement in Founders Park in Honor of Chuck Hamel. |
| 7 | <u>14-4443</u> | Consideration of Grant Application for FY 2016 Virginia Fire Incident Reporting System (VFIRS) Hardware Grant. |
| 8 | <u>14-4447</u> | Consideration of the Alexandria Community Services Board FY 2016 Performance Contract with the State. |
| 9 | <u>14-4461</u> | Consideration of a Renewal Grant to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for an Aggressive Driving/DUI Interdiction Program in FY 2016. |

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council adopted the consent calendar, with the removal of items 5 and 6, which were considered under separate motions, as follows:

5. City Council: 1. authorized application to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for 70 percent NVTa funding of \$66.0 million for the proposed Potomac Yard Metrorail Station and \$7.0 million for Transit Corridor "C" Beauregard/West End Transitway; and 2. authorized the City Manager to submit the above two projects to the NVTa and execute all necessary documents that may be required. (separate

motion)

6. City Council: 1. accepted the proposed gift from the Founders Park Community Association; and 2. requested that the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities staff to develop a park memorial policy to better identify opportunities for residents to memorialize friends and loved ones, and ask staff to meet with the Founders Park Community Association to ask that they consider additional names with the plaque. (separate motion)

7. City Council: 1. authorized the submission of a grant application to the Virginia Department of Fire Programs; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

8. City Council approved the Board's performance contract with the State.

9. City Council: 1. accepted the grant from the Virginia DMV in the amount of \$30,375 which will provide funds to the Police Department to operate a DUI/aggressive driving interdiction program in the City; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION (60 min.)

- 10** [14-4306](#) Consideration of Competitive Grant Applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation and Department of Rail and Public Transit for Transportation Projects Eligible Under House Bill Two.
- City Council: 1. authorized submission of \$16.3 million in HB2 transportation grant applications to VDOT and DPRT for the following projects (projects would be submitted individually and prioritized in the following order): (1) \$1.8 million for DASH technology, (2) \$1.0 million for traffic signal communications infrastructure for Eisenhower Avenue, (3) \$7.0 million for adaptive traffic signal controls, (4) \$6.0 million for Old Cameron Run Trail and (5) \$500,000 for the Farrington Connector feasibility Study; and 2. authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.*
- 12** [14-4445](#) City of Alexandria Workforce Development Center Update.
- City Council received the update on the Workforce Development Center.*

ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

- 1. Mayor Euille extended congratulations to Port City Brewing Company on Wheeler Avenue who were the recipient of three awards in the 2015 Great American Beer Festival held in Denver, Colorado. There were 750 breweries, 3800 beers served and 60,000 attendees at the festival, and Port City Brewery won three medals and additionally was named small brewing company brewer of the year as well.*
- 2. Mayor Euille said they will work with T.C. Williams High School to see what additional services the City can provide to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of T.C. Williams High School, from 1965 to 2015. They launch Friday, October 23 with the bonfire and alumni get-together, and on Saturday, October 24 is the annual homecoming game with pre-game tailgating at 10:30 a.m. and the game at 2:00 p.m. It will continue with events in January for the hall of fame recognition basketball game, commencing with the scholarship gala on Saturday, April 23.*

3. Councilmember Lovain said he dropped by this morning at a meeting with the Partnership for a Healthy Alexandria on the implementation of Alexandria's community health improvement plan. He said there were City employees, citizens, and groups at the meeting, and all are working on implementation of the plan and it was very impressive.

4. Councilwoman Pepper said that last Saturday was an annual event where folks can take their old and expired medicines to three different locations in the City. The locations were the Police Headquarters, Del Ray Pharmacy and the First Baptist Church on King Street. She said so many people leave prescription drugs around and they don't realize that children might find them. Councilwoman Pepper said it is a wonderful service that is offered.

5. Vice Mayor Silberberg spoke of the loss of Dick Moose who passed away this past week and said his loss was felt by many citizens. She said Mr. Moose touched many lives not only in the business world but also in the community as a founder of At Home Alexandria.

6. Vice Mayor Silberberg said a special thanks to Mr. Jinks, City Manager and staff for their fast help with regard to things in the building she noticed as she is convalescing from her sports injury and surgery, as she noticed that the bathroom behind the Council Chambers had no grab bars, and that was fixed very quickly. She noted that on Cameron Street there is no button to push as one comes in the building, and it is hard to come in if one is on crutches. She said that it has been eye-opening to literally walk in one's shoes for a month or two and see how difficult it is.

7. Vice Mayor Silberberg said that at her request, Mr. Jinks provided a memo to Council regarding the 10 percent rule, which she was unaware of until the last few months, which means that elected officials must disclose if they have up to 10 percent or less part ownership in a land use application. She said it dates back to 1992 and was updated in 2009. Vice Mayor Silberberg asked for it to be opened up for discussion to discuss the possibility of not leaving it at 10 percent and it also applies to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Board of Architectural Reviews, and that it should be fully transparent, fully disclosed at any percentage of ownership, so it should be 100 percent disclosure, and if there is, that would lead to recusal. (Council asked Vice Mayor Silberberg to put her proposal in writing for what she was after.)

[14-4492](#)

Vice Mayor Silberberg's Oral Report

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Banks, City Attorney, updated Council on the ruling from the State Corporation Commission (SCC). The Virginia American Water Company and other water and wastewater utilities applied to the State Corporation Commission for a petition for rule making, where the utilities were looking for permission from the SCC to impose a water and wastewater infrastructure charge to their customer base, and the charge would then be used to fund infrastructure improvements. The City and others opposed that, and the SCC agreed with the City's position and ruled that the position of Virginia American Water was not upheld by the evidence presented and that it would be a better process to rely on the normal SCC process whereby when the water utility wanted to make infrastructure improvements they would make that application to the SCC, and the City would then be able to have input into that process and it would be approved on a case-by-case basis and the cost would be

part of that approval process.

Mr. Jinks, City Manager, reported on the following:

1. On sequestration, they will find out what the Senate and House do tomorrow, and the good news is that there has been no diminishing hotel room bookings or conferences in Alexandria, so there has been no discernible impact.
2. The City's incinerator stack on S. Fayette Street, which was 16 stories tall, has been removed brick by brick.
3. Three of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services Resource Recovery crew - Jamie Yates, George Gray and Daryl Price - were on their route and were flagged down by a citizen who was helping someone who had collapsed on the sidewalk. The three crew members helped the individual, called 911 and stayed until the EMS unit showed up.
4. The Workforce Development Center's VIEW Program, known as Welfare to Work, which is a Federally mandated program, has three times this year had the number one VIEW program in Virginia above 119 other localities, and during 2015 has been in the top five percent of the programs statewide and are number three in job retention. He thanked DCHS and the VIEW program staff for their great work.

[14-4491](#)

City Manager's Oral Report

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 13 [14-4293](#) Consideration of a Resolution for Modifications to the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group Membership and Responsibilities. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council adopted the resolution which revised the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group membership and responsibilities. (RES. NO. 2688)*
- 14 [14-4444](#) Consideration of a Resolution Establishing an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- City Council adopted the resolution establishing the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names. (RES. NO. 2689)*

OTHER

- 15 [14-4434](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.
- City Council: 1. received the updated Council schedule which includes the legislative package discussion, which is tentatively scheduled with the City's elected Legislative Delegation for Tuesday, November 10, 2015, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Council Workroom; and 2. approved the City Council calendar. Staff was asked to add the 50th anniversary of T.C. Williams High School on October 23 and 24 to the calendar.*

Closed Meeting Continued (if needed)

16 [14-4471](#)

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The continuation of the closed executive session was not needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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.