

City of Alexandria

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



Action Docket - Final

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council Legislative Meeting

1 Calling the Roll.

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

[14-4459](#)

Calling the Roll

2 Closed Meeting.

[14-4383](#)

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 and to discuss the possible investment of public funds through certain economic development incentives, specifically the resolution of potential first amendment litigation in light of a recent court decision, the possible use of tax abatements and/or tax increment financing in support of a development project and the litigation and settlement of certain public utilities and transportation matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(6) and (7) of the Code of the Virginia. (RES. NO. 2685)

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 Meeting of City Council:

[14-4324](#)

The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2015.

City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of June 23, 2015.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

- * Report on Council of Governments (Mayor Euille)
- * Report on Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Mayor Euille)
- * Report on Virginia Municipal League (Mayor Euille)
- * Report on Alexandria WORKS! (Councilwoman Pepper)
- * Report on Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (Councilwoman Pepper)
- * Report on Eisenhower Partnership (Councilman Chapman)
- * Report on Virginia Municipal League (Councilman Chapman)

City Council gave their reports.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (5-12)

(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)

- 5 [14-4393](#) Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
- (a) Archaeological Commission
Kevin McCandlish
- (b) Commission for the Arts
Lucy Medley
- (c) George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
Jennifer Giglio

(d) Human Rights Commission
Jordan Costen

(e) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
Jordan Costen

(f) Public Health Advisory Commission
Mark Penn
Mary Dixon

(g) Public Records Advisory Commission
Laura Vetter

(h) Visit Alexandria Board of Governors
Andrea Barthello

6 [14-4395](#)

Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

(a) Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
1 Licensed and Practicing Attorney
1 Person Who Represents Housing Consumers Under 30 Years of Age

(b) Alexandria Transportation Commission
1 Planning Commission Representative

(c) Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee
1 Citizen Member
2 Qualified Professional Members Skilled in Architecture, Planning, Landscape
Architecture and/or Urban Design

(d) Commission on Employment
1 Business Owner Representative From Among Recognized Area Businesses,
Including Minority-Owned and Small Businesses
1 Citizen Member

(e) Commission on HIV/AIDS
1 Citizen Member

(f) Commission on Persons with Disabilities
1 Citizen Member
1 Business Community Representative

(g) Community Policy and Management Team

1 Parent Representative Who is Not an Employee of Any Public or Private Program Which Receives Funds From the Comprehensive Services Act

(h) Community Services Board
1 Citizen Member

(i) Emergency Medical Services Council
1 Federation of Civic Association Representative

(j) Industrial Development Authority
1 Citizen Member

(k) Landlord-Tenant Relations Board
1 Landlord or Representatives of Landlords

(l) Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority
1 Citizen Member

(m) Public Health Advisory Commission
1 Representative from the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria Steering committee, Nominated by Such Committee
1 Citizen Member, Who Shall be a Health Professional and at the Time of Appointment Derive, or within the Previous Five Years Derived Their Principal Income from Providing Health care, Health Services or Health Relation Activities
1 Representative of Inova Alexandria Hospital, Nominated by the Hospital

(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)

- 7 [14-4290](#) Consideration of a Request to Approve the “Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Action Plan for 5% Compliance” (Phase 1) for Submittal to Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.
- 8 [14-4304](#) 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.
- 9 [14-4349](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2015 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Emergency Response Equipment.
- 10 [14-4361](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to Enhance Jail Diversion Services.
- 11 [14-4359](#) Consideration of a Grant Application to the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.

- 12 [14-4397](#) Consideration of Acceptance of a Subgrant from the Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative to Install Backup Power Systems at Critical Traffic Signals.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket item #10, which was withdrawn from the docket. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

5. City Council received the following resignations with regret: (a) Kevin McCandlish, Archaeological Commission; (b) Lucy Medley, Commission for the Arts; (c) Jennifer Giglio, George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee; (d) Jordan Costen, Human Rights Commission; (e) Jordan Costen, Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (f) Mark Penn and Mary Dixon, Public Health Advisory Commission; (g) Laura Vetter, Public Records Advisory Commission; and (h) Andrea Barthello, Visit Alexandria Board of Governors.

6. City Council made the following appointments to boards, commissions and committees: (a) reappointed Robyn Konkel as the licensed and practicing attorney and appointed Christopher McNamara as the person who represents housing consumers under 30 years of age to the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee; (b) reappointed Nathan Macek as the Planning Commission representative to the Alexandria Transportation Commission; (c) reappointed Peter Benavage as the citizen member and reappointed Gus Ardura and Mark Ramirez as the two qualified professional members skilled in architecture, planning, landscape architecture and/or urban design to the Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee; (d) reappointed Iris Henley as the business owner representative from among recognized area businesses, including minority-owned and small businesses and appointed Alexandra Hatch as the citizen member to the Commission on Employment; (e) reappointed Tameka Macon as the citizen member to Commission on HIV/AIDS; (f) appointed Sean McAfee as the citizen member and reappointed Tom Sachs as the business community representative to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; (g) appointed Annette Santiago as the parent representative who is not an employee of any public or private program which receives funds from the Comprehensive Services Act to the Community Policy and Management Team; (h) reappointed Patrice Tighe as the citizen member to the Community Services Board; (i) reappointed Converse West as the Federation of Civic Association representative to the Emergency Medical Services Council; (j) appointed Allison DiNardo as the citizen member to the Industrial Development Authority; (k) appointed Elliott Waters as the landlord or representative of landlords to the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board; (l) appointed Sean Kumar as the citizen member to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority; and (m) appointed Allen Lomax as the representative from the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria Steering Committee, nominated by such committee, appointed Daniel Hawkins as the citizen member, who shall be a health professional and at the time of the appointment derive, or within the previous five years derived their principal income from providing health care, health services or health related activities, and appointed Ann Harbour as the representative of INOVA Alexandria Hospital nominated by the Hospital to the Public Health Advisory Commission.

7. City Council: (1) approved the submission of the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) 5% Action Plan (Phase 1); and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

8. City Council: (1) replaced the following Management Representative on the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board and the Supplement Retirement Board: Nelsie Birch, Former Deputy City Manager with Titania Cross, Deputy Director, Planning, Construction and Facilities, Department of General Services; and (2) that City Council appoint 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: Christina Zechman Brown; Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney.

9. City Council: (1) authorized the submission of a grant application to Virginia Department of Emergency Management for grant funding totaling \$35,121; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

10. This item was withdrawn from the docket.

11. City Council: (1) authorized the City as a participating jurisdiction in the submission of the grant application; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

12. City Council: (1) authorized the City Manager to accept a subgrant from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR (13-15)

- 13 [14-4404](#) Consideration of a Resolution Establishing a Stakeholder Advisory Group for the Patrick Henry Pre-K thru 8th Grade School and Recreation Center Project.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- 14 [14-4318](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt Supplement Number 114 of the City Code.
[ROLL-CALL VOTE]
- 15 [14-4320](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First and Second Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt Supplement Number 67 of the Zoning Ordinance. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

END OF ROLL-CALL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Council approved the roll-call consent calendar. The approval was as follows:

13. City Council: (1) adopted the resolution to establish the Advisory Group; (2) requested the Mayor to appoint a member of City Council to the Advisory Group; and (3) authorized the City Manager to work in collaboration with the Superintendent of Schools to appoint members to the Advisory Group and its Chair, as detailed in the memorandum. (RES. NO. 2686)

14. City Council approved the ordinance to adopt Supplement Number 114 of the City Code. (ORD. NO. 4964)

15. City Council approved the ordinance to adopt Supplement Number 67 of the Zoning Ordinance. (ORD. NO. 4965)

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

- 16 [14-4392](#) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Julie Sylla as the citizen member to the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee.
- 17 [14-4391](#) Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority
2 Citizen Members
City Council appointed Peter Kleebatt and Michelle Millben as the two citizen members to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
- 18 [14-4390](#) Board of Architectural Review - Parker-Gray District
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Robert Duffy as the citizen member to the Board of Architectural Review - Parker-Gray District.
- 19 [14-4389](#) Board of Zoning Appeals
1 Citizen Member
City Council appointed Timothy Ramsey as the citizen member to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- 20 [14-4388](#) Environmental Policy Commission
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Susan Gitlin as the citizen member to the Environmental Policy Commission.
- 21 [14-4387](#) Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
1 Representative from Planning District I
City Council reappointed Margaret Wood as the representative from Planning District I to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission.
- 22 [14-4386](#) Public Health Advisory Commission
1 Citizen Member Who Shall Not Be a Health Professional
City Council appointed Richard Merritt as the citizen member who shall not be a health professional to the Public Health Advisory Commission.
- 23 [14-4385](#) Sister Cities Committee
1 Citizen Member
City Council reappointed Robert Hay, Jr., as the citizen member to the Sister Cities Committee.

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

- 24 [14-4343](#) Consideration of Memorials To and Symbols of the Confederacy on City of Alexandria Property.
- City Council moved to prohibit the flying of the Confederate flag on City property on Robert E. Lee's Birthday and on Confederate Memorial Day. City Council also recommended that a committee be convened to discuss the other Confederate memorials and symbols, the flag policy and the naming of City streets and make a recommendation to Council for consideration. The City Manager will bring forward a docket item recommending committee composition and duties.*
- 25 [14-4362](#) Update on Firefighter/Medic Program.
- City Council received the update on the Firefighter/Medic Program.*
- 26 [14-4295](#) Consideration of Receipt of an Update on the Northern Virginia Regional Commission Commuter Ferry Service Project.
- City Council: (1) received the update on the Commuter Ferry Project; and (2) authorized the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of Council to the Northern Virginia Regional Commission expressing support in concept utilizing the Potomac River serving as a regional transportation corridor, and expressing serious concerns with proposed shore-side facilities in Alexandria due to potential parking and traffic impacts on Old Town.*
- 27 [14-4344](#) Consideration of the Proposed Process for Updating the City Strategic Plan.
- City Council authorized staff to proceed with the City Strategic Plan update process.*

ORAL REPORTS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(1) Mayor Euille congratulated the Alexandria City Public Schools on a successful first day of school and he noted that he visited several of the schools in the City to welcome the students back to a successful and productive first day. Mayor Euille also congratulated and complimented the many organizations and nonprofit entities that helped ready the students for their first day by providing school supplies, books, and haircuts throughout the community.

(2) Mayor Euille noted that the City has received numerous accolades and rankings throughout the summer and the year. Mayor Euille noted that the City received high rankings on the following lists: best place for vets, best place to retire, best city for women entrepreneurs, best place for Millennials, most educated places in America, top ten downtowns and top ten City for craft lovers.

(3) Mayor Euille reported that the City has maintained its AAA credit rating for 34 years and that the City announced over the summer the relocation of the

Transportation Security Administration to the Eisenhower Corridor.

(4) Mayor Euille reported that on September 9 at 11:15 a.m., on Market Square, DASH will announce the 5 millionth rider for the King Street Trolley, with a celebration and prizes. Mayor Euille also pointed out that since the implementation of the King Street Trolley, the economic benefit has been in the \$4 -\$6 million range, and has helped address the City meeting its Eco-City goals.

(5) Councilwoman Pepper noted the passing of Mary LaMois and pointed out some of her contributions as a community activist, including teaching, civil rights advocate, a Congressional and State Legislative aide and Director of the Volunteer Bureau. Councilwoman Pepper also noted that Ms. LaMois served on the Alexandria Electoral Board for many years. Councilwoman Pepper stated that there will be a memorial service for Ms. LaMois on September 20 at 3 p.m., at the Goodwin House Chapel.

(6) Vice Mayor Silberberg mentioned that she tore her Achilles tendon while on vacation and is in recovery from recent surgery to repair the injury.

(7) Councilman Smedberg requested an update on the website project in the near future.

(8) Councilman Chapman stated that he has requested the City Manager to review the policy on field usage and access to fields that are not in use by organizations or teams.

ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jinks reported that there was a tragic pedestrian accident at the intersection of Commonwealth and Braddock and he requested that Police Chief Cook and Director of Transportation and Environmental Services Lambert give an update on the accident and next steps in the investigation and improvements for the area.

Police Chief Cook and Mr. Lambert responded to questions from Council about the accident and further steps to improve pedestrian and traffic safety in the area.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 28 [14-4346](#) Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Create the Eisenhower West Victory Center Redevelopment District for the Purposes of Incenting the Transportation Security Administration to Move to Alexandria.

City Council approved the ordinance for first reading and scheduled it for second reading, public hearing and final passage on September 12, 2015.

OTHER

- 29 [14-4314](#) Consideration of City Council Schedule.

City Council: (1) accepted the following changes to the FY 2016 Council Calendar: Annual Citizenship Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 17 at 11 a.m., on Market Square, the Art League Opening Reception is scheduled for Tuesday,

September 28 at 5:00 p.m., in the Chet and Sabra Avery Conference Room 2000, and the AlexRenew Athletic Multipurpose Field Dedication is scheduled for Friday, October 23 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 1820 Limerick Street. The dedication ceremony is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. AlexRenew has also scheduled a Family FieldFest for Saturday, October 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will open the field up to the community.

Closed Meeting Continued (if needed)

- 30** [14-4384](#) 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.

The closed executive session was not needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 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.